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RE-ARRESTED.—John Donahue, who was lately released from Jail on a writ of *habeas corpus* was re-arrested on Tuesday at Claussville, by the Deputy Sheriff from Allentown.

FEVER AT CLAUSSVILLE.—Several cases of fever have lately occurred at Claussville and vicinity. The younger children and the old people are the sufferers.

CLOVER SEED.—The large quantity of nine hundred bushels of clover seed, has been shipped by Christman & Bowen, to Philadelphia and New York this winter.

ORDINATION.—Rev. F. W. Bartlett, who officiates each week in the Church of the Mediator, Sixth Ward, and also at Catasauqua, was ordained a Priest by Bishop Stevens, in Germantown, last Sunday a week.

SCHOOL TERMS.—A correspondent informs us that in Lynn Township a number of the schools have been closed, the short term of four months being over, and states that many more will close in a few weeks. He regrets that summer schools are rarely kept open and that the "Old School House" must be closed up.

LIME HAULING.—The late favorable state of the roads for sleighing has given employment to numerous teams in hauling lime from Guthsville and vicinity to Weisenberg, Lowhill, Whitehall and Heidelberg. Large quantities of this fertilizer are used in the upper part of the county, where the soil is mostly gravel land.

ACCIDENT.—James Stirling, an employee on the Lehigh and Susquehanna Railroad, was badly injured Thursday by having his right hand mashed while engaged in coupling cars. The wound was dressed by Dr. Apple of the First Ward, who thinks it possible that the thumb of the injured hand will have to be amputated.

SLEIGHING ACCIDENT.—On Thursday evening last, as Willoughby Sieger, of Lyon Valley, was driving in a sleigh from Claussville, the horse became frightened and ran away, upsetting the sleigh and leaving the occupants in the snow. The shafts of the sleigh were broken and the horse went on his way to the barn. They were the property of Mr. T. D. Frey. Fortunately no one was hurt.

MR. D. N. FOSTER.—Mr. Foster's brother has been in the West for some days, looking for a place of business. He received a letter from him yesterday noon, stating that he had rented a store at Terre Haute, Indiana. Mr. Foster will therefore locate at that place, where he will form a copartnership with his brother. His enterprise and business tact will command success for him, wherever he goes.

RAILROAD MATTERS.—The tea traffic over the Pacific Railroad is increasing, and destined to be a source of great revenue in the future. One thousand packages of the tea, cargo of the ship Benefactress, at San Francisco, have gone forward to Chicago, by rail, the remaining 10,000 packages are ordered to be shipped to New York by the consignees, A. A. Low & Co.

FIRE.—Wednesday night, about half past nine o'clock, a barn belonging to Mrs. Lentz, on the corner of Fifth and Gordon streets, was discovered to be on fire. Three citizens who were passing tore off some of the boards and effected an entrance. With the assistance of the neighbors the fire was extinguished without further loss than that of a quantity of hay which was consumed. Again, it is supposed, this was the work of an incendiary, which, but for the prompt action of our citizens, might have resulted in wide spread destruction.

NEARLY FULL.—The tier of officers in the second floor of Lion Hall, which have lately been very elegantly fitted up, are nearly all occupied, only two remaining unengaged. No. 1 will soon be occupied by the Franklin Savings Bank, No. 2 is now occupied as the office of the Coplay Cement Company, No. 3 by Charles Eckert's Insurance Agency and No. 4 by James S. Biery, Attorney at Law. As regards location, design and finish, there is not another tier of offices like these in the city.

G. A. R.—We are exceedingly sorry to learn that the entertainment promised by the Grand Army of the Republic, will have to be postponed for some time. The proprietors of the scenery, &c., who present the drama to the public, have written to say that their numerous engagements in Connecticut preclude the possibility of their performing in Allentown for some weeks. The Grand Army of the Republic intend to carry their entertainment through notwithstanding the difficulties they encountered. The "Drummer Boy of Shiloh" is to be performed in Easton next week and will as usual attract crowds of visitors.

BLACK-MAILING.—An advertisement was given to us, to insert in the REGISTER of last week, offering two rooms for rent and directing applicants to send letters to Post Office, addressed to "Two Rooms." Last week, anonymous letters were sent to all the saloon and hotel keepers in town, telling them to send $10 addressed to "Two Rooms," Allentown P. O., or they would be prosecuted for violating the liquor law. The chief of police was on the watch, to see who would apply for the letters, and on Saturday a citizen of Allentown applied for them. He was arrested, but, producing a copy of the REGISTER, he declared he had simply advertised two rooms for rent, and knew nothing of the letters to saloon keepers. He was not detained, but, if his story is true, then there must have been one of the most remarkable coincidences in the choice of address that ever was heard of.

