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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.

Query.

Wanted to know from the County Commissioners—how many children are to be killed before the new bridge is started?

Appointments.

Governor Geary has reappointed T. O. Ginklinger Notary Public. Mr. G. has held the position nine years, we believe, with satisfaction to the public.

F. Z. Heebner has been appointed County Auditor, in place of William J. Hoxworth, Esq., resigned.

A Splendid Piano.

Linderman & Son's Gold Medal Cyclold 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 streets.—*Adv.*

Installations.

At a meeting of Unity Council, No. 33, Jr. O. U. A. M., held on Tuesday evening, Jan 11, the following officers were installed to serve the ensuing quarter:—Jr. P. C., J. R. Wieand; C. A., J. Reichard; V. C., A. J. Weiss; R. S., P. J. Baker; A. R. S., S. P. J. Brown; T. S., C. P. Seislove; T. C., M. W. Keck; Con., P. Moyer; W. J., D. Burger; J. S. S., Zettlemoyer; O. S., H. Heist; Treasurer, A. H. Weiss, J. R. Weiland, J. D. Burger; Representatives to State Council, which will be held at Philadelphia, January 31, O. J. Baker and J. D. Burger.

At a stated meeting of W. C. No. 63, P. O. S. of A. of Pa., held on Tuesday evening, Jan. 11th, 1870, the following officers were installed for the ensuing term:—P. P., Werner K. Ruhe; P. J., Allen Shaffer; V. P., Edwin Hoffert; M. of T. and C., A. M. Weikle; Treasurer, Alexander J. Zellner; R. S., Walter P. Cole; F. S., Owen Laub; O. G., Nathan Worman; I. G., George Blank.

A Sad and Fatal Accident.

On Friday afternoon last a shocking calamity occurred on the Lehigh Valley Railroad, near the iron bridge, in this city. Mrs. Harrison Butz and her daughter were proceeding down the railroad on their way to East Penn. Depot, to see a friend off in the 4:20 train. They heard the approach of a locomotive and looking round, saw that the engine was not on the track they were walking on, and considering themselves safe, paid no further attention to it, but when the engine was nearly up to them the engineer blew his whistle for a man some distance ahead, and the sound so frightened Miss Butz that she jumped upon the opposite track, was caught by the engine, run over and instantly killed. Her mangled remains presented a shocking sight. Her bowels protruded and one arm was cut off.

Miss Butz was only about eight years of age and the event has created a fund of sympathy for her bereaved parents. We have scarcely ever been called upon to chronicle so sad a calamity, where it was, as in this case, apparently the result of no carelessness upon either side. Her remains were interred on Sunday afternoon and were followed to the grave by an unusually large number of friends.

Annual Elections of Officers.

The annual meeting of the Widows' and Orphans' Mutual Benefit Society of Pennsylvania was held at the office of William H. Deshler, Esq., on last Wednesday evening, when the following officers were elected:—*President*, W. R. Steckel; *Secretary*, William H. Deshler; *Treasurer*, Martin Seiple; *Directors*, Charles K. Heist, C. B. M. Sell, W. R. Steckel, Jacob Snyder, W. H. S. Gross, W. H. Deshler, Martin Seiple, Charles S. Massey, Owen Keiper, Walter J. Grim and Daniel Roth.

The following Bank Directors were chosen on Tuesday of last week:—

First National Bank—Wm. H. Blumer, J. M. Line, Wm. Kern, Jacob A. Blumer, T. H. Moyer.

Second National Bank—Wm. H. Ainey, C. S. Bush, Geo. Brobst, Aaron Balliet, Asa Balliet, Milton Appel, Benj. J. Hagenbuch, Samuel Sell, Jas. H. Bush.

Allentown National Bank—Wm. Saeger, Pheon Albright, J. P. Barnes, Solomon Boyer, M. Hannum, J. L. Hoffman, Henry Leh, T. H. Martin, Christian Pretz, Henry Schnurman, Thomas Steckel, H. J. Schantz.

Catasauqua National Bank—Eli J. Saeger, A. D. Tombler, W. B. Powell, Jonas Biery, Samuel Straub, Franklin Andreas, John Williams, James Borlick, Christian Hohl, William Kern, Charles Glick, Weston Dodson, V. W. Weaver.

The Model Wife.

