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THE CITY.

Removal.

The publication office of the LEHIGH REGISTER has been removed to the Register Stationery Store, first floor, Hamilton Street, two doors above Sixth, in the building formerly occupied by Young & Lentz.

Delayed.

Owing to a serious accident in our office the issuing of the REGISTER was considerably delayed.

Christmas Celebration.

Jordan Union Sunday School will celebrate Christmas on the evening of the 25th inst. Friends of the school and others are cordially invited to attend.

Sale of Bank Stock.

One hundred and one shares of Allentown National Bank stock will be sold at public sale at the American Hotel, on Saturday, January 1st. See advertisement.

Too Late for Publication.

The communication of J. S. B. upon a very important matter was received too late for publication this week. It shall receive our attention and support in our next issue.

Book Agent Wanted.

Wanted, a good reliable agent for the sale of one of the most popular and at the same time most valuable works ever published. Apply at the REGISTER Book Store.

The New Building Association.

There are a limited number of shares in the Union Saving and Building Association that have not been sold, that can be subscribed for by applying to Elias Mertz, Hamilton above Eighth.

Outfits for Counting Houses.

papers of every kind, drafting materials, stationery for ladies, penknives, scissors, razors and pocket books can be found in variety at Iredell's Stationery Store, in building formerly occupied by Young & Lentz.—*Adv.*

Leg Broken.

While the children of the Fifth Ward School were playing, on Monday afternoon, a lad named John Schaffer, son of Andrew Schaffer, had his leg broken by his sled coming in contact with that of another boy.

Allentown has

an extensive china and glassware establishment where as great a variety and as low prices can be found as in the larger cities. W. refer to the new store of Richard Walker, No. 40 West Hamilton street.—*Adv.*

New Hat and Cap Store.

E. R. Mathews has opened a new hat and cap store at No. 23, North Seventh street, near the old Allentown National Bank, where he is selling so cheap that everybody can afford to buy a new hat and cap. Give him a call and be satisfied.—*Adv.* [dec 8-1t

Religious Observance of Christmas.

Extensive preparations are being made in the Reformed, Lutheran, Episcopal and, we suppose, in the Catholic churches, to have a proper observance of Christmas Day. In the Protestant churches named the Sabbath School Children are undergoing an extra course of instruction in psalm singing and the services on that day will be very interesting. The churches will have the usual decoration of evergreens.

Loans Sold.

At a meeting of the Allen Building and Loan Association held last Wednesday evening, in the Sixth Ward, ten loans were sold at the following premiums, to wit: Two at $49, five at $47, and three at $51 per loan.

At a meeting of the Penn Loan Association held on Monday evening at Reimer's Hall, nine shares were sold, three at $50, five at $57 and one at 60.50 premium.

As the Cold Weather

advances every one feels an inclination to indulge in a glass of good ale. To get really a good article drink none but Wise's. Wise is the name that has become popular with all who delight in a social glass, and we are pleased to learn that his ale is so well patronized, even by persons living at remote points of the county. This is it ever that home made manufactures by honest dealing meet their own reward by meriting success.

Muhlenburg College

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of Muhlenburg College, held at the office of Hon. R. E. Wright, Rev. D. W. Henkel, of Stroudsburg, Monroe county, was appointed agent to take in charge the permanent endowment of the College. Mr. Henkel is represented as an indefatigable worker, and as he has always met with success we have every reason to believe that Muhlenburg will also be successful.

Lutheran Almanac for 1870.

We have received at the hands of Rev. S. K. Brobst, a copy of the Lutheran Church Almanac, for 1870, published in accordance with a special request of the Pennsylvania Synod. Besides all the usual almanac calculations, it contains a multitude of articles of religious interest, a list of Lutheran institutions, a clerical register embracing the names and residences of all the Lutheran ministers in the United States, Lutheran Synods in America, a list of Lutheran publications, etc. It is published by Rev. S. K. Brobst, Allentown.

Complimentary Presentation.

One day last week, during the absence of Prest. Hofford in Philadelphia, the young ladies of the Allentown Female College prepared a feast, and upon the return of the President ushered him into the hall selected for the occasion, and presented him with a gold headed cane bearing the inscription, "Presented to Rev. W. R. Hofford by his pupils, December 25th, 1869." The presentation speech was made by Miss Lichtenwalner and responded to in fitting terms by the recipient, after which the collation was partaken of.

A Splendid Piano.

Linderman & Son's Gold Medal Cycloid and Square Pianos rank, among the finest instruments in the country. Their brilliancy and fullness of tone is not surpassed by a concert grand piano at double the price. More instruments of this celebrated make have been sold in Allentown, Lehigh and adjoining counties than of any other manufacture. They can be used many years and not become airy, as most other pianos do, in only a few years. Come and examine them at C. F. Herrmann's Store, Seventh and Walnut street.—*Adv.*

Mare Stolen.