BIG TURKEY.—Sheriff Fetter, of Bethlehem, had a big Turkey that, when dressed, weighs 30 lbs.

THE Allen House is to be enlarged during the coming summer; so is the Mansion House at Mauch Chunk.

THE WEEKLY PROGRESS is the name of a new paper just started in South Bethlehem. Typographically it is ahead of anything printed in that borough.

THE Columbia's grey coats that are universally admired were made at the establishment of Wanamaker & Brown, corner Sixth and Market streets, Philadelphia.

REAL ESTATE CHANGES.—Henry T. Kleckner has sold a house and lot of ground on the East side of Ridge Road, between Chew and Turner, 50 feet front by 215 in depth, to Abraham Wolf, of Lebanon county, property of James McCoy.

A GOOSE, the property of Mr. Louis Haas, of Lowhill, in forty-five days, laid twenty-two eggs. As Josh Billings remarks, a bird of this character is likely to injure her "Constitution and Bye-Laws."

WHEELER & WILSON'S SEWING MACHINES.—We call the attention of our readers to the advertisement in our columns relative to this admirable machine. The agency is three doors below the German Reformed church.

TOMATOES and hot-house cucumbers are for sale in Chestnut street. For the former is asked 80 cents a quart. As they are no better than the canned article that sells for a fourth, they sell but slowly. The cucumbers, however, are very fine.

THE board of engineers of the fire department held a meeting last Wednesday evening, at which they decided on the style of badges and lanterns to be hereafter used. Adjourned until next Thursday.

AT Reading, on Wednesday evening, died Mr. Alfred Ermentrout. He was formerly a soldier of the 88th Pennsylvania Regiment, and his health has been long expected, as he has been afflicted with consumption.

THE INCOME TAX.—We are authorized to say that the announcement in the Allentown *Democrat* that the Income Tax is payable on or before the first of May, is entirely erroneous. No time has yet been set for the collection of this year's taxes.

THE miners are going to work again in the coal regions and we shall soon have the long coal trains through again. It is a good thing that the men have concluded to go to work, their action was injurious to themselves and to the community at large.

REMOVALS TO ALLENTOWN.—Squire Weiss, of Weisenburg, had a sale of his effects last Friday, preparatory to moving to Allentown. There have never been so many removals from this place as this Spring and the majority are moving to this city. A correspondent suggests that the capitalists of Allentown will do well to build neat brick houses, to accommodate the continual new comers who are continually coming there.

SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY—GOOD PRICES.—At the sale of personal property late of James Stewart, deceased, in Whitehall township, on the 7th and 8th inst., the stock, etc., brought unusually good prices. Horses sold for $300, $220, $195 and $145. Nine cows were sold, not one of which brought less than $63, and some of them sold as high as $83. The house and lot of 60 feet front by 180 feet deep was sold to John Jacobs, residing thereon, for $1100.

CHANGE OF FAITH.—Rev. John H. Wagner, of Lancaster, formerly of Pittsburgh, writes us as follows:

"After many months of soul conflicts, at times succeeding to repress my convictions, and hoping and believing I could remain in the Reformed Church and labor as a minister, I have been compelled finally to submit myself to the Catholic Church, and am now a member."—*Reformed Church Messenger.*

WHAT OUR NEIGHBORS SAY.—Our friend and former partner Robert Iredell, Jr., has established a daily newspaper, the CHRONICLE, in connection with his weekly, the LEHIGH REGISTER, at Allentown, Pa. [illegible] have reached us, and we must compliment the publisher on the neat and handsome sheet he presents. Allentown is a thrifty, and enterprising and thoroughly "live" city, and we hope for the complete success of the new enterprise.—*Wilmington Commercial.*

C. BRAUSS, who has his fish stand at No. 62 West Hamilton street, above the Cross Keys Hotel, lately received from the city a large halibut weighing 107 pounds. A part of it was left out on Friday night under a shed in a barrel, and some midnight prowler stole it. There were shad, haddock and perch in the barrel, but the gentleman or men preferred halibut and took it—with sauce. Mr. Brauss desires always to be polite, and he wishes to enquire if they will "take any more fish," because if they will, he would like to serve them—as they deserve.