There is but one good wife in the world, and every man thinks he's got her. Happy the man who could think so (and we doubt not there are many such) after hearing Mr. Willet's lecture in the Court House, on Thursday evening. Taking for the basis of his remarks the description of a virtuous woman, written by King Lemuel's mother, and recorded in the last chapter of Proverbs, the lecturer showed that though fashions change and sewing machines take the place of spindle and distaff, the Model Wife—the crown of her husband, in all essential particulars is the same to-day as she was three thousand years ago. The same law of kindness is on her lips, the same rule of industry guides her life, and the same mantle of gentle charity adds grace to every act. She *sews tears* while the *husbandman* sleeps, a sort of thing calculated to make the RENT day pass lightly and pleasantly, we should think, and with a Wheeler & Wilson we would back the Model Wife to beat the devil at it any day. The lecturer dwelt strongly and forcibly on the necessity of industry in a well ordered household, and spoke of "gumption" as a great and a glorious thing. The tact with which the Model Wife will manage the household affairs was well described and every part of the description we would heartily endorse and hold up for imitation, except that dreadfully uncomfortable habit of getting up in the dark. It is quite a shuddering kind of thing to think of, rising in the cold wintry mornings, and almost as bad for the worse half, who might possibly stay behind, as for the victim. We trust for the sake of our Benedicts that none of our young wives will run this thing into the ground.

We were very glad to see the Court House well filled. These lectures are for the good of a community. It is not for the amount of recondite intellectual matter they contain that we would extol them, but for the good influence kindly words, kindly spoken, have upon the minds of the people. No woman who listened to Mr. Willets with the understanding ear, but would be better for the thoughts his remarks would awaken, and she could not but be proud of her sex, and satisfied with her mission, as she heard them described in the eloquent words of the lecturer. "She shall rejoice in time to come,"—not at the polls, we trust, not on the hustings—but in the husband who praiseth her and in the children who rise up and call her blessed. Her mission is the Home Mission and not her political works, but her works of charity and mercy are the "works that will praise her in the gates." Great credit is due to Mr. George Kuhl for his efforts in providing the citizens of Allentown with this treat, and we trust that the success of this lecture may bring others of the same character into the field.

The latter part of the lecture was not as highly appreciated as it should have been, in consequence of the disturbance caused by the sudden lowering of the gas. Whether the fault was in the metre, or at the gas works, we cannot tell, but a care should be taken by *some one* that the public is not thus inconvenienced.

Reduction in Prices of Gas.

The Pottsville Gas Company have reduced the price of gas to $3.50 per thousand feet. Can't our company do the same thing? Try it, gentlemen, and make yourselves popular.

Agricultural Meeting.

The annual meeting and election of officers of the Lehigh County Agricultural Society will be held at the American Hotel, this city, on Tuesday, the first day of February, at 10 o'clock, a. m.

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.

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.*

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.*

Loans Sold.

The Lehigh Loan and Building Association, on Wednesday evening last, sold twelve loans as follows:—Six at $45; two at $47; two at $48; and two at $49 premium per share.

At a meeting of the Penn Loan and Building Association, held Monday evening, ten loans were sold at $70 premium per share, and two to $64.

Real Estate Changes.

John L. Hoffman, Esq., has sold a vacant lot on Sixth street, between Chew and Gordon, to Edwin Reed, for $800.

Messrs. Burcaw, Dillinger and Roeder have sold a lot of ground on Fourth street near Gordon, 22 feet front by 110 feet deep, to Joseph Geringer, for $440.

For the Inauguration.

The Hazelton Zouaves and Hazelton Guards, numbering 100 men, passed through here on Monday evening, *en route* for Harrisburg, to attend the Inauguration of Governor Geary. Quite a number of Allentonians left here on the same evening for the same purpose.

A First-Class Hotel.

The Allen House alterations and improvements are progressing. The table and appointments of this hotel are obtaining for it a celebrity. Allentown has not lately enjoyed a very enviable reputation in the matter of hotel accommodation and we are sure enterprise and liberality in this direction will be rewarded by a liberal public patronage.

New Law Firm.

Among our new advertisements will be found that of the new firm of Erdman & Oliver. We congratulate Mr. Erdman upon his association with so eminent a member of our bar. Mr. E. has earned himself a reputation for industry and talent, and we feel sure that the success of the new firm will be heartily wished for by all who know the gentlemen.

Musical and Dramatic Entertainment.

On the third of February, an entertainment is to take place in the Court House, the proceeds of which, as we understand, are to be devoted to a good and charitable object. The peculiar feature of the entertainment will consist in the fact of its being given entirely by our own folks "at home." The musical and dramatic ability that we have in our community is first-class, and we are sure the entertainment will be a treat to those who are fortunate enough to obtain tickets.

Religious.

