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JOHN G. SAXE.—John G. Saxe is to lecture in Reading on the 5th of April. His subject will be "Love."

THE SCHOOLMASTER ABROAD.—On a transparency outside a concert saloon in the city of Reading, post is spelled "poast," and funniest "funneist." This funnel speller was not poasted.

SMALL-POX AT HELLERTOWN.—The report that small-pox was prevailing at Hellertown is denied by Dr. P. B. Breinig, who says it is utterly without foundation.

A NEW WORD.—"NAVIGATIVE."—A contemporary says "the Lehigh canal is in a navigative condition." Navigative is a good word, a bully word—we like navigative.

TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS.—Any of our subscribers who may be changing their residence will oblige us by letting us know their new location, that the REGISTER or the CHRONICLE may be left regularly.

ALLENTOWN STEEL RAILS.—Competent judges are sanguine as to the success of the new Steel Rails which were yesterday laid on the Lehigh Valley Railroad. A new era is commencing in the trade of Allentown

PERSONAL.—We are glad to say that our friend, Mr. Karsten, who cut his foot while chopping wood has recovered from the effects of his accident. He gave us a call last week and we were glad to see him looking well and hearty.

THE PEAK FAMILY.—The Peak Family of Bell Ringers are to delight the citizens of Allentown shortly, and as old favorites are sure to have a crowded house. They are also to appear in Easton on the 1st and 2d of April. Allentown, April 5th and 6th.

FIRE.—At the residence of Mr. Franklin Kramer a fire lately occurred, which destroyed all the articles contained in a clothes room on the second story. No one knew anything of the fire until it had consumed all the light articles in the room and was entirely out.

PROGRESS IN BETHLEHEM.—The *Progress* is to haunt again. This handsome sheet is a credit to our neighboring town of Bethlehem. Our friend Mr. Schoedler has cause to be proud of its appearance, and its readers cannot but be satisfied with its contents. We wish it every success.

COLUMBIA FIRE COMPANY.—The next annual parade of the Columbia Fire Company will take place on Whit-Monday, June 6th.—The Columbia have, we understand, secured the services of the City Cornet Band for that occasion.

CITY HALL.—Our City Hall enterprise has not yet started. We want it on the main street. We want a good building. We want something that will be a credit to our city. It is an enterprise that will certainly pay if properly conducted. Who is the man to start it? The public will be glad to hear.

THE PHILHARMONIC CONCERT AT EASTON.—The concert given at Easton, on Tuesday week, by the Bethlehem Philharmonic Society, was a great success, both in a monetary and musical point of view. The Easton papers speak most highly of the singing of Miss Selfridge and Mr. Knause, the leading Soprano, and indeed of all the performers, vocal and instrumental. We would be pleased, indeed, if the Society would honor Allentown with a visit.

METHODIST CHURCH.—Rev. J. F. Crouch in speaking of his successor to the Methodist Episcopal Church in this city, (Rev. W. Swindells) said he wanted it distinctly understood, that his name should be pronounced with the accent on the last syllable. A man has generally a fancy to be called by this own name, and as we have already seen this name printed Swindel and Swindles, we consider Mr. Crouch's announcement very *apropos*.

REPORT of coal transported over the Lehigh Valley Railroad for the week ending Mar. 19, 1870, compared with same time last year:

	For Week	For Year
Total Wyoming	8,550 01	160,990 17
" Hazleton	18,578 12	389,400 13
" Upper Lehigh	22 11	542 16
" Beaver Meadow	5,671 17	125,531 16
" Mahanoy	1,845 15	73,120 02
" Mauch Chunk		147 17
Grand Total	34,828 14	750,694 01
Same time 1869	30,107 13	
Decrease	3,996 18	
Increase		83,914 02

A PAYING LIFE INSURANCE.—Of the ten men who organized the Lehigh Division of the Sons of Temperance on May 21, 1844, *two* broke their pledge of total abstinence and are dead. Of the eight consistent members, one is dead and the rest are over sixty years of age and in good health.

This corresponds with and corroborates the statement in the twenty-first annual report of the Jordan Division, published in the REGISTER of March, that out of 827 members only 18 of the consistent members have died, while 70 members who returned to their cups have died. It is the old story, drinking intoxicating liquor destroys life—total abstinence saves life.

THE NEW METHODIST CLERGYMEN.—The *Free Press* say that Rev. Mr. Welch, who has been appointed to Easton, is said to be a good preacher and an excellent man. He has of late been stationed in Texas, having been previously a chaplain in the United States Army. While in Texas he filled the honorable position of Presiding Elder.

Mr. Chew who takes the South Easton church, has for the last two years been pastor of the Hancock street church in Philadelphia, and is very favorably spoken of.