REPORT of coal transported over the Lehigh Valley Railroad for the week ending Mar. 5, 1870, compared with same time last year:

	For Week	For Year
Total Wyoming	9,300 07	133,011 06
" Hazleton	14,925 01	343,002 03
" Upper Lehigh	49 15	520 06
" Beaver Meadow	4,022 01	116,529 15
" Mahanoy	12,261 19	70,731 15
" Mauch Chunk		427 15
Grand Total	35,529 03	674,223 15
Same time 1868	37,101 04	525,702 15
Decrease	1,572 01	

FIRE! FIRE! AGAIN.—The nightly cry of fire was heard at about the usual time, on Monday. The Fire Department quickly were hurrying along Hamilton street, but, through the energy of citizens, there services were fortunately not needed again the incendiaries were foiled in their attempt to spread destruction. The scene of their operations this time was Law Alley and the attempt was made to fire the property of Mrs. Kuhns, formerly used as a stable, now containing carpenter tools. Some shavings had been placed inside and then ignited from without, the cowardly villains evidently supposing the flames would rapidly spread before the alarm could be raised. The motive of these wretches we cannot tell, but that they are persistent in these horrible attempts is very evident.

ANOTHER COMPLIMENTARY NOTICE.—The Editorial Column of the Philadelphia *Ledger* yesterday contained the following notice:

JOURNALISM.—The Daily Chronicle, of Allentown, Pa., a four-page evening paper, has just made its appearance. Its object is to give the important news of the day, together with the items of interest occurring in the vicinity of Allentown, and to furnish the journal at such a price that it will enter the houses of the working men as well as those of the wealthy. It is neatly printed, exhibits spirit and enterprise, and is published by Robert Iredell, Jr.

The DAILY CHRONICLE is winning golden opinions from all sources. Subscribers are every day sending in their names and the CHRONICLE news boys are becoming an Allentown Institution. Pressure of business in the Job department and the necessity for early publication have hitherto prevented us doing justice to ourselves, but our intention is to more than fulfill the early promise of our paper. The unbooked for demand for the CHRONICLE has made us run short of our editions the last day or two, and our exchanges have suffered, but we will be better prepared in the future.

ONE OF THE VICTIMS OF THE ONEIDA DISASTER.—We regret to say that the reported death of Mr. John Fornance, Second Assistant Engineer of the ill-fated corvette Oneida, is confirmed. Mr. Fornance went down with that gallant crowd of officers who stood to their posts to the last and whose record is written in the first account of the disaster, "They behaved nobly."

John Fornance was a young man, about twenty-five years of age, and a native of Norristown. There he was known and there he had many friends to whom the news of his death is a sad blow. He graduated with high honors at the Polytechnic College, Philadelphia. The promise of his youth was having a fulfillment in his bright manhood when, perhaps by culpable negligence, he was lost to his country and his friends.

During the late civil war he served in the navy and was ever distinguished for devotion to duty and courage. It is said by one who knew him well "He never knew what fear was," and so we may believe that when the waters were closing over that devoted vessel he had no fear for the future, for "he knew his duty," and he did it *well.*

AT Claussville in the early part of last week, four deaths occurred, three children and one adult. Interments took place in Lowhill Cemetery.

ON Saturday last a hen belonging to Mr. Jonathan Reichard laid an egg measuring 8¾ by 7 inches. A pretty fat hen that must be.

SELLING off winter goods at cost and below cost, hose, leggings, socks, hoods, gloves, &c., to make place for spring goods, at Mrs. Guldin's, 34 East Hamilton street.—*Adv.*-3t.

ON hand at all times, ladies' ready-made under garments, such as tucked, embroidered and plain skirts, chemises, night dresses, &c., at Mrs. Guldin's, No. 34 East Hamilton street.—*Adv.*-3t.

THE best of Italian 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.*

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.*

NEW CARS.—Messrs. Frederick & Co., of Fullerton, are building twelve box cars, with Winslow's patent roof, for Howard & Co.'s Lehigh Valley Freight Line. They will be delivered about the first of April.

ON Sunday, the 6th inst., a wedding took place in Lowhill, at which a large number of invited guests were present and a very happy time was spent. The parties were Benjamin Frey, Esq., and Miss Adamina Diehl, both of Lowhill township.

ACCIDENT AT CATASAUQUA.—On Monday a flat car was left on the track at Catasauqua by the down Furnace train. The car was left on the up track and the up coal train running into it went off and threw the coal cars in all directions. Fourteen cars were off the track and delayed the noon down freight and the up coal trains. The accident will not interfere with the passenger trains.

SUDDEN DEATH IN PHILADELPHIA.—A man named Wm. J. Riley started for his place of employment at the usual hour on Saturday morning and feeling unwell when he had reached Third and South streets, stopped into Dugan's Drug Store and obtained a stimulant. A few moments after taking it he died. His sudden death was caused by heart disease. The deceased resided at 1605 Shetlah street, was forty-one years of age and unmarried.