The "Bible Class" taught by the Rev. J. W. Wood, of this city, has lately received several new members. It is one of the most instructive and improving "exercises" of the Presbyterian Church. The interest shown by its members, and the reputation of the reverend gentleman as an instructor, cause many members of other churches to join, and as it is free to any one, young or old, who takes an interest in the study of the Scriptures, we would recommend young ladies and gentlemen to go and see it. Possibly they may find good reason to "fall in."

Get Rid of the Franking Nuisance.

Postmaster General Cresswell, we understand, has furnished blank petitions to all the principal post offices, for the abolition of the franking privilege. If this is so, Postmaster Diefenderfer will shortly have one at the post office. Fellow citizens, go and sign it. Help Postmaster Cresswell in his efforts to put the pressure on to the M. C.'s, that this much abused privilege may be abolished. If any one else but our most honorable legislators had been benefited by it, the whole rotten system would have been exploded long ago. This is not complimentary, but it is unpleasantly true, and it does not affect those upright men who have scorned the littleness of this thing and opposed it in Congress and out.

Killing No Murder.

We have the authority of the *Daily News* for a new distinction in murder cases. A man, woman or child may be murdered without being killed, as well as killed without being murdered. We are very glad that this is so. It takes away the horror of the thing and we shall hereafter read the sensational account of a "Horrible Murder, Mutilation, Dismemberment and Decapitation," with the satisfaction of knowing that after all it may not have been fatal. Perhaps we shall have the gratification of interviewing the victim. How thrillingly interesting would be, for instance, the personal experience of a man whose head had been not fatally crushed by a freight train. Go on Daily, you are doing well.

Map of Allentown.

Mr. S. A. Aschbach has nearly completed his new map of this city and its surroundings. As a topographical and property owner's map, it surpasses anything we have ever seen. It supplies a want apparent to all interested in the rapid growth and expansion of our city limits. It will indicate the location of the various streets leading from the city for more than a mile around, and may be the means of saving thousands of dollars of land damages by indicating now, exactly their future location. The labor bestowed upon this undertaking must have been immense. In addition to showing the location of every building, vacant lot, name of the owner, locations and name of every street, it shows the elevation of the land, embraced within the limits of the map, above the level of the Lehigh River. This feature will also be valuable to our city government, in extending old and locating new streets, and in fixing proper grades. That an undertaking of such magnitude should have been projected by Mr. Aschbach and prosecuted so nearly to completion without compensation or the promise of any other than what will be received from the sale of this map, does great credit to his public spiritedness, and should be, and we have no doubt will be, liberally appreciated by our citizens when the map is presented for sale, by purchasing it.

THE COUNTY.

ANOTHER KEROSINE EXPLOSION.

Mrs. Jemima Garis, of South Easton, was burned to death through the explosion of a kerosene lamp. The constant recurrence of these terrible accidents does not seem to make people more careful, for day after day accounts of them are in our papers. Non-explosive kerosene *can* be obtained and it should be made unlawful to sell any other kind for household purposes, and we know of none better than that manufactured by Dr. H. T. Slemmer, at Norristown.

SUPREME COURT DECISION.

It has been decided by Judge Read that if a bond contain the words "I promise to pay," and is signed by several parties, it contains the seperate promise of each, as well as the joint promise. That is to say, if it is in the name of one "obligor," and signed by one or two others, it is the joint and several promise of all.

HUMANITARIANS STILL LIVE.

The child deserted by its unnatural parents, at Bethlehem, sometime since, died after a short illness and was buried in the Cemetery at Nisky Hill. The kindness of those who adopted the little one and who mournfully followed it to its grave will not be forgotten. Frederick Raude and his wife, have befriended one of God's own poor and their good deed will not be unrewarded by Him who notices even "a cup of cold water given unto one of those little ones."

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.*

THE TEMPERANCE MOVEMENT.

A convention of Good Templars of Lehigh, Carbon and Northampton will be held at Slatington on the 9th of March. Hon. S. B. Chase, G. W. C. T., from Susquehanna county, will be present and will lecture in the evening. A general invitation is extended to listen to the eloquent lecturer in the evening.

LAND SLIDE.

A large land slide occurred on the Lehigh & Susquehanna Railroad, about three quarters of a mile below Freemansburg, on Friday night. The main track was destroyed, being completely covered with rocks. Workmen are now engaged making a track around the mass of rocks, which will be completed some time during to-day.—*Bethlehem Times of Saturday.*

RELIGIOUS NOTICE.

Rev. Daniel E. Schoedler, of Bethlehem, will preach in St. John's Church, Slatington, on Sunday, Jan. 23, (morning and evening). The morning services will be held in the German language, and the evening in the English language. Rev. Mr. Schoedler will preach as a candidate for the pastorship of the German Reformed congregation that worships in St. John's Church.