The Rev. W. Swindells, who is to succeed Rev. J. Crouch in Allentown, is spoken of as an acquisition to the Allentown pulpits. His farewell sermon to his last charge was both forcible and eloquent.

ACCIDENT TO AN ORE TRAIN ON L. V. R. R.—At 6.30 Friday morning, as the up iron train was making a ruling switch at the Jordan Manufacturing Company's siding, the switch was not turned quickly enough and two cars ran off the track. One was thrown down an embankment, breaking the car to pieces and dumping the ore. The train was delayed several hours.

IMPORTANT TO SOLDIERS.—(The following we have before called attention to, but its importance and our increased circulation warrant its reiteration): Soldiers who enlisted in the army between the 3rd of May and the 22d of July, 1861, to serve three years or during the war, and were honorably discharged within two years of their term of service, are entitled to a bounty of $100. This has lately been decided by the Supreme Court of the United States.

RUNAWAY.—On Friday noon a horse standing at the E. Penn. Junc., hitched to a wagon loaded with leather, got frightened at a passing locomotive and ran off. After running about a quarter of a mile he ran against a car standing on a siding and tearing loose from the wagon started down the L. V. R. R. track. With some difficulty he was caught. The wagon was not broken and nobody was hurt.

GOOD WILL FIRE COMPANY.—The Good Will Fire Company are making preparations for the stabling of the span of horses they will shortly purchase. The citizens of Allentown have responded to the call made upon them for the purchase of these horses, and they will have the satisfaction of knowing that the Department is more efficiently equipped and in a better condition to protect their property.

G. F. T.—The celebrated Train is to appear in Allentown. When he comes, we understand, he is to be serenaded. We are afraid that this compliment will scarcely be appreciated. George's bashful, retiring nature, causes him to shrink from anything like notoriety. Stringed instruments should be used. If our citizens are determined on paying George a musical compliment. The others might be considered personal, and to a sensitive, delicate organization, stringed music will probably be more acceptable. G. F. T. will make a sensation.

M. E. CONFERENCE.—At the Philadelphia Conference of the M. E. church, held at Pottsville, which adjourned Monday 21, the following appointments were made for the Lehigh Valley:—Mauch Chunk, J. F. Crouch; East Mauch Chunk, to be supplied; Parryville and Lehighton, J. Lindemuth; Slatington Mission, E. H. Hoffman; Catasauqua, J. J. Jones; Allentown, William Swindells; Friedensville and Quakertown, J. W. Knapp; Bethlehem, George S. Broadbent; Easton, Joseph Welsh.

WHAT OUR NEIGHBORS SAY.—The Allentown *Chronicle* of to-day enters upon the third week of its publication, full of hope and bright prospects for the future. It is decided-ly a spicy and business-like paper.—*Easton Express.*

Of the many complimentary notices we have received and have from time to time published in our paper, none are so welcome as the *Express* ions of good will from our local contemporaries. We thank our neighbor of the *Express*, for his kind notice.

ACCIDENT.—A singular and serious accident occurred to a lad named Charles White, who resides with his parents on Penn St between Walnut and Union. He had been sick and was sitting watching his young companions at play, when one of them essayed his skill at a "long jump." The boy stood, for the jump, in front of Charles, and had a stone in each hand. When he jumped he let both stones go, and both of them struck young White violently on the head, injuring him very seriously. The boy has since been confined to his bed, but we are glad to hear his condition is improving.

THE CITY HALL.—"Allentown wants a Public Hall." That is a sentence which is continually going the rounds of the papers in this vicinity, but there is no one that can take such an interest in the assertion or be more painfully conscious of its truth than the citizens of Allentown. Who is public spirited enough to make the start? It will pay the projector and there is capital lying idle in Allentown to start the work. Gentlemen of the monied interest step to the front, you are wanted. Some of you "toil not neither do you spin." Go in and build and employ your minds, rouse up your activities and benefit the community. It is worth doing, and, of course, worth doing well

MINING ACCIDENT.—On Thursday the 17th inst., a terrible accident occurred at Plymouth, by which ten men were seriously injured. The accident occurred at the Deleware and Hudson Canal shaft, No. 1, known as Kern's shaft. This shaft is 360 feet deep and on Thursday, while these men were descending, some portion of the machinery became disarranged and the "hoist" went down the shaft with fearful velocity. The brakes were instantly applied but were unable altogether to check the speed of descent and the result was the above accident.