MISCELLANEOUS.—Navigation on the Schuylkill Canal has been resumed.

On Sunday and Monday we had our usual weekly allowance of sleighing.

Several of the Western Union Telegraph Company's poles, between Bethlehem and Philadelphia, were blown down on Saturday evening.

Olive Logan recently travelled twenty-seven miles in twenty-three minutes, on a special train on a Western Railway.

ACCIDENT TO THE REV. MINNIG.—An accident which came near resulting in a serious calamity, occurred at the house of the Rev. Minnig, on Saturday night last. The house is heated by means of registers, and, as usual before retiring to rest, they were properly fixed. By some means or other the register in Mr. Minnig's room came open during the night, and he woke to find himself in an almost suffocating condition. Had it not been for his Providential awakening, death might have been the result of the accident. Restoration to pure air enabled the reverend gentleman to quickly recover from the effects of the gas he had inhaled, and it is hoped and believed that no serious consequences will follow.

THE following bill has been signed by Governor Geary and is law:

An Act to prevent the injury or destruction of baggage within the limits of the State of Pennsylvania.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same: that any baggage master, express agent, stage driver, hackman, or other person whose duty it is to handle, remove or take care of the baggage of passengers, who shall wilfully or recklessly injure or destroy any trunk, valise, box, package or parcel with while loading, transporting, unloading, demisdemeanor, and on conviction thereof shall be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars.

THE STEEL RAIL exhibited at the American Hotel has caused much excitement in town and great hopes are entertained by some that the advent of the age of Steel is at hand. The evidence of skilled mechanics favors this supposition, and the experiments at the Hope Rolling Mill have been declared by the more sanguine as perfectly conclusive. Certain it is that Steel top-rails were rolled yesterday in Allentown, amid the cheering of the workmen, and that is one of the things that "sceptics" find hard to get over. This favorable result of the experiments at the Hope Mill more than realizes the expectations of those who had them in charge.

THE OCEANS DEPTH.—The deep sounding, made in connection with the laying of the submarine cables, show the average depth of the Atlantic Ocean to be 12,000 feet. This ocean floor begins 150 miles from the Irish coast, from which point the descent to deep waters is very rapid, reaching 10,500 feet in fifty miles, and making the declivity greater than that of the Italian Alps. The deepest part of the ocean is on the American side, near the Newfoundland banks, where an immense basin exists, ranging east and west for nearly 1,000 miles, whose depth is supposed to excel the height of the Himalayan range.

DR. GEORGE ROMIG.—Dr. George Romig, who has practiced medicine as an Allopath in this town, has been in Philadelphia for some time past at the Hahnemann Medical College, preparing himself for the practice of homepathy. Dr. Romig, with great credit, passed the necessary examinations last week, and to-day he graduated. The annual commencement of the College took place at noon at the Academy of Music, Philadelphia, and the degrees were conferred by the President of the Board of Trustees. Friends of the students were present in great numbers, and the proceedings were enlivened by the sweet strains of a magnificent orchestra, under the direction of Mr. Carl Guertner. The valedictory address was delivered by Prof. C. G. Raue, M. D., whose well known scientific attainments insured for him an attentive audience. The fortunate graduates were the recipients of the usual floral compliments, and were greeted with applause by the audience. Dr. Romig will return to town in a few days and commence the active duties of his profession. The thorough course of study he has gone through, in order to render himself proficient in the allopathic and homeopathic treatment of diseases, and his personal popularity in our city, make his success a matter of certainty, and we shall be glad to welcome him on his return.

THE COUNTY MEETING AT BETHLEHEM.—The following circular was issued by the undersigned, for the purpose therein stated:

BETHLEHEM, PA., March 5, 1870.

MR. ———

DEAR SIR:

It is proposed to erect a new county out of portions of Northampton, Bucks and Lehigh counties, with the county seat at Bethlehem.

It was agreed upon at an informal meeting of citizens favorable to a new county, of which meeting the under-signed were designated as Secretaries, that a regular meeting of citizens for the exchange of views on the subject be held in Citizens' Hall, in the Borough of Bethlehem, on Saturday, March 12, 1870, at 2 o'clock, p. m., to which you are respectfully invited to attend.

The movement for a new county is a very popular one in the localities which would be included within the lines of the same, and it is believed that intelligent, combined and earnest cooperation of those in favor of the project will insure its success. The necessity for a new county it is believed exists and can be demonstrated.

Respectfully yours,
D. J. GODSHALK,
J. HOWARD BURKE,
Secretaries.