LIFE INSURANCE

is for all classes. The rich favor it because it is a good investment,—sure and profitable. The middle classes like it because it is the best way of "laying up money," and securing the surplus of their income. The poor are appreciating it because it enables them out of small earnings to provide comfort for old age and some provision for their otherwise destitute families.—*Adv.*

A WORD TO THE WISE IS SUFFICIENT.

Wise has the reputation of making the best ale sold hereabouts, and he is sure to keep it up. He is not a man of great acquisitiveness and will not let his brewings deteriorate for the sake of putting extra profits into his pocket. His ale, porter, sarsaparilla and mineral water can be depended upon as pure and wholesome. It will, therefore, be wise for drinkers to buy nothing else.—*Adv.*

REPORT OF COAL

transported over the Lehigh Valley Railroad for the week ending Jan. 8, 1870, compared with same time last year:

	For Week.	For Year.
Total Wyoming	5,896 02	57,296 02
" Hazleton	24,636 16	140,357 02
" Upper Lehigh		
" Beaver Meadow	6,052 02	55,210 06
" Mahanoy	3,839 06	37,452 15
" Mauch Chunk	34 10	195 14
Grand Total	42,578 16	290,512 00
Same time 1868	36,468 00	211,094 06
Increase	3,680 16	80,560 14
Decrease		

URSINUS COLLEGE.

We are happy to see that Ursinus College, located at Freeland, Montgomery county, or more properly speaking at Collegeville, has selected Rev. Dr. Bomberger for its President. This gentleman was at one time pastor of the German Reformed Church at Easton, but has been, latterly, pastor of the Race Street German Reformed Church, Philadelphia. The Philadelphia *Day* says of him:—"Few men have won more completely the confidence of his associations, and the respect and esteem of the community, than the pastor of the Race Street Church, and his voice has always been heard with great pleasure in the assemblies of Christian people for prayer and conference."

BARN BURNED.

A barn belonging to a farmer named Dirstine, on the North Pennsylvania Railroad, a short distance below Telford station, was destroyed by fire on Friday night week. The fire broke out about midnight, and was first discovered by the wife of Mr. Dirstine, whose attention was attracted to it by the reflection of the light from the burning building. The barn was completely enveloped in flames when the fire was discovered and nothing could be saved but the horses and some wagons, the latter being in a shed adjoining. The cattle, consisting of six valuable cows, were all burned to death, and their dead bodies were all found lying together among the ruins. The origin of the fire is not known, but it is supposed to have been the work of an incendiary. There was no insurance on the building or contents.—*Bucks Co. Intelligencer.*

SLATINGTON ITEMS.

A preliminary meeting for the purpose of organizing a Post of the Grand Army of the Republic was held at Slatington on Saturday evening.

The Slatington *News* wants a flouring mill at that place. It says there is no better place in the Lehigh Valley for one. A location can be obtained near the depot. Wheat can be shipped here a little cheaper than it can to towns lower down the road. Let some of our capitalists invest.

The Trout Creek Railroad is progressing finely. Mr. Kellogg has completed the last bridge and has left with his force for Bradford county. The rails are now laid to Henry Williams' Slate quarry. Mr. Williams is putting in about three hundred feet of siding. The Lehigh and Blue Vein Slate Companies have a switch at each of their quarries. It is expected that, in a few weeks, the rails will be laid to Slatedale.

KUTZTOWN.

The Keystone State Normal School opened its winter session on January 3d, with a large number of the old and a gratifying addition of new pupils to its halls. The prospects for the new session are very encouraging for the usefulness of this large establishment. In the chapel, on Sunday week, Prof. G. W. Super preached the usual introductory sermon to the students, from Eccles. 9; 10.

The fine property, situated on Main street, belonging to A. S. Hottenstein, Esq., was sold last week for $2100, to Conrad Gantert, of Reading, who intends to start a bakery there next February.

The opening of the railroad from Topton, on the East Penna. Railroad, to Kutztown, came off last week. Two trains daily will run from Kutztown, and connect with trains on the East Penna. Railroad. Mr. Lewis Fisher has been appointed ticket agent for Kutztown. The road has been made in a very substantial manner, and great credit is due to the engineers and all concerned in its construction. The officers of the first train were as follows: Conductor, George Snodgrass, of Reading; Engineer, George W. Hoover, of Columbia, Lancaster county; Fireman, T. R. Barnhart, of New York. Name of engine, Auburn.—*Reading Eagle.*

RE-ELECTION OF THE OFFICERS OF THE READING RAIL ROAD.