DONE FOR.—Among the strangers who yesterday arrived in Philadelphia was Mr. Tracy Wood. Mr. Wood is a wheelwright. He resides in Chester county. He transacted his business during the morning. In the afternoon, for the purpose of seeing English sparrows, he visited the vicinity of Franklin Square. While surveying the movements of the feathered creatures, and thinking of the Spiritual times when two sparrows were sold for a farthing, he was approached by a sell-looking gentleman, in a white necktie. Mr. Wood had visited the city yarder for the purpose of purchasing a cabinet organ. He so informed the stranger. This led the conversation to serious subjects. The stranger stated that ever since he had the consumption he had abandoned all other than sacred music. In this view of the subject Mr. Wood heartily coincided. Being "on the verge of the grave," the stranger allowed the practice of secular music partook of unlimited levity. Mr. Wood sympathizes with the suffering. Being himself a Sunday-school teacher, he rejoiced that the stranger was "in the straight path." When they parted it was with a promise from the stranger, if he survived, to visit Chester county next June. Something else parted about the same time. When Mr. Wood undertook to compare notes with the State House clock, his watch was gone. As it was worth but $15, his heart is not broken over its departure. The thing that worries him is that any man "on the verge of the grave" should be so wicked.—*Philadelphia Bulletin.*

FIRE AGAIN.—Last Wednesday morning about two o'clock, the inmates of Ballier's restaurant, the large three story brick dwelling on Seventh street, a few doors above the Allentown National Bank, were aroused from their slumbers by suffocating smoke, which filled the house. They found that all means of egress were entirely cut off and they aroused some of the neighbors, and after considerable difficulty were rescued from an almost certain death by means of ladders.

The alarm of fire was quickly given, but at this time of the morning persons wake with the greatest difficulty, and those who were aroused were slow to believe the truth of the alarm, especially as there was no glare in the sky, and our firemen had been fooled by a false alarm the previous evening. Our reporter was promptly on the scene. On reaching the spot, the fire was found to be bursting forth from the entrance in a roaring flame, and as the firemen were preparing for service, amid the cries and urging of the crowd, the excitement became intense. The Columbia, Good Will and America worked bravely, and notwithstanding some drawbacks, soon deluged the building with water, and the flames were got under control. Our excellent steamers worked without intermission until the last spark died away.

The damage was at first supposed to be very heavy. The furniture is almost entirely a total loss. The fire swept up the stairway to the roof, which is badly damaged. The back building, bar room and second story front room are not seriously burned. The total loss is variously estimated at from $3,500 to $5,000, though it is impossible to ascertain accurately what the real amount is. The insurance on the building is $3,000 in the Enterprise of Philadelphia and $3,000 in the Northampton of Easton. The furniture is insured in the Lehigh Valley Insurance Company. It is believed from the locality of the outbreak

THE ninth discourse in the series of Old Testament scenes, will be delivered in the Presbyterian church to-morrow evening, at 7 o'clock. Subject—"The Preparation of Moses for his great office;" illustrated by a map.

CATASAUQUA & FOGELSVILLE RAILROAD.—The earnings and receipts of the Catasauqua & Fogelsville Railroad Company have largely increased within the past few years. Chas. Chapman, Esq., is the present superintendent.

JUDGE LAUBACH.—Judge Laubach, one of the Associate Judges of the several Courts of Northampton county, intending shortly to remove to Bethlehem, has disposed of his interest in the mercantile business, at Laubachsville, to Thomas Quinn.

AVONDALE RELIEF ASSOCIATION.—At a meeting of the Avondale Relief Association, held at the First National Bank of Plymouth, on Monday evening last, E. C. Wadham (President,) Chairman, the following was among the resolutions passed:

Resolved, That the Secretary is hereby directed to commence suits against all delinquent subscribers to the Avondale Fund—but in each case to give twenty days notice before any steps are taken to enforce the collection of the same.

ATTEMPT TO FIRE A DWELLING HOUSE.—We learn that on Thursday last an attempt was made to set fire to the house of Mr. Spatz, who resides on Fourth street between Hamilton and Walnut. A lot of paper was stuffed underneath a wood building that leans against the front of the house and was set fire to. Fortunately the fire only smouldered for a time and then went out and thus the attempt failed. Incendiarism is a crime that is rampant in this community. We have some bad rascals amongst us, who are carrying on this vile work. The utmost vigilance is necessary amongst our police officers and the villains may yet be detected.