The meeting was largely attended by the people from the townships proposed to be included in the new county, as well as by the citizens of Bethlehem, and all, as far as they had been able to ascertain the sense of their respective districts, reported the project as being received with favor by the majority of the townships. C. A. Luckenbach, of Bethlehem, was appointed to preside and addresses were made by Mr. Godshalk, of the *Bethlehem Times*, J. Howard Burke, and many others. An executive committee was appointed, and also a sub-committee for the purpose of drawing up resolutions and resolutions to be presented to the legislature, after which the meeting adjourned *sine die.*

BIG CALF.—Mr. Joel Snyder, of North Whitehall, Lehigh Co., raised a calf which weighed hog dressed 159½ lbs., being only 33 days old.

JAMES WISE, the Allentown brewer, sells the best Sarsaparilla, etc., in the market. His manufactures are very popular. For sale everywhere.

MR. E. R. MATTHEWS, formerly on Seventh street, has opened a new hat and cap store on Hamilton street two doors above Sixth, Allentown, where he has laid in a new stock, at new prices and is selling at remarkably low prices.

WHISKEY RAID IN PHILADELPHIA.—The Richmond whiskey district was raided upon by some of the United States Marshal's Deputies on Saturday, and several worms and a lot of other paraphernalia used for purposes of distillation, were captured and safely taken to the U. S. Storehouse.

PRESBYTERIAN SUNDAY SCHOOL.—On Sunday afternoon the usual monthly concert of the Presbyterian Sabbath School was held, and notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather there was a good attendance. After school the usual half yearly election took place with the following result: Dr. A. Barnes, Superintendent; Mr. L. Moore, Librarian; Mr. Miles Eckert, Assistant Librarian; and Mr. John Stopp, Secretary.

NEW STOVE AND TINWARE STORE.—John J. Laubach has opened a new stove and tinware store, on Hamilton street, two doors above the Balliet House, Allentown, where he invites the public to call and examine his stock. Old housekeepers as well as those just commencing, will find it to their advantage to make their purchases of Mr. Laubach. He has laid in his stock, all new, at the lowest prices, and he is therefore enabled to sell as low as the lowest.

AN ALLEGED EMBEZZLER ARRESTED IN PHILADELPHIA.—Upon information received through Watson & Bradbury, 217 Chestnut street, an order was issued by John Kelney, Chief of Detectives for the arrest of C. W. Fisher, alias King, alias Tray, alias French, alias Fairbanks, alias Freeman. The prisoner has been employed by Messrs. Fields, Osgood & Co., the well known publishers of Boston, as a canvasser, and is charged with having embezzled about $1500, belonging to his employers. He is held in custody awaiting the arrival of a detective officer from Boston. Messrs. Fields, Osgood & Co., are the publishers of many magazines and the prisoner has been taking subscriptions for them.

THE CHURCHES.—On Sunday, owing to the severe snow storm which prevailed all day, the attendance at the different churches was small. The ordinance of baptism was administered in the evening at the Baptist church, corner of Sixth and Chew streets, and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at the First Presbyterian Church. Mr. Wagner, at the English Reformed church, discoursed on that incident in the life of our Lord, when, in the house of Simon, the woman who was a sinner washed his feet with her tears and did wipe them with the hair of her head. At the Episcopal church there was no service in consequence of the indisposition of the rector.

THE CELEBRATION OF ST. PATRICK'S DAY.—On Thursday next, the anniversary of Ireland's patron Saint, will be celebrated by the Sons of Erin in a more than ordinary way. The procession of the Irish Societies, Irish military companies, Fenians, etc., will be formed in Sixth Ward, early in the morning, and will march into the city proper about 9 o'clock, and will return to the St. Mary's Chapel to attend religious service. After service the procession will march to Catasauqua and Hokendauqua, where they will take dinner, and then after going to Coplay and Lehigh Valley they will come back in the cars. The City Cornet and Coplay Bands have been secured and they have been engaged in practising tunes which are dear to the Irishman.

In New York City the arrangements have been completed, and it is expected there will be a large turnout. The Mayor is to head the procession.

COPLAY ITEMS.—Prof. S. D. King has been giving instructions to a class numbering upwards of forty members, in Myer's Hall, Coplay borough. The first term was completed last Friday evening and a second one commenced on Monday evening characteristic of the first.

The people of Coplay can now congratulate themselves upon the fact that they have a Post Office of their own or will have in a few days hence. Mr. Reuben Dutt has been commissioned as postmaster in place of Thomas Laubach. The post office on the other side of the river, known as Laubach's, is to be transferred to Coplay by which name it is to be known hereafter.

Mr. George Kiefer, of Coplay, met with an accident on Wednesday last, which resulted in a fracture of his leg. He was engaged at the time in unloading car-wheels, at the car works at Stemton, when accidentally one slipped and fell on him.