On Wednesday some thief broke into the Eagle Hotel stable, gaining entrance by wrenching off the pad lock, and stole therefrom a valuable mare belonging to Mr. Wm. Sieger, one of the hotel proprietors. Early the next morning the mare made her appearance by walking into the stable yard, much to the pleasure of Mr. Sieger. As the animal is a very vicious one, and probably not liking the company she was in, it is supposed she broke loose from the thief and returned to her rightful owner.—*News.*

Business Changes.

Messrs. Kline & Dech have sold their china and queensware store, No. 4 West Hamilton street, to S. R. Engleman. Mr. Engleman will continue the business, assisted by S. P. Newhard, and during last week the stock was very greatly increased by purchases made in Philadelphia. Their friends are assured that their stock of china ware, Belgian and Bohemian glassware, etc., will be maintained as large as any other in this city.

Mr. Edwin Camp, of the firm of Mosser & Camp, has sold his interest in the foundry and machine shop to Messrs. Benjamin Roth and Charles Ruhe. On Saturday evening the retiring member was presented by the employes with a handsome cane.

Our Story.

The novelette printed on our supplement is a capital story and those who read it will be highly entertained. It will be continued in our next issue.

Died on the Cars.

S. J. Hoover, a resident of this city, agent for the Eagle Scale Works of Philadelphia, left Allentown in the 2:10 P. M. train, on Friday last, apparently in good health and when the train arrived at Port Washington he was seized with a sudden attack of heart disease which caused his immediate death.

Masonic.

At the annual election for officers of Barger Lodge, No. 353, A. Y. M., held at Masonic Hall, Allentown, on Wednesday evening, the following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing Masonic year commencing on St. John's day next (Dec. 27):

W. M.—Bro. George Erdman.
S. W.—Bro. E. B. Young.
J. W.—Bro. James B. Roeder.
Treas.—Bro. Aaron Troxell.
Sec.—Bro. Edmund D. Lawall.

The following officers were elected at the last stated meeting of the Lehigh Lodge, No. 326, A. Y. M., held at Trexlertown, this county, Tuesday, December 16th:—W. M., H. K. Hartzell; S. W., R. H. Fogel; J. W., Simon P. Kerr; Treasurer, W. B. Fogel; Secretary, James D. Schall.

Internal Revenue Assessments.

The assessment for Internal Revenue for the VIth District of Pennsylvania, for the month of November, 1869, are as follows:

On licenses, legacies, gross receipts, etc.	$4,230.37
" tobacco and cigars	18,172.63
" fermented liquors	926.58
" spirits	548.75
" unassessed penalties	132.58
Total	$24,010.91

Assessment by Counties	Lehigh.	Montgomery.
On licenses, legacies, gross receipts, etc.	$4,181.72	$2,748.65
" tobacco and cigars	4,795.92	13,376.71
" fermented liquors	687.58	239.00
" spirits	519.50	29.25
" unassessed penalties	86.58	46.00
	$7,571.30	$16,439.61
		7,571.30
Assessments for November, 1869		$24,010.91
Assessments for November, 1868		12,223.04
Increase		$11,787.87

As there is an increase in the rate of taxation over last year, the above exhibit speaks well for the efficiency and energy of the present Revenue Officials.

No Paper Next Week.

According to custom no paper will be issued from this office next week. This is done to allow our hands a chance to enjoy Christmas week. There may be much said in condemnation of this practice, there is certainly much that can be said in its favor. We issue with this number a supplement which, we hope, will in some measure compensate for the loss of one number of the REGISTER. The story it contains will be found well worthy of perusal.

For 1870 we shall endeavor to bring every effort to bear to make the REGISTER more readable than ever before. As its financial condition continues to improve we shall feel warranted in increasing our expenditures for the benefit of our readers. We contemplate, however, no enlargement, though our colums are now overcrowded with advertisements. As the REGISTER becomes more and more appreciated as an advertising medium, we shall increase our rates for advertising and thus induce advertisers to make known their particular specialties in a smaller compass. This plan will result advantageously to both reader an advertiser: the reader will have more that is interesting to peruse and the paper will be more carefully read, including the announcements of business men.

Our prosperity during the past year has fully equalled our expectations, and exceeded those of our friends. By turning out first-class work and giving every man his money's worth, we have built up a large job printing business, where heretofore comparatively nothing had been done. We have no way of ascertaining the exact amount of advertising done in the REGISTER during 1868, but we estimate that the amount charged on our books during 1869 will treble that of the previous year. Our subscription list, also, has made a very gratifying increase during the year and we have every reason to believe it will be still further added to during the coming year.