Franklin B. Gowen, Esq., has been re-elected President of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company. The old board of directors was also re-elected.

The position of President of this great corporation is one of much importance, not only to the stockholders of the Company, but to the whole business community, especially in the eastern section of the State; and the re-election of Mr. Gowen will give general satisfaction, flowing as he did, a leading and lucrative position at the Philadelphia Bar, and recognized as one of the ablest lawyers in the Commonwealth, he was at the same time so thoroughly acquainted with the interests and business of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company, that common consent designated him as the man best fitted to assume the arduous duties which previously rested upon the former president, Charles E. Smith, Esq., and which through impaired health he was compelled to resign. The skill, ability, and efficiency with which Mr. Gowen has discharged those duties, have been such as to leave no doubts on the minds of the stockholders as to the importance of securing his services as permanent president of the road, and his consent having been obtained, his election was a matter of course. Mr. Gowen has all the qualifications which fit him for the successful discharge of his important duties and under his management we confidently predict of the Company an increased degree of prosperity and usefulness.—*Reading Journal.*

WHY IS IT?

The 8:15 train from Allentown on the Lehigh and Susquehanna Road is always overcrowded during court week at Easton—cannot the public be accommodated with an additional car, or are they to pay their money and take it out in standing? There is likely to be three weeks court at Easton and we would leave the case of the public with the company, recommending it to mercy.

NEW BURIAL GROUND.

The Trustees of St. John's Church of Slatington, have purchased a tract of land from Nathan Kern, for a Cemetery. It is on the southeast summit of Slatington, about five hundred feet above the Lehigh, and is one of the most beautiful locations to be found in or around that borough. The *News* says the ground is a deep black gravel, free from stones and the sloping of the surface is so light that no grading is required, with the exception of about one half an acre on the west end. A committee has been appointed to have a plot made of the same, and have it laid out in lots, as soon as the weather will permit.

FOUNTAIN OF HEALTH.

About a mile from the Lehigh Gap is situated one of the oldest and most valuable springs in Lehigh County. In the columns of the Slatington *News*, last week, was an account of its discovery. It appears to have been filled up and Dr. H. O. Wilson, of Slatington, we believe, got track of it in some way from an old Moravian manuscript. The spring is noticed on the original map of the Province of Pennsylvania. Benjamin Franklin encamped at it on his way to Fort Allen. The mud and stones with which it was filled have been cleared out and it is found to be walled up and about six feet deep. It was probably walled up by the Indians. The publication of these facts, it is hoped, may induce some professor of ancient records to give further information. This old spring, hallowed by time and fraught with interesting historical recollections, has been long forgotten, but now, thanks to Dr. Wilson, Slatington has a curiosity of undoubted antiquity to show to visitors.

A NEW RAILROAD.

A meeting has been held in Philadelphia for the purpose of raising subscriptions for a new railroad between Philadelphia and New-York. It appears that Pennsylvania has already granted a charter for a road between the former city and some point on the Delaware, the said road to pass through Attleborough; and there are various charters from the Legislature of New Jersey for small local roads not yet in existence, which can be con-ollidated so as to give a direct route from the terminus of the Attleborough road to New-York. It is therefore assumed that no further legislation will be needed from either State. The one link not yet provided for it the bridge across the Delaware at Yardleyville, the proposed point of crossing. The Legislatures of Pennsylvania and New Jersey have authorized the construction of an ordinary road bridge at this place, but not a railroad bridge; and as there in no, probability that the Camden and Amboy Company would allow the State of New Jersey to make the desired amendment, whatever Pennsylvania might do, the managers of the new enterprise purpose asking authority from Congress, under the constitutional power to establish post roads. If they succeed—and we earnestly hope they may, though they will encounter great opposition from the powerful corporations which now oppress travelers between New-York and Washington—we shall have a road passing from a point opposite New-York through the Counties of Hudson, Union, Somerset, and Mercer, through Plainfield and Mill-tone, some miles west of the Camden and Amboy route, and crossing the Delaware about ten miles above Trenton. It is to be a first-class road with double steel track, stone ballasted, and crossing all other roads and highways either above or below their level, so that high speed can be attained with safety. It is believed that the running time between New-York and Philadelphia can then be reduced to two hours.

THE FALL IN PRICES.