At a meeting held last Tuesday evening, at the public house of Moses Peter, the Coplay Building Association disposed of five shares—four at $69 and one at $70.

Rev. D. E. Schoedler, of Bethlehem, will lecture at the Siegfried's Bridge School House on Friday evening next. Subject "The Pennsylvania German Dialect." K.

Lehigh County Sunday School Intelligence.

On Sunday, March 6th, a meeting was held in Newhard's Public School House, Whitehall township, to make preliminary arrangements for a Sunday School to be held at that place. Citizens of Whitehall residing in the vicinity assembled, and the meeting was organized by appointing Mr. Tilghman G. Helfrich, President of the Sunday School Association. The following permanent officers for the Sunday School were elected:

Superintendent—A. P. Pflueger.
Assistant Superintendent—O. P. Pflueger
Secretary—Franklin Kocher.
Treasurer—E. Frankenfield.
Librarian—F. J. Newhard.

It is to be hoped that the earnest spirit which has favorably commenced this new enterprise may urge the parents of the district to a participation in the good work. Much can be done at home in the family circle, toward making this schools success. Parents by openly declaring their sympathy for the undertaking, will infuse into their children an anxiety which will result in a large list of scholars. The gentlemen who have moved in the good work, however, need not only the children and encouraging words; the presence of parents at the school will add to the interest, and their means must be liberally given to secure the books and fixtures necessary to make a Sunday School attractive. We trust the Committee appointed to collect funds will meet with a cheerful reception everywhere, and that each one called upon will give in proportion as the Lord has favored.

We take special interest in this school from the fact that it has been organized in winter. It has already been stated at some of our Sunday School Conventions that Sunday Schools could not be kept open during winter. A stunning blow was given to this old fogy notion at the North Whitehall Sunday School Institute, held Nov. 6th, 1869, when a unanimous "aye" was given to the question, "can our Sunday Schools be kept up the entire year." The people of Whitehall by their action last Sunday declare that Sunday Schools can not only be kept open, but that new schools can be organized in winter. We look upon this movement as one of the "good signs of the times."

It will not come amiss here to throw a few hints concerning the object of the Sunday Schools. We can find nothing more to the point than the words given in the "Sunday School Hand Book."

"The object of the Sunday School is the salvation of the child; to bring him to Christ, to develop in him the life of Christ, and to insure for him a place with Christ at the right hand of the Father."

"No child can come to Christ except with the knowledge of the way. There is no way except that described in the Scriptures. The child is to be informed, by the parent or teacher, of his need of a Savior. There is to be developed in his understanding and impressed upon his heart the character and work of that Savior, the suffering, sorrowing love of Jesus, his complete willingness and ability to redeem, purify and bless."

"But the object of the Sunday school is not only to bring the child to Christ, but to bring him *now*. Nothing less, nothing more. 'Nothing is done while any thing's left to be done,' was the motto of a great man. 'Nothing is done unless my scholars are saved,' ought to be the motto of every teacher."

"A school unconsciously takes on the spirit of its officers and teachers, particularly that of the superintendent. If the superintendent's heart has a single aim, and he works steadily and faithfully to that, it will not be long till the individual members of the school will make the discovery and respond to it."

"But observe, that no converted child can be retained in the school or the church, without constant care and instruction. There must be inculcated in the mind of the child profound Christian beliefs and opinions. He must be informed concerning the character, providence and government of God; must know of the duties, relations and estimates of man; of the excellence and obligations of virtue, of the wickedness and danger of vice, of the right use and responsibilities of talent, of influence and wealth, and the sinfulness of the heart; the danger and divine salvation of the soul."

"In this culture the storing of the mind with Scripture passages and the forms of sound doctrine in our articles of Religion and the Catechism, can scarcely be too highly estimated; for though the child may not at the time comprehend in all their breadth the instructions imparted, yet in the advancing years the time will come when they shall prove a bulwark of defense and when such garnered truth shall stand forth in more than an angel's radiance, dispelling the darkness of the path, kindling the heart, and preparing the soul for victory in every conflict." A. J. B.

LEHIGH COUNTIAN IN ALABAMA.

ATTELLA, Alabama, March 8th, 1870.

MR. EDITOR.—I arrived in the State of Alabama about two weeks ago, having travelled about a great deal before I brought up at this place, which is on the line of the Alabama and Chattanooga R. R., now being built by Mr. J. C. Stanton, a Boston man, with others to back him—all men of money, energy and perseverance, as is proven by the way they push the road through, at the rate of about half a mile per day. The labor is done mostly by negroes.