CONVOCATION.—The Schuylkill and Lehigh Convocation will meet at Christ Church, Reading, on Monday, the 25th inst. The first service will be held on Monday evening at 7 o'clock, when the Convocation Sermon will be preached. Service and sermon on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings at 10, and on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings at 7. The Holy Communion will be celebrated on Wednesday morning, and the closing services held on Wednesday evening. The offerings of the congregation will be received at each service for the funds of the Convocation.—*The Parish Monitor.*

ATTEMPT AT BURGLARY.—Last Wednesday night, between the hours of twelve and one, an attempt was made to break into the house of Mr. Josiah German, at the corner of Sixth and Linden streets. The burglars were disturbed by a young man who had been out "making a call." He doesn't generally stay so late and considers it quite providential that he had happened to forget "how late it was." That's what he says. He describes these midnight maranders as "two tall men, masked and having with them a large dog." The alarming increase of crime in our midst, as proved by the late incendiary fires, &c., make it very necessary for citizens to be prepared for these ugly customers and give them a warm reception.

TO PENSIONERS.—A circular has been issued by W. T. Forbes, U. S. Agent for payment of Pensions at Philadelphia, to enable Pensioners to collect their own Pensions with the least possible trouble and expense, and to protect them from illegal and unnecessary charges. Heretofore a great many Pensioners have employed an agent or attorney who have charged enormous and illegal fees for the collection of the same. The object of the Government is to protect Pensioners from useless delay and expense by paying directly through the officers appointed for the purpose, and whose duty it is to pay these pensions at the least possible cost to pensioners. W. T. Forbes, No. 718 Sansom street, Philadelphia, is an authorized agent for the payment of Pensions, and to whom those interested should apply.

SHOCKING ACCIDENT.—About two o'clock on Tuesday morning, a young man named William Brinder, about 24 years of age, employed at the bone mill of Miller & Smith, beyond the Reading Rolling Mill, met with a horrible death by being ground up in the phosphate mixing tub. The tub is of wood, about five feet in diameter and 2½ feet high, and an upright shaft, supplied with a number of iron arms, revolves in the centre, making some twenty-five revolutions a minute. The machine is situated in the second story of the mill. Brinder and a carpenter were engaged in cleaning it out at the time of the accident, and the deceased had got inside the tub for this purpose, when by some mischance the belting was shifted from the loose pulley on which it was running, starting the shaft and instantly killing Brinder, whose body was terribly mangled, nearly all his bones being broken. So tightly was the body wedged in the machine that it required a considerable length of time to extricate it. The man who was with Brinder at the time, did not seem to be able to give any cause for the accident, but it was probably the result of carelessness. He also narrowly escaped being caught in the machinery. Brinder was a single man residing with his father in Bridgeport, and had been in the employ of the firm for four or five years, by whom he was considered an excellent workman.—*Berks and Schuylkill Journal.*

THE MINERSVILLE EXPLOSION.—The Pottsville *Miners' Journal* supplies the following details of a sad disaster already mentioned by telegraph:

Yesterday morning a terrible disaster occurred at the colliery of the Wolf Creek Diamond Coal Company, near Minersville, by which three boys were hurried into eternity, and eleven other persons, men and boys, were injured, the majority of them dangerously.

Yesterday morning, at a quarter to seven o'clock, one of the boilers at the breaker of the Wolf Creek Diamond Coal Company, on Wolf creek, about a mile above Minersville, exploded with terrible force. The whole building in which the boilers were was completely demolished, the mason work in and around it torn down and scattered in every direction, while two of the boilers were thrown over, and the third, the one causing the disaster, was carried a distance of fully one hundred yards and landed on the railroad near the switch leading up to what is generally known as Seyfert's Breaker. Large stones composing the mason work of the boiler-house were hurled around on all sides. One stone, weighing probably one hundred and fifty pounds, was found on the railroad about fifty yards below where the boiler lay. The heavy woodwork composing the frame of the building was scattered around, torn and splintered into mere shreds.

Three boys were instantly killed by being either scalded or crushed by the stones or timber, while five men and six boys besides were more or less injured, and others escaped with slight scratches, some of them escaping so narrowly that it appears almost miraculous.

The cause of the explosion is not yet known, but will probably be discovered in the course of the Coroner's investigation.

It is truly surprising that so few were killed, when the fact is taken into consideration that it occurred a few minutes before the regular hour for commencing work, and when the men and boys had collected around the boiler house, as is customary before starting to work.

The list of killed and wounded, as far as learned is as follows:

Killed—William Cook, Richard Hennesy, John Kelley.

Wounded—Jacob Molle, man, badly bruised; Michael Given, man, leg broken and otherwise badly injured; John Shraffer, man, bruised about the breast; John Shaffer, son, hands badly scalded and severe scalp wound, besides other bruises; John Coombs, man, slightly scalded and bruised; Jacob Feller, engineer, very badly scalded and otherwise injured; Christian Weaver, boy, hand crushed and head cut in different places; Alexander Leybach, boy, leg broken, body badly bruised and head and face cut; Thomas Campbell, boy, badly injured; Bernard Mohar, boy, severely scalded; John Kaerble, boy, arm broken and leg severely bruised. The dead were immediately removed and the wounded promptly attended by Drs. Helwig and Beach.