Prices of many of the necessaries of life have fallen very much within the last twelve months. Flour is now almost as low as ever it was. Cotton goods approach very nearly the price they sold at before the war. Meat shows less change, and is nearly as high as ever. Coal also keeps up pretty well. The money editor of the Philadelphia *Ledger*, in an article on the condition of trade at the present time, institutes the following comparison between prices a year ago and now: "The wholesale price of superfine flour on the 31st of December, 1868, was about $6 per barrel; it is now quoted in this city at $4.50—a decline of one-fourth of its price. Best white wheat was then quoted at $2.25 per bushel; it is now quoted in this market, $1.50—a decline of 75 cents per bushel. Rye has fallen from $1.60 to $1, corn from $1.80 to $1, and oats from 78 to 57 cents. Rye flour, corn meal, and almost the entire direct products of the soil, have experienced a very similar decline, while the indirect produce of the farm—pork, beef, lard and seeds, have generally held their own, and in some instances advanced. The great staple of the country, cotton, as compared with this time a year ago, is about 1 per cent per pound higher. This, on a crop of 1,200,00 pounds, gives a difference of $12,000,000; a handsome addition to the wealth of the cotton growing States, and an item that must tell favorably on the national exchanges. The other Southern products—of sugars, molasses, and naval stores generally—are off in prices from five to fifteen per cent. Wool and whiskey remain at much the same prices as last year—if anything, a shade lower. The same is true of hides and leather. Crude and refined petroleum are about five per cent. lower. Iron declined in price materially. The price of the domestic article is controlled in great measure by that of Scotch pig and English bar, the former of which was quoted last year at $40 to $42 per ton, and is now down to $32 to $34, and the latter, which then ruled at $90 to $95, is now quoted at $80 to $85. The decline in the manufacture of cotton, wool and flax is even greater than that shown in the prices of breadstuffs, as is most of the other items, except provisions, that make up household charges. We have not at hand any satisfactory schedule of wages last year at a corresponding period, or even of wages now paid, by which to make a comparison. In this absence of data, we leave this point to each trade or branch of industry to form its own comparison."

MISCELLANEOUS.

The basement of the new Reformed Church, on Centre street, Bethlehem, will be consecrated on Sunday, January 23d.

It is said steam canal boats, are to have a trial on the canal of the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company during the coming season. They have been used with success upon the northern canals, but we fear the width of this canal will make the experiment a failure, on account of the washing of the bank, but if successful it will result in innumerable advantages to our rich valley. Boats load in Wisconsin with seven thousand bushels of wheat, go down the Fox River to Green Bay, cross the lakes to Buffalo, thence by canal to Albany or New York—no breakage of bulk; thereby making a great saving.

In answer to an advertisement of the Montgomery County Agricultural Society, asking for proposals for furnishing grounds on which the Society could hold their exhibitions, Moyer & Shearer, of North Wales, have offered to furnish a tract of thirty-five acres just beyond the limits of that borough. The position is a good one and easy of access.

The Commissioner of Internal Revenue has decided that farmers who sell their produce in market places shall be regarded as produce brokers. He says—"Farmers are exempt from special tax when selling their produce at the place of production or in the manner of peddlers, but selling at the *market place*, even though at a different stand or station every day, is *not* selling in the manner of a peddler. The farmer who is in the habit of going to the market place regularly and selling in the manner above indicated, thus makes it his *business* so to sell, and should be required to pay special tax accordingly." The Assessor of this District has, consequently, given instructions to his subordinates to levy the tax and farmers who refuse to take out the required license will be returned to the Assessor charged with the amount due the Government. As Congress has always shown a disposition to protect and encourage agriculture in its legislation, we do not believe that the interpretation of the law by the Commissioner is the interpretation Congress intended to be put upon it, and we hope that body will repeal it or re-enact it in such language as shall not impose the farmers the license tax.

Joseph Allabaugh, an aged and respected citizen of Montgomery township, Montgomery county, committed suicide by hanging himself in his bed-chamber on Monday evening of last week. He was eighty years of age.

There is a law being revived here that has almost grown obsolete. It is that on Sunday there shall be no "calls to the bar."

The *Nation* says Zinzendorf was founder of the Mennonites, and emigrated to Eastern Pennsylvania with a number of co-religionists who came from Moravia. The *Moravian* says "this is a remarkable statement from a first-class literary journal." Why does the *Nation* want to take up old stories of our ancestors and call up the ghosts of the past? It is sure to get our *dutch* up.

It is said that during the visit of that estimable female, George Francis Train, Easton citizens had an opportunity for supplying the town permanently with cheaper and more brilliant gas. The offer was declined, owing to the noise made in combustion and the unpleasant smell generated.

THE BEST OF

talin 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.*

SETTLE UP.

The receipts at this office, last week, were quite encouraging, though the per centage of those paying compared with the number of bills sent out was small. Our patrons should remember that while the amount each owes is very small, a hundred of them form a considerable sum, which it is important to us to have. We take this opportunity to express our thanks to those who have been so prompt and trust this list will be largely added to before our next issue.