It is now made about 100 miles. Commencing at Chattanooga it takes a southwestern course through Wills Valley, a very fertile little valley, one mile or so wide, with the Lookout and Raccoon Mountains towering up on either side, which are supplied with an abundance of coal, ore and limestone. At this place the mountains break off and the country for twenty or thirty miles is more level and thinly settled. About sixty miles below here is Elyton, in Jefferson Co., the place where Messrs. Thomas and others, of Lehigh, bought fine ore and coal lands, and where they will put up iron works, no doubt, at some future day. From that place the road is to run to Tuscaloosa, thence to Meridian, Miss., which is 300 miles from Chattanooga. This State has been very liberal towards railroad enterprises, and they see the benefit of it too. It appropriates $16,000 per mile, and also give to this Company many thousand acres of land along the road and donates $2,000,000 to them besides.

The Company now offer these lands for sale at $2.50 per acre, which is cheap, as it is right good land when cleared. The Company have laid out a town here. It is so situated that I think it will make a fine place in time. Land in this valley, with improvements on, can be bought at $10, $15 and $20 der acre, and with proper cultivation, will yield, I think, as well as Lehigh lands. They produce cotton, corn, wheat, potatoes, sorghum, sugar cane, &c., and now will have a market for it, and an outlet which they never had before. The lands are well watered, timbered with hickory, white oak, rock oak, ash, poplar, cedar, maple, &c., Long leaf yellow pine lumber for building can be bought at $10 and $15 per thousand. The people in general are poor, not very intelligent, but peaceable. They do not take much pains to cultivate their land. Their plows are very small.—They fasten a little mule or a steer in front and get a darkey to follow it, ploughing one or two inches deep—use it in that way a few years without manure—then it is worn out and is then *turned out.* They seem to have advanced very little since the days of our father Adam. The good soil below is left for the Northern farmer, or until they see the value of deep plowing themselves. The climate here is very mild at present, and they tell me it is no hotter here in the Summer than it is in the North. Peach trees are in blossom, and potatoes and corn are being planted. Spring will come here in earnest. So taking all things into consideration, I think this country is not a bad place for a man of a little or of much means, to purchase a home or to invest his money. I have written this letter of things as they appear to me uninterestedly. It would be well if some would come and see for themselves. But for those who do not care to come themselves, I will consent, provided parties pay my expenses, to negotiate lands for them. A person living among them could buy better than a stranger, and I have been making myself acquainted with these matters. Any parties so desiring will write to me and I will try to help them.

JOS. MATCHETT, Atella, Etowah Co.,
[via Chattanooga.] Alabama.

THE CITY CHARTER.

ALLENTOWN, March 12, 1870.

MR. EDITOR—As most of our people are aware there is now before the Legislature a supplement to our City Charter. It appears to be necessary every year or two to have some "tinkering" done in this way in order to stop up the "leaks" discovered from time to time in our fundamental city law. Whether it would not be better to draft an entirely new and comprehensive Charter capable of standing the test of every emergency—one, in the getting up of which the needful amount of time and brain-work should be expended ungrudgingly—is a question mooted by many of our citizens. But with this particular point I don't propose to deal at present, but rather to call attention to one or two points connected with our present and proposed (by supplement to Charter above named) City Government and to make some suggestions.

We have now a Select Council of twelve members, two from each ward, elected on alternate years, to serve for a term of two years each. No change is proposed in this body, I believe. Our Common Council, composed of eighteen members, 3 from each ward, elected annually, it is proposed to divide into three classes, and extend the term to three years, so that one-third of the body shall be elected annually. This is done to guard against a groundless fear that at some future reorganization of the body, it should be found to consist of new members entirely. I say "groundless" because experience has proved it so; and the faithful public servant is almost always sure of an endorsement and re-election at the hands of his fellow-citizens at the polls. The effect of the change if carried out will be to make the Common Council the more experienced and important body of course, and hence it should exchange names with the other body and be called the Select Council.

Again, it is apparent to all that our Wards, are some of them, becoming entirely too large in voting population, and a division is now desirable and inevitable at an early day. Suppose this to be carried out, and the additional members, on the present basis, seated in our Council Chambers. It is easy to see that these bodies will become too large and cumbrous. Shou'd not this be provided against at once, and how shall it be done? Why plainly, our Wards should be subdivided at once and the number of representatives from each decreased. And would it not be well to do this by a section, added to the supplement now before our legislators? No doubt a great difference of opinion would manifest itself here, as considerations of balance of power, which party would be in the ascendancy in particular localities, etc., would have to be calculated, weighed and speculated about. But as some such result *must* come, why not now? I should suggest a new division of our city into nine (9) Wards, giving, with our present population, a vote of about 300 in each. I would then say, make our Select Council consist of nine members, one from each Ward, elected for three years, and divide the whole into three classes, so that one-third would go out every year. Let the Common Council consist of eighteen members, two from each Ward elected for two years and divided into two classes, so that one-half only would go out each year. The number of Wards being odd, whichever party carried the elections there would be no tie-vote in the Councils and hence no possible "dead-lock" in organizing from from year to year. Some might object that such Wards would be too small, but our rapidly increasing wealth and population would very soon remove that objection, even if seriously entertained, as I do not think it would be. I am sure our election boards could not consider it an objection.