The boilers were three in number, and had been carefully examined on Sunday, when they were pronounced in first-rate order. The outside one, which exploded, as it now lies on the railroad, looks as though it had been recently repaired, and the iron, at the end blown off, appears to be of the best kind, though the end was torn off almost as evenly as if cut off.

One boy sitting outside the boiler-house was thrown some ten feet and landed on the dirt bank, another was thrown about twenty feet and fell in the snow, both fortunately being more frightened

POLICE IN CATASAUQUA.—The citizens of Catasauqua are petitioning the Town Council for a uniformed police force, for that Borough.

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.*

AUDACIOUS ROBBERY.—The coop of an ex editor of this city, (and he is rich in such things because he has left the editorial tripod) was forcibly broken into and robbed the other evening.—The chickens didn't "take unto themselves wings," but the scoundrel made tracks with them wings and all. Any fellow who is so mean and despicable as to rob a printer ought to be stared out of countenance by blind people, and kicked to death across lots by cripples.

THE self-raising flour manufactured by Pretz, Weinsheimer & Co., is much used now in Allentown and always approved of. We have heard nothing of it that has not been in its favor and our own experience warrants us in recommending it to all housekeepers. It is an article that is always ready for use, saving time and producing cakes and biscuits that cannot be excelled. It is an article of home manufacture and as such has a claim on the patronage of our people. Try it.

REAL ESTATE SALES.—William L. John sold a two story brick dwelling house and lot of ground, 60 feet front by 230 feet deep, on Seventh street between Chew and Gordon, to Francis P. Jobst, for $4000.

Judith Michael sold a two story brick dwelling house and lot of ground on the East side of South Ninth street, 22 feet front by 108 deep, to Solomon R. Kline, for $4,500.

Henry Bitting sold a frame dwelling house and lot of ground, 15 feet 10 inches in front by 110 deep, on Liberty street, between Fifth and Sixth streets, to Owen Wilt for $1300.

Henry J. Schwartz sold a tract of land in Upper Macungie township, seventy one acres, to Charles K. Mosser, for $18,500.

FOUND DEAD IN A FIELD.—Friday morning some pedestrians were horrified to find as they passed through a field in Whitehall township, the body of a woman, dead and cold. It proved to be the body of Mrs. S. Kulp, of Whitehall. It appears that on Thursday Mrs. Kulp went to Seidersville to assist her brother who was moving, and in the evening rode back on a wagon nearly as far as Mickley's tavern, where she got down intending to walk home across the fields. About two hundred feet from the place where she left the wagon she body was found.

It appears her death was caused by heart disease, and must have occurred within a few minutes of the time when she was last seen alive. It is probable that her death was instantaneous as there were no traces of any "death struggle."

It would be terrible to believe that in that field, alone in the night, the unfortunate lady fought with death and struggled for existence with no human aid near.

Mrs. Kulp was about 50 years of age, and had been in the enjoyment of her usual health. Coroner Bush empannelled a jury who brought in a verdict of death from disease of the heart.

SUDDEN DEATH AT THE PENNSYLVANIA HOTEL.—Stephen Brecht, aged about fifty-three years, a former resident of Allentown, lately visited this city and has been staying at the Pennsylvania Hotel. His health has not been good for some time past, but on Thursday he was much better and spoke with cheerfulness of his returning health. He sat around in the hotel on that day in the bar-room and at his usual hour retired to rest, apparently in good health. When he said "good-night," he and they who heard him, had no thought of its being the last he would ever say. In the morning the proprietor called him to his breakfast, and receiving no reply, entered the room and was astonished to find he was not there. A door was open, leading into an adjoining and unoccupied bed-room and on entering, the body of Stephen Brecht was seen stretched upon a pile of blankets. Examination resulted in the discovery that he was quite dead. Coroner Bush was notified and summoned a jury, who, after hearing the testimony as to the health of deceased, rendered a verdict of death from general debility.

The two sudden deaths, which we have to record to-day, are the subject of considerable comment in community and by the thoughtful are regarded as "words to the wise."

COAL REGION.—We learn from our Mauch Chunk exchange, that there was transported last week over both railroads 50,889 05 tons against 55,221 05 tons last year—a decrease of 4,412 tons. Of this, 1,844 18 tons were delivered to other railroads for shipment north and 48,964 07 tons came south for delivery along the line and at tide. Our reports show a decrease of 4,571 13 tons from the tonnages of the previous week, and an increase of 132,411 11 tons over last year, giving a total for the current year to last Saturday of 934,493 09 tons.