Of course all this increase of business has been attended with a very heavy increase of expenditure. We could not hope to make the REGISTER a new paper, without incurring new expenses. A year ago we took up the emaciated frame work of a paper, and it required not only a large amount of money, but a deal of labor, mental and physical, to impart to it the old flesh and blood which had characterized it in former days. We issue to-day a paper which, to say the least, we are not ashamed of, and which is recognized at home and abroad as one of the most valuable mediums of communication with the people of Lehigh and adjoining counties.

We cannot close this little escape valve without a word of remembrance to our ever-valued friends who have stood by us from the first, always bestowing upon us words and acts of encouragement. Throughout the entire county we have many warm friends and hearty supporters always interested in our success, and they shall ever have a large place allotted to them in the esteem of the present editor of the REGISTER. It is a debt that is difficult to repay, but we shall always hold the determination to discharge it to the best of our ability.

Miscellaneous.

Allen Zouaves will give a ball at Wint's Hall, on Christmas eve.

A halter and a whip were stolen from the entry leading to Fogel & Shirer's harness shop on Wednesday evening.

The Allentown National Bank holds its annual election January 11th, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 2 p. m.

Daniel O'Donnel, of the Sixth Ward, has been committed to prison in default of $300 bail for abusing his family.

Foster, proprietor of the New York City Dry Goods Store of Allentown, has opened a new store, on Broad Street, Bethlehem.

John Trumbower was arrested in Allentown and taken to Philadelphia, charged with forging the name of W. M. Allen on a check for $25.

The old fashion of proclaiming sales from the street corners is still maintained in Allentown, but the style is made novel by using the German language only.

The Reading Railroad issues excursion tickets on the main line and all its branches, including the East Pennsylvania, good from the 24th of December, to the 3d of January.

The Lehigh Saengerbund, assisted by the Germania Singing Society of Easton and the Allentown Cornet Band, will give a concert in the Court House, on the evening of December 31st.

Last week Mr. C. A. Dorney went to Orwigsburg where, he had been informed, his stolen horse and the thief could be found. Upon arrival of Mr. Dorney there, the stolen property was ascertained to belong to James Deysher, of Oley township, Berks county.

The practice of begging is carried to such an extent in this city that a misgiving is one of the heaviest taxes upon generous minded people. We are appealed to on all sides for relief. There are objects which bespeak for themselves their character, and there are others, which at best, we can but doubt their worthiness. There is the widow of a brave soldier, carrying letters of recommendation, appealing for money to help her on her way. There is the traveling press-repairman, who wants three dollars an hour for working, or, if you refuse to pay such wages, asks you if you will allow a man to go from your doors hungry and whether you won't give him a quarter to get some dinner. There is the woman, repulsive in every feature, who has no tale to tell, and we are glad of it—It is worth a dime to get her out of sight. There is the noble hero of a dozen wars who insists upon showing his hideous scars; and the man without eyes or even places to put them in; and the widow with six small children, the eldest not a year old; and the professional tramp, all appealing to your sympathies. Who, under such heart-touching sights, can keep his money and, at the same time, not close his heart to the out-side world? The thing is a nuisance. Far better would it be if our poor laws taxed us twice as heavily as they now do if that could accomplish the total abolishment of this walking misery from the streets and save us from having our money spent in dram shops by drunken vagrants, while the honest poor and needy are left alone to suffer or have the backs of the philanthropists turned upon them on account of the impositions of the professional beggar.

To Our Patrons.

Our Job Printing Department and our Business Office WILL NOT BE CLOSED during holiday week. Those who wish work done will find us ready to do it promptly and at the lowest rates at which it can be afforded, and persons desiring to settle their accounts can also be accommodated in a satisfactory manner.

Real Estate Changes.

Mr. J. Zimmerman sold a house and lot situate at Fifth and Linden streets, to J. R. Wolle, for $2450.

Josiah German purchased, on Saturday last, at public sale, the frame house and lot of Catharine Clader, dec'd, on Linden street above Sixth, for $1,750

Wm. J. Craig, of Catasauqua, purchased from Wm. F. Yaeger a farm of 32 acres, situate on the Weaversville road, about one mile from Catasauqua, for $8000.

Wm. J. Craig sold to W. J. Clark a frame house and lot in Catasauqua, for $1100.

THE COUNTY.

THE BEST OF

tal n violin strings, violins, guitars, flutes, etc., or any other article belonging to musical instruments, can be bought cheaper than anywhere else, at C. F. Herrmann's Music Store, Allentown, Pa.—*Adv.*

COMMITTED TO PRISON.