I have suggested these views of my own, out of a sincere regard for the welfare and progress of our young city, and seeing our Representative in town, would commend them to his consideration.

SHOULD ALLENTOWN HAVE A PUBLIC MARKET?

The question is frequently asked why the country produce is so high in price. Let us see whether we cannot discover some reasons for at least a part of the high prices which we are compelled to pay for many articles needed for daily consumption. Things have come to such a pass that whoever expects a supply store successfully must either keep a team for his own use or must hire one at least once a week, either of which arrangements is not a little expensive. As there are no less than two dozen or more of these teams, representing so many different houses, reconnoitering the country all around, each one determined to take all he can get; it is very easy to imagine that there may be some overbidding among these competitors, and it will not take long for producers to learn that it is policy to ask enough for their commodities, as they will likely have several chances a day to dispose of them. It seems plain that in the single item of team hire, wages for the clerk, and feed and board during the days employed in collecting country produce, there is incurred an additional expense on every lot worth one hundred dollars at least five dollars, or five per cent., and if instead of collecting in one day one hundred dollars' worth, it should amount to fifty dollars, the additional expense would be ten per cent.; but give us a public market day, and our country cousins will be as anxious to be present with their produce to sell it as we are to purchase it. Why should we not have a public market?

Our next will open on the articles of Truck, &c.
MARKET.

NEWS ITEMS.

—George W. Pierce, of Westfield, has been committed to jail, in default of $3,000 bail, to await an examination on the charge of attempting to extort $25,000 from James Fisk, Jr., by means of anonymous letters, in which he threatened Fisk's life if his demands were not complied with.

—The latest marvelous feat in machinery is a "Horse Clipping Machine," which works by means of a comb capable of being readily run through the hair in any direction, while a sharp knife revolving close to its outer surface clips the ends of hair off smoothly and rapidly.

—Seven members of the editorial staff of the *Reforme* (newspaper) have been convicted of violations of the press law, and have received sentences of from one to four months imprisonment, and the total amount of fines imposed is 10,000 francs. M. Bazire, one of the writers for the *Marseillaise*, who on seeing the Emperor one day shouted "Vive la Republique," has been condemned to imprisonment for three months, and fined 500 francs.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

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. We refer to the new store of Richard Walker, No. 40 West Hamilton street.—*Adv.*

Croup generally comes on in the night when it is not easy to get medicine. Therefore take 25 cents and buy a bottle of PHŒNIX PECTORAL and keep it until you need it.

AN EXCELLENT REASON WHY T. C. Kernahen, of the old Allentown China, Glassware and Lamp Store, can sell cheaper than others, is that he buys and sells exclusively for Cash, thus gaining all the advantage of cash payments and losing nothing by credit sales.

A THIRD REASON why T. C. Kernahen, of the Allentown China, Glassware and Lamp Store can sell cheaper than others, is because he sells more than any two in the county put together.

Special attention is invited to card in this issue of Messrs. Thomas Potter, Son & Co.—Oil Cloths, Window Shades, &c., &c.

Hall's Vegetable Sicilian Hair Renewer, the most popular preparation of the age. Sold by all druggists.

PHILIP HENN requests us to state that he is ever ready to post the town or city a sale. Next to our daily and weekly editions, and we say it with all due regard to the ladies, Philip is the best advertising medium in town. Orders left at the American Hotel, or at the CHRONICLE Office, will receive prompt attention.

Fairmount Park.—The new park of Philadelphia, as a matter of interest, as it is a real credit to not only that city, but our entire State. It is so extensive and beautiful and contains so many objects of interest, that it will well repay a visit.

Wanamaker & Brown, the great clothing men, have issued a fine pocket map of the Park, which gives a very correct idea of its extent and laying out, and many very interesting items in reference to it. By dropping them a letter by calling at their Oak Hall Buildings when next in town, you can obtain a copy, free of charge.

Hall's Vegetable Sicilian Hair Renewer restores both the hair and its color, increases and thickens its growth.

City Folks and Country Folks.—The broad distinction which used to exist between city people