The trade is in a very unsettled condition in the coal region. The proposition of the Schuylkill operators to their men, and which was generally supposed would meet with favor, was rejected on Friday last by the Workingmen's Council that assembled in Summit Hill, in a resolution to adhere to the basis of 1869, viz: three dollars at Port Carbon, and five dollars at Ellzabethport. Other meetings have been held by the men but nothing further has been accomplished. The operators of Schuylkill are willing to resume work but declare it impossible to do so on present prices, at any higher wages than those proposed. The men, under the counsel of their leaders, decline to yield to the pressure, and here the question rests at present. The general feeling, as we learn it, however, is against suspension, and we should not be surprised if the $2 50 basis would yet be accepted.

THE CHURCHES.—The Churches on Sunday, on account of the weather, were very slimly attended. At St. Paul's German Lutheran Church the Rev. W. T. Mennig preached in the morning but in the afternoon the Bible Class was not held nor was there service in the evening.

At the St. Johns English Lutheran Church, services in the morning and evening were conducted by the Rev. Fry, of Reading. In the evening sermon on the "Prodigal Son."

At the English Methodist Church, the Rev. W. Swindells preached his initatory sermon and created a very favorable impression.

At Grace Episcopal Church the services were conducted by the Rev. F. W. Bartlett, in consequence of the continued indisposition of the Rector, Rev. W. R. Gries. We regret to hear that Rev. Gries is not likely to be enabled to enter on his duties again for some weeks. No service in the evening.

At the First Presbyterian Church, the sermon in the morning by Rev. J. W. Wood, was from the text "They hated me without a cause." In the evening the sermon on "The preparation of Moses for his great work" was postponed until next Sabbath, and the services were entirely of a devotional character.

We have received no particulars of the services at other churches. We will always be glad to receive and publish any Church intelligence in our Monday evening edition of THE CHRONICLE.

THE MANUFACTURE OF STEEL.—The Paris *Presse* says:—"An experiment of a most interesting character, and having the highest interest for the iron industry, has taken place at the Marquise Stock Works, in presence of two eminent persons of the Ecole Centrale. The object of this experiment was to make steel by one operation, a problem which has engaged all metallurgists, and, if solved, would cause an industrial revolution. M. Aristide Berard, an engineer whose name is familiar to all who have occupied themselves with this question, proposed to change second-class metal in course of refining into steel of at least ordinary quality, by means of a process alternately oxidizing and reductive. His efforts have been crowned with success. The product obtained by his process, in presence of two competent judges, proved to be steel of good quality, suitable for all purposes, and made with the facility necessary to its application to practical industry. The operation was effected in a reverbatory furnace, lasted about an hour and a half, and was accomplished with as much facility as puddling. In this process, instead of acting on 480 pounds of metal to obtain iron of number one quality, from 6,600 to 11,000 pounds of metal is made by only one operation into steel ingots, ready for the workshop, and with an unexpected economy. We will be much deceived if this invention has not in it the

LEVI FENSTERMACHER having charge of the books of his predecessor, Mr. Elias Fenstermacher, would respectfully request those indebted for old accounts to make payment to him, at his store corner of Tenth and Hamilton streets. 2t

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.*

COAL MINE AT LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS.—A telegraphic dispatch has been received from Leavenworth, stating that the Leavenworth Coal Company, in sinking a shaft came on to an *inexhaustible* bed of coal. It is stated that the quality of the coal is as good as that of Pittsburgh.

CHINESE TO BUILD THE RAILROADS.—The remaining forty miles yet unfinished of the Mid- and railroad has been let to Messrs. T. P. Simpson & Co., contractors of Mauch Chunk, who have arranged with the Chinese Government for 1,000 laborers. They are to be sent over immediately, *via* the Suez Canal. Each man is to receive $10 a month and rations, which at present prices will cost about $9 a month. The contractors have given bonds to furnish them employment for five years at the same rate. Twenty-six days will constitute a month, and twelve hours a day.

LECTURE.—On Friday evening a lecture was delivered in the Hokendauqua School House by Rev. Abel Marcy, of Wyoming. Subject:—"The Battle of Armageddon; or, the Banishment of Rum by Force of Law." There was a very large attendance.

TEACHERS UNION.—We are requested to announce that there will be a regular meeting of the Lehigh County Teachers Union, at the Fifth Ward School House, Allentown, on Saturday, April 2d, at 3 P. M. All the members are requested to be present, as business of importance will be transacted.