LECTURE AT BETHLEHEM.

Paul du Chaillu, the great explorer of Equatorial Africa, lectured to a large and appreciative audience in Bethlehem, on Thursday evening last. His thrilling adventures with the gorillas, and his wonderful journeyings in the far away land, are told by Paul in a very graphic and pleasing manner. He is a great favorite with the children and his lectures to them are always highly appreciated and largely attended. We hope some day to have the pleasure of welcoming him to Allentown.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

A new Lodge of Knights of Pythias is to be instituted at Fogelsville this evening. Delegates from the order in Allentown, Millerstown and Catasauqua will be present.

At meeting of Vulcan Lodge, No. 180, of Catasauqua, held last Wednesday evening, the following officers were installed:—V. P., W. H. Haldeman; W. C., H. Eckensberger; V. C., J. Black, W. G., Joseph Mertz; I. S., Wilson Schankweiler; O. S., Solomon Stuber; R. S., David A. Tombler; F. S., Edwin Gilbert; W. B., F. M. Eagle; Representative to G. L., Dr. W. A. Hassler; Trustee, E. Edwards.

DISSOLUTIONS.

The firm of Matchett & Haines, furnace contractors of Catasauqua, was dissolved last week by mutual consent. Capt. Matchett contemplates, eventually, settling in the South. Wherever he may go he has our best wishes for his success.

The co-partnership existing between Anthony Rowse, of Allentown, and P. N. Dutot, of Mauch Chunk, was dissolved on the 12th.

The firm of Albright, Hoxworth & Co. is dissolved. Messrs. Hoxworth retire and John Albright is taken into the firm, which is to be hereafter known as Albright, Brother & Co.

Messrs. Addis & Roberts, plumbers, have dissolved partnership, Mr. Addis continuing the business.

CATASAUQUA AFFAIRS.

The Lehigh Crane Iron Company have introduced a dummy engine, called the "Ajax," into their works. It is used instead of horses to haul cinder.

Under the auspices of the Sons of Temperance a union of the various protestant congregations is held in one of the churches every Sunday evening and a Sermon on Temperance is delivered by the clergyman who may be selected for that evening. On last Sunday evening, Rev. Mr. Earle (New School) filled the pulpit of the Old School Presbyterian Church. These meetings have been largely attended and are productive of much good.

On Wednesday evening of last week Rev. Mr. Fulton, of the Old School Presbyterian Church, delivered a lecture on the subject of "Countenance," for the benefit of the church. The lecture was very largely attended.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS OF NORTH PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD COMPANY.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the North Pennsylvania Railroad was held last week in the Company's office, No. 407 Walnut street, Philadelphia, Mr. Thomas Smith in the chair; Secretary, Edward Armstrong.

The report of the Board of Directors, being the seventeenth annual report, was read by the President, Franklin A. Comly, and approved.

The report contains the following items:

The earnings of the fiscal year ending October 31, 1869, were $1,132,731.14.

As compared with the fiscal year ending October 31, 1868, they show an increase for the year of $117,336.85.

The expenses, including all renewals and repairs, were $640,262.31.

Total earnings	$1,132,731 14
Total expenses	640,262 31
Balance of earnings	$492,468 83
The charges for interest, United States and State taxes on the year were	253,768 76
Net profit for the year	$238,699 07

Being a fraction under seven per cent. on the capital stock of the Company.

Out of the profits of the past year a semi-dividend of five per cent. has been declared, convertible into seven per cent. bonds of the Company.

The double track between Philadelphia and Abington was completed and put into use on the first of June.

The reports of the Superintendent, Mr. S. W. Roberts, and the Treasurer, Mr. William Wistar, were read and approved. They contain the same items in detail as that of the President. The reports were ordered to be printed in pamphlet form for the convenience of stockholders.

The meeting then adjourned for the purpose of entering into an election of officers for the ensuing year. The following were elected: President, Franklin A. Comly; Directors, John Jordan, Jr., J. Gillingham Fell; S. Morris Wain, William C. Ludwig, Edwood Shannon, Edward C. Knight, Alfred Hunt, William C. Kent, Charles W. Wharton, Edward Roberts.

MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE EAST PENNA. RAILROAD.

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the East Penna. Railroad was held at noon on Monday of last week, at the office of the Company, corner of Sixth and Walnut streets, in Reading.

The meeting was called to order by appointing Hon. Jeremiah Hagenman President, and Hon. Geo. D. Stitzel Secretary.