On Friday last a man named Wm. Scoble, of Slatington, was committed to prison, under the charge of having threatened to kill Mr. Levi Krause and his family, of Washington township.—*News.*

FATAL ACCIDENT.

On Saturday last, Jeremiah Sloan, a resident of South Easton, and employed on the gravel train of the Lehigh Valley Railroad, was run over and instantly killed while at work between Bethlehem and Freemansburg. His remains were conveyed to his home. He was about fifty-five years of age, and leaves a family consisting of his wife and several children to mourn his loss.

THE NORTH PENN IRON COMPANY.

The stone part of the North Penn Iron Works, built under contract by Messrs. Matchett & Haines, of Catasauqua, was completed last week. The stack and cast houses and the hot blast, stack and boiler foundations are all of stone, as is also the engine bed. The stack is to be iron cased. The remaining work is being pushed forward rapidly and the furnace, it is expected, will be finished in June or July.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL AT FOGELSVILLE.

The Fogelsville Sunday School will hold its yearly Christmas Festival in the church at that place on the evening of Second Christmas—Sunday—commencing at 6 o'clock. The entertainment will consist of a beautiful selection of music to be sung by the school, besides a number of dialogues, recitations, &c., appropriate to the occasion and of the most interesting character, will be delivered by the children. The public is invited.

AN ITEM WORTH CONSIDERING.

Those persons who contemplate furnishing their houses during 1870, can find no better place to buy carpeting, oil cloths, etc., than at Thomas C. Lippincott's, No. 508 North Second street, Philadelphia. They will find it greatly to their advantage to give him a call, especially if they do not feel safe in trusting entirely to their own judgment, as every representation of Mr. Lippincott can be relied upon.

DUEL BY LOT.

Let those who are fond of pure romance read the opening chapters of a story bearing the above caption in another part of our paper. This is one of the most original and at the same time most absorbingly interesting romances of modern times. The characters and incidents seem so real, and the plot of the story so ingeniously woven that the reader is fascinated at the very commencement and remains so to the end. We advise our readers by all means to read the "Duel by Lot."

NEW PAPERS.

Charles Jones, formerly an employee in the REGISTER office, has started a new paper called the "Weekly Recorder," in the flourishing borough of Conshohocken. The paper not only looks well, but is very interesting and is an honor to the town whose interests it espouses.

On Monday, the first number of the Norristown *Daily Herald* was issued. M. R. Wills, Esq., is the editor and proprietor. It displays an amount of energy, enterprise and ability which will make it rank high among the new papers of the State.

ROBBERY AT PHŒNIXVILLE.

Jacob Baugh, Burgess of the Borough of Phœnixville, Pa., has offered a reward of $200 for the arrest and conviction of the persons who, disguised, entered the dwelling house of Hannah A. and Mary C. Kerr, at Phœnixville, on the morning of December 1, 1869, and carried off one hundred 5-20 U. S. bonds, one five hundred U. S. bond, nine hundred dollars in city taxes, two gold watches with gold chains, two silk velvet circulars, and a quantity of other wearing apparel, etc. The victims of this robbery also offer a reward of $500 for the arrest and conviction of the thieves. The detectives of Philadelphia have been furnished with all the information concerning the robbery, and endeavors are being made to ferret out the burglars.

BENEFIT FAIR AT MILLERSTOWN.

A grand fair and festival is to be held in Meyer's splendid new Hall, in Millerstown, on the evening of New Year's Day, and on the Friday and Saturday evenings following, Jan. 7th and 8th the proceeds to be applied to the benefit of the Gamma Epsilon Society of that place. The stock of useful and fancy articles has been in course of preparation for months, and is, we understand, large and attractive, comprising the usual knick-knacks of similar bazaars, as also toys, confections, refreshments, etc. The "Gamma" is a very useful and deserving society, and we hope will be liberally patronized. The usual mirth-provoking accompaniments of such festivals, such as the grab-bag, post-office, kissing post, gypsy fortune teller, &c., will be on hand as we are informed. Another new feature in connection therewith will be an $800 gift enterprise, the prizes to be of a varied and useful character, and the tickets to be sold at 50 cents each. The lottery will be drawn during the Fair, as soon as the tickets are sold.

NEW RAILROADS.

Where there is much smoke there must be some fire, and a great deal of smoke is being raised over "new routes to the West, *via* Allentown." New Yorkers have discovered that their only near route westward lies through this city. No matter where they go to Allentown is bound to be the point at which all railroads from New York to the West must escape from the mountains. It forms part of the great air line. When the Port Clinton and Topton Road is completed and is extended to the Juniata, as it must be some day, we will have a route which no other railroad can compete with in point of time, as the difference in distance can not be overcome by the fastest running engines, that can be constructed.