THE COPLAY POST OFFICE EMBROGLIO.—Some time since the citizens of the new borough of Coplay deemed it necessary for the welfare and dignity of their town to have a post office of their own within their own limits. They had not much difficulty in obtaining their wish and for a short time the post office at Laubach's was discontinued and the citizens of the borough were not compelled to go into Northampton county for their mail matter. Other parties, however, appealed to the powers at Washington, and succeeded in having the office restored to the old site and the name was changed to Stemton. It is now thought that the matter will be compromised by taking the office to the station, which will give the Northampton people about the same advantages as those of Coplay will possess.

ALARM AT INCENDIARISM.—It may not be generally known that, since fires have lately become so prevalent, some of our Hotel boarders go to bed with ropes tied around them and the end fast to the bed post. This precaution is taken that in case of a fire occurring and their escape by stairs being cut off, they may the more readily make a descent by the window. This precaution, though not altogether unnecessary, must lead to a great deal of discomfort and nightmare, &c.—We hope that no false or unnecessary alarm will be given, as it would be quite an annoying thing for a number of young men to be making "terrific descents" from the third story, without a good cause. We don't exactly understand the idea of the rope being fastened around the body—without it is the intention, on the first alarm being given, to precipitate themselves from the windows; in which case it would be well to look that the rope is not too long, or the suddenness of their stoppage might be uncomfortable and even if short, we think the sudden jerk as the rope brought up "taut" would be likely to hurt them, especially if they should be unwise enough to fasten the end around the neck. Of course the spectacle of half a dozen young men dangling out of the third story windows would be rather ridiculous, and we would recommend any of them who go to bed with the rope around them, to determine on the more dignified method of sliding down it, which, notwithstanding the friction, will, we think, be found the more comfortable method.

JORDAN UNION SUNDAY SCHOOL.—At a regular annual meeting of the officers and teachers of the Jordan Union Sunday School, held on Sunday, March 26th, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—*Superintendent*, G. T. Weibel; *Secretary*, T. P. Dieffenderfer; *Treasurer*, James Marsteller; *Librarian*, Samuel Marsteller.

During the past year this school has met with most encouraging prospects. Through faithful exertion of the teachers and scholars, a new library and bookcase were procured. The school, small as it is, has added its name, with a large subscription, to the subscription list of two of our leading Sunday School papers. The German language, which had heretofore been considerably overlooked, has again, in some measure, been introduced. Two flourishing German classes, under the care of efficient teachers, are now organized and are making rapid progress. The German *Schul-Aufsatz*, published by the Rev. S. K. Brobst, has been introduced and will, no doubt, aid greatly in the study of the Sunday lesson and in the study of the German language itself. The missionary cause has also been taken into consideration. Through the ever active and energetic teacher of the Bible Class, a tin box has been placed in the school-room, into which teacher, scholars and visitors are invited to deposit their mites for the missionary cause. The school, as has been the custom heretofore, has again been kept open all winter and had an attendance fully as large as during the summer months. As the records of the school have heretofore been very scanty, and the origin or birth of it entirely lost, it was determined to collect all the facts possible concerning it worthy of preservation; and the teachers therefore kindly request all who have any such facts, which might aid them in this undertaking, to send them either to the Superintendent, the Secretary or any one of the teachers of the school. THOMAS F. DIEFFENDERFER, *Secretary.*

Miscellaneous.

Olive Logan says she never saw a pretty girl but she wanted to take her in her arms and kiss her. That's our fix exactly, but we don't want our better half to find it out.

An Irishman stole some ducks and as he carried them by their necks, they objected to their method of transportation by crying Quack—Quack—"Walk," says Patrick—"the divil a step will ye walk me honey—I'll carry yez."

Anna Dickinson having stated at her lecture in Dayton, Ohio, that "every woman should be a mother," the editor of the *Republic* tells Anna to "go there herself."

A white boy met a colored boy the other day and asked him what he had such a short nose for. "I spec' so it won't poke itself into other people's business."

The New York *Express* gives this rule for testing a Christian: "Set him to putting up an old mis-matched stove-pipe, and keep him at it an hour. If he don't swear, he's seasoned."

The Philadelphia Typographical Union has admitted to membership a lady who is now engaged in studying for a profession in that city, and who supports herself by setting type in her spare time.

An astonishing animal (dead and stuffed) is on exhibition at St. Louis. It is thus described: three feet from tail-tip to nose; weight about 25 pounds; paws like those of a raccoon, as is the tail; the head is that of a cat; eyes large, bristle projecting from the corner of the mouth; fur, cat-like; color, bright yellow; dark rings on the tail. It was killed in Monroe county. It may be considered as typical of the coalition between the "Democrats" and Labor Reformers in New Hampshire. It is possibly a cross between a coon and a cat, and as such may have been expressly designed by Dame Nature to perpetuate the memory of Mr. George Francis Train's short alliance with the Female Conventionists.