Mr. H. C. Jones, Secretary and Treasurer of the Company, made a statement of the earnings of the road for the fiscal year ending Nov. 30, 1869, which was accepted.

Col. J. L. Stichter then offered the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That so much of Section 6 of Article 3 of the By-Laws, that requires the Treasurer of this Company to give bonds in the sum of twenty thousand dollars for the faithful performance of his duty, is hereby repealed.

Resolved, That so much of Section 1 of Article 1 of the By-Laws that requires the Annual Election for President and Directors to be held in the city of Reading is hereby repealed.

Col. J. L. Stichter then said that before presenting the resolution for holding the annual meeting at Philadelphia, he would beg leave to say that since the last annual meeting of this company the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company have leased the East Penna. Railroad; that all business referring to the latter Company is transacted at the Philadelphia office of the former Company; therefore, in order to facilitate business, he would offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That hereafter the office of this Company shall be at No. 227 South Fourth Street, in the city of Philadelphia, and that in future the annual meeting of Stockholders and the meetings of the Board of Directors be held at that place, instead of the City of Reading.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

It was then moved that a recess until 9 o'clock be taken, for the purpose of electing a President and eight Directors of the Road, to serve the ensuing year. The following was the result of the election:

President—Franklin B. Gowen.

Directors—A. E. Borie, R. B. Cabeen, W. A. Porter, Morton T. Henry, James E. Gowen, Thos. Hart, Jr., Col. J. L. Stichter, Geo. D. Stitzel.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

Hall's Vegetable Sicilian Hair Renewer is the best preparation for the hair in the market, and always gives satisfaction. Do not be put off by unprincipled dealers with others on which they make more profit.

Custom Department.—Our readers must not forget that while Wanamaker & Brown lay stress upon their Ready-made Clothing, they nevertheless have a Custom Department, larger and better than any merchant tailoring establishment in the city. You can send or leave your measure there and get as fine clothing as any gentleman could desire, and at most reasonable prices.

PENNSYLVANIA EDITORIAL ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of the Editorial Association of the State of Pennsylvania will be held in Harrisburg on Tuesday, the 25th of January, 1870, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. The Executive Committee will meet at the Jones House at 10 o'clock, A. M., of the same day.

All persons connected with the Press of the State, as Editors, Publishers or Reporters, are eligible to membership, and are respectfully invited to attend.

HENRY T. HARLINGTON, President.

H. S. MEMAMIN, Secretary.

Over a Million Bottles of Phœnix Pectoral have been sold, and all who have used it buy it again.

Let Common Sense Decide.—What is the rational mode of procedure in cases of general debility and nervous prostration? Does not reason tell us that judicious stimulation is required? To resort to violent purgation in such a case is as absurd as it would be to bleed a starving man. Yet it is done every day. Yes, this stupid and unphilosophical practice is continued to the death of the *great fact* that physical weakness, with all the nervous disturbances that accompany it, is more certainly and rapidly relieved by Hostetter's Stomach Bitters than by any other medicine at present known. It is true that general debility is often attended with sopidity or irregularity of the bowels, and that this symptom must not be lightly of the bowels, and that this symptom must not be overlooked. But while the discharge of the waste matter of the system is expedited or regulated, its *vigor must be exercised*. The Bitters do both. They combine aperient and anti-bilious properties, with extraordinary tonic power. Even while removing obstructions from the bowels, they tone and invigorate those organs. Through the stomach, upon which the great vegetable specific acts directly, it gives a healthy and permanent impetus to every enfeebled function. Digestion is facilitated, the faltering circulation regulated, the blood reinforced with a new accession of the alimentary principle, the nerves braced and all the dormant powers of the system roused into healthy action, not spasmodically, as would be the case if a new stimulant were administered, but for a continuance. It is in this way that such extraordinary changes are wrought in the condition of the feeble, emaciated and nervous invalids by the use of this wonderful corrective, alterative and tonic. Let common sense decide between such a preparation and a prostrating cathartic supplemented by a poisonous astringent like strychnine or quinia.

Scrofula, Salt Rheum, Skin and Kindred Diseases Were cured.—Sworn testimonial:—

SATISBURY, Tioga Co., Pa., Oct. 31, 1868.

It is with a grateful feeling that I feel able to make the following statement for the benefit of those who are suffering from Scrofula and other Chronic Diseases. My wife had been suffering for several years from tumors or swellings on her neck which at a time would gather and discharge matter, leaving a running sore. She had been treated for most of the time by most eminent physicians with no permanent benefit, her disease becoming worse, until she had five of the running sores on her neck, when I employed Dr. H. D. Longaker, under whose treatment she commenced to improve very fast, the sores on her neck healed