Then, another road, which will save eighteen miles between this city and New York, is being pushed through. It starts at Newark and is to cross the Delaware at Milford, thence running up Durham creek to this place. The cost of the road, including graduation, superstructure, ironing, etc., will be $5,000,000, and $1,000,000 has been allowed for equipment. The road has been contracted for at the above figures, and one section, from Basking Ridge to Summit, is about completed. The road is more favorable for freight and speed than any other between here and New York. They have no grade against trade exceeding forty feet to the mile and no curvature exceeding six degrees. The road is built under the charter of the Passaic Valley and Peapack Railroad, and application will be made for permission to bridge the Delaware and extend the road to Allentown.

Another road, from Mount Clare through Morristown, and thence by an easy route to Easton, is attracting considerable attention. At a meeting held at Morristown, the other evening, great enthusiasm was manifested over the project, and the prospects are that $100,000, the amount asked for from the citizens of that place, will be raised without any difficulty. The company have already $800,000 pledged to the road from other places. Their objective point will also be Allentown.

LARGE STOCK OF

sheet music, instructors, blank books, music paper and cards at C. F. Herrmann's Music Store Allentown.—*Adv.*

SEALS AND PRESSES.

Seals and presses for societies, corporations, etc., can be procured at the REGISTER store at city prices.

CHEAP PARLOR ORGANS.

A single reed 5 octave organ at $90. A double reed organ with 5 stops, at $130. A powerful organ with 7 stops at $180, at C. F. Herrmann's, corner of 7th and Walnut.—*Adv.*

A RAILROAD SMASH-UP.

On Friday evening, about 11 o'clock, a coal train on the Lehigh and Susquehanna Railroad, ran off the track a short distance this side of Penn Haven. About twenty cars were smashed up, a majority of these being piled in a promiscuous heap. Three men were buried in the wreck.

OPENED AN ORE MINE.

Mr. Herman Yeager has opened an iron bed on his property, about a mile from Centre Valley, which is said to be on the best vein of ore in Lehigh county. We understand Mr. Yeager will make a fortune out of it. We congratulate him on his good fortune.

MUSICAL FESTIVAL IN FOGELSVILLE.

A grand musical entertainment will be given in the new School House, at Fogelsville, on the evening of New Year's day, by the Fogelsville, Zion's and Riegel's church choirs, under the leadership of Prof. B. P. Dornblazer. A splendid string band will also be present. Admission free. Those wishing to enjoy a rare treat should be on hand on the occasion.

CHRISTMAS AT EMAUS.

The old Moravian Church at Emaus is being handsomely decorated with evergreens by the young people of the congregation, and Christmas will be celebrated in the old style. On Christmas eve exercises will be performed by the children, consisting of dialogues, singing, etc., prepared by the pastor. Special music is also in rehearsal by the orchestra.

PUBLIC SALE OF A BUSINESS STAND.

Solomon Dorney will sell at public sale, on Thursday, at one o'clock, p. m., his coach-making establishment and a house and lot, with engine house attached, in Siegersville, South Whitehall township. This stand is an excellent one for business of any kind and offers great inducements for purchasers. There is also a new black-smith shop. James A. Yeager, Auctioneer.

RAILROAD ACCIDENT.

Between 1 and 2 o'clock, yesterday afternoon, a man named Grier, conductor on a coal train on the North Penn railroad, slipped off and under one of the cars, and had both legs crushed, one above and one below the knee. The train was an empty one coming from Philadelphia. The accident happened near what is known as "Shanty Hill," South Bethlehem. Amputation was performed. The unfortunate man has since died.—*Bethlehem Times, 15th inst.*

ARRESTED ON SUSPICION.

A stranger was arrested in Newtown, on Saturday last, by the constable of the place, and taken before G. A. Jenks, Esq., on account of having some resemblance to a man described by the Mayor of Newark, N. J., for whom he offered a reward of $250, but on referring to the proclamation he was described as having a "turn up nose," but as the stranger was fortunate in having a turn-down nose, he was relieved from all suspicion and treated to a night's lodging in the town house.—*Bucks County Intelligencer.*

A German was arrested in this city also, on suspicion of being the man whom the authorities of Newark are after, but upon the parties coming to Allentown to identify him they pronounced him the "wrong man," and he was released.

LEHIGH COAL AND NAVIGATION COMPANY.

The Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company have sufficient surplus to make a dividend of four per cent. in January, if it is deemed prudent; and had it not been for the very heavy loss of business and expenses caused by the disastrous freshet of the 5th of October, they would have ten per cent. For the future, however, the prospects are much brighter; the Company now has sufficient cars to carry 40,000 tons of coal per week, but are a little short of motive power. They have two engines now on the way up, and will open the Spring trade with ten more new engines and 4,000 more cars than they had last Spring. The repairs to the canal alone, up to January 1st, will amount to one hundred thousand dollars.—*Exchange.*

A MUSEUM OF ELEGANT FANCY GOODS.

It has seldom been our lot to examine a more elegant assortment of choice fancy articles than that now on exhibition and sold at H. Dixon's, No. 21, South Eighth street, Philadelphia. His stock comprises a fine display of Parian busts and statuettes, mantel ornaments, vases, jardiniers, toilet articles, fancy thermometers, bisque figures, tobacco boxes, cigar cases and holders, ornamental match safes, back gammon boards, dominoes, chess men, fancy canes and umbrellas, and a thousand and one other articles suitable for presentation during the holidays. Our readers who are about to visit the city, should by all means call on Mr. Dixon, as they cannot fail to find at his establishment many articles not to be found elsewhere. Remember the location, No. 21 South Eighth street, about midway between Market and Chestnut streets, on the east side.

SPORTS FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

On New Year's day there will be a great sale of horses, carriages and harness at Craig's Hotel, in Millerstown. It is a rare opportunity for those who wish to buy good stock. A raffle for a bear will take place at the same time, which is likely to give rise to a good deal of sport.

On Thursday, December 30th, there is to be a grand hog match at Smith & Croll's, Monterey, Berks County. There will be a guessing box opened. At the same time a fox chase will take place. The animal is owned by Mr. Welder, and the occasion will create great excitement in that neighborhood.

On Thursday, Dec. 30th, a great hog match is to come off at the public house of James Schoenberger, at Whitehall Station. The porker is of mammoth proportions, supposed to weigh 500 pounds, and judges of weight are already crowding the prize box with their "stamps."

On New Year's Day a great raffle for a splendid spotted horse is to come off at the public house of David Peter. Persons desiring to go in the one horse circus business should be on hand and try their luck.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A German night school has been opened at Stein-ville, this county.

The Trenton *Emporium* says that application will be made at the next session of the New Jersey Legislature for authority to construct a railroad from Rocky Hill to the Delaware river at Lambertville. This we presume means the extension of the Rocky Hill Railroad to the river in question, a project quite feasible, and one which will be of decided advantage to that section of country. Application will also be made for a railroad from Flemington to the Delaware river, with privilege to build a bridge over that stream as soon as the assent of Pennsylvania is obtained. This is understood to be an extension of the South Branch road, so as to afford another route to Philadelphia, in the interest of the new Jersey Central.

The Pottsville *Journal* published a horrible story about the poisoning of a whole family named "Roach," a few days ago, by an Irish servant girl. It created a great sensation. It turned out that the Roaches were *cock-roaches*, and the girl was found guilty of justifiable "bugicide."

The Quakertown *Independent*, whose career was cut off untimely by the Sheriff two or three weeks ago, has been born again under the title of the *Weekly Mirror*. New material has been procured, and it presents a good appearance. Ephraim L. Cope and Robert L. Cope are the proprietors, and R. L. Cope and Stephen T. Kirk editors. Both of the editors now reside in Doylestown, and both are lawyers. Mr. Kirk is also County Superintendent. The paper is to be devoted to politics, literature, home affairs and news. As to politics, the publishers declare their faith in "Democracy," promising to sustain its principles and to expose the errors and dangers of opposing doctrines.—*Bucks Co. Intelligencer.*

The Bethlehem Iron Co. has given notice that a reduction of from ten to fifteen per cent. will be made in the wages of their employes on the 3d of January.

John J. Roth, the noted horse thief, who escaped from Easton jail, about three months ago and was recaptured in Philadelphia, broke jail again on Saturday night.

There will be a ball at H. L. Minnich's, Mechanicsville, on the evening of December 31st.

ANOTHER HORROR IN COAL MINING—HOUSES SWALLOWED UP AND THEIR OCCUPANTS KILLED OR BURNED.

A distressing calamity occurred at Stockton about two miles this side of Hazelton, on Saturday morning last, about 5 o'clock. A coal mine caved in, filling the shaft and tunnel with enormous masses of earth and completely burying two large houses, with all their inmates, and choking up the entrance to the mine. As the houses were crushed and broken, the fire in the stoves communicated to the timbers and the flames consumed the whole mass, burning to death those of the victims who had not been killed outright. The scene was one terrible to behold. Alarm spread among the the neighbors, and furniture and goods were removed, as it was not known how soon their houses might share the fate of those who but the night before had retired to sleep, with not a thought of their impending doom. It is reported there were some miners in the mines at the time and these, it is believed, were either killed or suffocated. Ten lives are known to have been lost, and it is feared others have also perished. It adds another horror to the chapter of mining accidents which have occurred in that region within the past few months.