Allegheny, the suburbs of Pittsburg, was the scene of extraordinary excitement one night recently. From every station of the Fire-Telegraph an alarm was sounded, and the engines thus summoned were sent in all directions. Finally, although the signals still sounded, the entire city having been scoured by the firemen and no fire discovered, an investigation into the cause of the alarm developed their connection with a different form of accident. A derrick, employed in swinging a grindstone weighing some 3,500 pounds, gave way, and falling, broke a telegraph pole. One of the wires only was broken, and it hanging over the other wires, struck them from time to time, with each stroke conveying a signal. Since then it is considered in the light of a personal remark to ask any member of the Allegheny Fire Depart-

GRAND CONCERT.—We are promised another fine musical treat on Saturday evening next, in the Court House, for the benefit of St. Peter's Church. The Keystone Orchestra, the German Liederkranz, and St. Peter's Church Choir, will all unite, under the leadership of Profs. Faust and Wolff, and Mr. Schaidt, in providing a good entertainment. Tickets 25 cents. Three for 50 cts. To be had at the Book Stores and at the door.

ONE of the latest additions to our business houses is that of E. R. Mathews' Hat and Cap Store, at No. 45 East Hamilton street, in the store formerly occupied by Messrs. Young & Lentz. Mr. Mathews was formerly located in Seventh street. He has opened an entire new stock of goods, of the latest styles, and having had the benefit of the late decline in the market, is selling at remarkably low prices, none of which are higher than the same goods sell for on Market street, Philadelphia. Country dealers and everybody else will find it to their advantage to give him a call before purchasing elsewhere. Pennsylvania German spoken.

FIRE AGAIN! ANOTHER INCENDIARY ATTEMPT!—Last evening another mysterious fire was discovered at the residence of Mr. Kramer, on Walnut street below Church alley. It will be remembered that a quantity of wearing apparel was destroyed by a mysterious fire, occurring at this house a few days ago.

Last evening the smell of smoke, caused search to be made and it was discovered that in a loft at the back part of the second story, a sleigh cushion was on fire and had burnt a hole in the floor. No had been in the room which had any business there for some time and the origin of the fire is quite unaccountable These two fires occurring at this house in such a mysterious manner are, to say the least of it, alarming and as they can be accounted for in no other manner than as the work of incendiaries, it creates alarm and suspicion.

In our city and neighborhood, the alarming prevalence of fires has become very noticeable and we are every day in expectation of having to record some serious calamity.

THE STORM.—The storm on Sunday was one of unusual violence. The few pedestrians who were on our streets making their way to the churches during the day, had great difficulty in getting along, and it was only by the exercise of patience and perseverance that they were enabled to reach their several destinations. Umbrellas were worse than useless incumbrances and there was a continual struggle going on between them and their owners, in which it was often doubtful whether the umbrella had the carrier or the carrier the umbrella. There could be no doubt however that the storm had them both at its mercy, and the wind tussled with them, turning the people around, making a dash for the hats of the gentlemen, and then when they put up a hand to protect a loved stove pipe, "Rude Boreas" would seize hold of their umbrella and turn it inside out in a twinkling. With what a spiteful dash the rain came pelting along and how the folks inside the houses resigned themselves to all the enforced confinement of a wet Sunday at home, everybody knows, but perhaps everybody don't know that, between three or four o'clock in the afternoon, part of the wooden awning in front of Weinsheimer & Newhard's store, corner of Sixth and Hamilton streets, was blown away and sent flying across the street. Trees were blown down, fences got the most extraordinary kinks in them, and altogether parts of the city presented a most dilapidated appearance.

Want of space will not allow us to tell how the murky clouds went flying across the sky, how the wind howled and moaned and, groaned and complained, and laid in wait for people coming round corners and went at them in a savage manner. We have no room for all that might be said of the "mighty current that tore through the land and shrieked howling vengeance, &c., &c."

In all seriousness however, it is good to know that from many a household and from many a small congregation, a prayer went up "for all that travel by land or by water." Far upon the sea, the stormy billows were rolling high and perhaps the hoarse winds sang the "requiem" of many a sailor whose friends at home were praying for his safety.

The luckless "City of Boston" and many another gallant ship were thought of by those who "dwell at home at ease" and the news from along the coast and the items headed "Marine Disasters" will be read by many an anxious one, with painful interest.

LETTER FROM ARKANSAS.

OFFICE U. S. MARSHAL OF ARKANSAS,
Van Buren, March 14th, 1870.

The tide of immigration towards the State of Arkansas is incre