Mrs. John Cooper, who resides at Stockton, left there soon after the occurrence and brought her children to the residence of her father, Dr. Tilghman Martin, in this city, on Saturday evening. She was assured by some one that her house was in no danger, and she therefore made no preparation to leave, but soon after the miners warned her of the situation, and upon examination she discovered that the rear and front walls were cracked and that there was evidently danger in remaining longer in the house. The neighbors rendered every assistance in removing furniture.

The Hazelton fire companies were on the ground and did good service, but they were unable to save the burning buildings and their occupants. We understand the mines, which are known as the East Sugar Loaf, are owned by Messrs. Linderman & Skeer, and were formerly owned by Asa Packer. We hope it may be the cause of some severe legislation at Harrisburg regulating mining operations. The disasters which have chilled the blood of human beings and cast so much misery and mourning upon our fellow-citizens, have been the result of causes which the law should not allow to exist. Here is another result of worse than criminal neglect, and we hope our Legislature, in justice to the citizens of our State, will so regulate the distance from the surface at which mining can be carried on, that we shall never hear in the future of such a calamity as the above.

The following additional particulars are from a dispatch dated the 18th:—Stockton is a small village situated on the Hazelton branch of the Lehigh Valley Railroad, two miles distant from Hazelton. It contains many very neatly built houses and other buildings, the Company's stores and the hotel being the principal structures. The Company employs about 1,200 miners, who make this their home. The mine runs parallel with the railroad track through the village. About 50 feet above the place of Saturday's accident the mine caved in some years ago, but no danger of its happening again has since been apprehended. About ten years ago a small hole was made by the falling of the earth directly in front of the two ill-fated houses.

The residents of houses Nos. 3 and 4, Mr. Phillip Wetherau, his family and boarders, and the family of Mr. Wm. Morrist and boarders, were saved from a terrible death by a singular circumstance. A dog belonging to Mr. Morrist awoke the family by its persistent howling and barking. One of the men rose for the purpose of ascertaining what ailed the animal, when he discovered that the house was sinking. He immediately gave the alarm and the two families had barely time to escape. Miss Mary Wetherau, running the wrong direction, fell into the abyss, but was subsequently rescued by some courageous young men. She is somewhat bruised and prostrated from excitement and fear, but will recover.

All of the residents of Nos. 3 and 4 lie hopelessly buried in the ruins. They comprise Mr. Schwenk, his wife, a son of 19 years, a daughter of 18 years, a son of eight years, and an infant. This comprised one family. The other consisted of Mr. Isaac Rauch, his mother, wife and an infant. This makes a total of 10 persons. It is reported that some men were in the mine at the time of the accident, and if so all are undoubtedly dead. But the report is very doubtful, and cannot be traced to any reliable authority. So far it has been found impossible to reach the dead bodies of the victims. The cave is 75 feet wide and 60 feet deep, and as the stoves in the houses set fire to the woodwork, the entire cavity is now a burning and smoking mass. The Pioneer No. 1 fire engine of Hazleton was soon on the ground, and and made every exertion to extinguish the fire in hope that some of the persons in the cave might be saved. There was not, however, the faintest probability of any being alive one hour after the accident took place, as all were buried by the fallen earth. The excitement is very great. Families in this vicinity are moving out of their houses, fearing that theirs will fall in next. There is no danger of the mines taking fire. Messrs. Linderman and Skeer arrived at the scene of the disaster this afternoon. They are sparing no pains to secure the bodies as speedily as possible.

The accident was caused by working the breast in the colliery too near the surface under the houses, there being only about twenty feet of space where it caved in. Only a few days before a couple of persons in a truck were pitched into a similar hole, where a portion of the foundation of the railroad had given way over some workings that approached too near the surface.

Lehigh County Sunday School Intelligence.

We will welcome to a place in this department any items of Sunday School news from any and every part of the county. Pastors, superintendents and teachers are requested to contribute matter of Sunday School importance. All communications should be addressed to

The Corresponding Secretary,
Lehigh County Sunday School Association,
Post Office box 391, Allentown.

ORIGIN OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Sunday Schools were formed about the year 1781, by Robert Raikes, a printer in Gloucester. Business leading him into the suburbs of the town, inhabited by the lowest class of the people, he was struck with astonishment at seeing a group of children, miserably ragged at play. He was informed that on Sunday the street was filled with a multitude of wretches who, having no employment on that day, spent their time in noise and riot, playing at chuck, cursing and swearing. To check this deplorable profanation of the Lord's day, he engaged four women, who kept dame schools, to instruct as many children as he should send them on Sundays, in reading and the church catechism, for which they were to receive one shilling each. In a short period a visible improvement was effected both in the manners and morals of the children, who now came in large numbers; they attended church with their mistresses, and a great many learned to read and say their catechism.

Such was the origin of the Sunday schools in England. Numerous schools, formed on the same model, sprang up in all the principal towns, and a society, under high patronage, was formed in London in 1785, for the establishment and support of Sunday schools throughout the kingdom, which in fourteen years expended £4000 in payment of teachers. The Sunday school found its way into Scotland as early as the year 1788; but it was not till 1786, when the Society for Promoting Religious Knowledge among the Poor was formed, that it was publicly recognized; when the Gratis Sunday School was formed then schools became general. At first they met with considerable opposition from portions of the ecclesiastical courts, but they are now supported by all the churches. Sunday School Unions exist in Edenburg, Glasgow, and most of the large towns. In Ireland Sunday schools have been partially anticipated in County Down in 1770; but it was not till 1785 that the system pursued by Mr. Raikes was adopted, since which its history has been analogous to that of England. The Sunday School Society for Ireland was established in 1809.

Sunday schools were introduced into New York in 1816, through the exertions of some benevolent ladies, from which they have spread themselves throughout the United States. They are now to be found wherever the English and German languages are spoken.

They thrive vigorously in the Protestant churches of France, and more recently have been introduced into Italy. Of the number of teachers and scholars who assemble every Sunday, no correct estimation can be formed, but it is stated that there are in the United Kingdom about 300,000 teachers and 3,000,000 scholars.

Sunday schools throughout the world have done an immense amount of good. They have brought many children to their Saviour who otherwise would have been lost, from the time they were first organized until the present time, which is now about eighty-eight years.

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Marriages.

KRAMER—KNERR.—On the 13th of December, by the Rev. S. K. Brobst, Mr. Daniel Kramer, of Lynn, to Miss Emelina Knerr, of Lowhill.

QUADENFIELD—KODER.—On the 27th of November, at Richland Centre, Bucks county, by the Rev. R. B. Ketler, Mr. John Quadenfield to Miss Sarah Koder, both of Haycock.

Deaths.

RINKER.—On the 20th of November, in Lower Milford, Lehigh county, Samuel Rinker, aged 80 years, 10 months and 12 days.

HORN.—On the 5th inst., in Rockill, Bucks co., Hannah, widow of John Horn, Sr., aged 61 years, 5 months and 3 days.

GOOD.—In Allentown, on the 14th inst., Willie Good, aged 1 year, 0 months and 19 days.

MATCHETT.—On the 17th of November, at Catasauqua, John T. Matchett, aged 54 years.

LEUSCHNER.—In this city, Eliza Jane daughter of Joseph and Helen Leuschner, aged 10 months and 8 days.

Miscellaneous.

PUBLIC SALE OF REAL ESTATE.

Will be sold at Public Sale on SATURDAY, the 15th day of JANUARY, A. D. 1870, at 1 o'clock P. M., on the premises, all that certain messuage and lot of ground situate on the south side of Walnut street, between Eighth and Ninth streets, in the City of Allentown, bounded on the West by lot of Mrs. Harlacher, and on the East by lot late of S. W. Burcaw, containing in front on said Walnut street 20 feet and in depth 110 feet to an alley. The improvements thereon consist of a TWO-STORY BRICK DWELLING HOUSE, 20 feet front by 32 feet deep, with Back Building 11 by 15 feet, and Frame Wash House. It being property lately held in trust for Catharine Sweak, deceased.

Conditions made known and attendance given on the day of sale by MICHAEL D. EBERHARD, *Trustee.*
dec 22-3t

LEHIGH IRON COMPANY.—THE ANNUAL ELECTION for Five Directors of the Lehigh Iron Company to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the Second National Bank of Allentown, on MONDAY, JANUARY 3d next, between the hours of one and two o'clock, P. M. WM. H. AINEY, *Secretary.*
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UNION SAVING AND BUILDING ASSOCIATION.

The members of this Association will meet at the office of Elias Mertz, on Monday evening, January 3d, 1870, at 7½ o'clock. Punctual attendance is requested, as an election will be held for President, Vice President, Treasurer, and twelve Directors. At the same time one dollar per share will be paid in. Those wishing to have shares should come then without delay.

ELIAS MERTZ, *Secretary.* A. H. WIN