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MONEY.—The Lehigh L. and B. Association last week sold nine loans at $47, $49 and $54 per share.

REAL ESTATE CHANGES.—Henry Tritchler has purchased two frame houses, on Sixth street above Walnut, from Samuel R. Engleman, for $3,300.

EASTON, we have heard it said, is a remarkably slow place; but at least one class of her citizens is live and enterprising—we refer to the dry goods merchants. They advertise unstintedly and unceasingly. They make money by doing so or they would not persist in it.

MORE THIEVING.—The other night some thieves broke into the foundry of Albright & Bro., near Linden street "wharf," and stole some tools, brass cocks and other articles, altogether making a heavy loss to the proprietors. As it may be the intention of the thieves to use the tools in conducting their future operations, housekeepers would do well to see that their doors and window fastenings are secure at night.

AN unfortunate accident occurred Tuesday afternoon at the Catholic Cemetery, during the interment of the body of Melchesideck Yeager. When the corpse was being lowered into the grave one of the straps broke, and the coffin was badly shattered and the corpse exposed. The distress among the family which the accident occasioned can be better imagined than described. One of the daughters was so overcome that she fainted. The interment had to be delayed until another coffin had been procured.

PROPERTY SALES reported by Messrs Wittman & Leisenring:

Stephen Nagel sold a three-story brick house and lot of ground, 20 feet front by 230 feet deep, on the South-east corner of Eighth and Chew streets, to John C. Anewalt for $6,500.

John C. Anewalt sold a lot of ground, 20 feet front by 230 feet, upon which are erected two buildings on the South side of Walnut street, to Stephen Nagel for $5000.

JOHN BALTHAS KNAPP, an old and well known citizen of the upper end of Montgomery county, died on Monday of last week, at the residence of Isaac F. Yost, Esq., Swamp Churches, at the advanced age of 87 years, 10 months and 16 days. Deceased was born in Wurtemburg, Germany, and served eleven years in the campaigns of the great Napoleon. For meritorious services in the Russian and other campaigns, he was presented with a large silver medal. Mr. Knapp came to this country many years ago. He was a very intelligent old gentleman, highly respected and esteemed by all who knew him.

THE Boyertown Water Company has recently put into operation a new set of water works, those heretofore in use having been found inadequate to supply the town in its rapidly growing state. A small stream of water known as Schaffer's Run has been transformed into a miniature dam, the water from which drives an eight foot over-shot water-wheel, which forces a two inch stream into a large tank elevated some 60 feet above the dam. This supply, in addition to the works to the north of the borough, which have been in operation some fifteen years or more, is found amply sufficient to furnish the town with water for some years to come.

AN OPINION.—Somebody who professes to know all about it, says that the cause of accidents with coal oil lamps, generally speaking, is letting the oil burn too low in the lamps. As the oil burns down a highly inflammable gas gathers above its surface, and as the oil decreases the gas increases. A slight jar will often ignite this gas and cause an explosion. Such accidents are said to be impossible, if the oil is not allowed to burn more than half way down in the lamp; and the lamp should be filled daily, and always in the morning. This item is probably worth something, and we advise our patrons to act on it—especially those who don't wish to have their obituary notices published just yet, or to go to Lawall & Marth's and lay in a supply of Pratt's Astral Oil.

THE Republican Executive Committee of Lehigh county are requested to meet on the 25th day of February inst., at 1 o'clock, p. m., at the Eagle Hotel, Allentown, for the purpose of taking measures for electing delegates to the Republican State Convention to be held at Harrisburg on the 10th day of March next, to nominate candidates for Auditor General and Surveyor General and to take action upon the subject of minority representation.

WM. J. ROMIG, *Chairman.*

Herman Schuon, J. P. Colver, Ephraim Grim, Edward Ruhe, Wm. J. Reichard, Samuel A. Miller, R. Clay Hamersly, A. F. K. Kront, M. Wieand, James Singmaster, J. L. Schreiber, Joshua Miller, Charles P. Weaver, Gideon Lentz, George Ludwig, H. H. Hunsicker, A. P. Ballet, Samuel Ritter, William T. Breinig, Elias Werly, Harrison Bortz, Charles Schoenly, Asher H. Fatzinger, James K. Mosser, William M. Kistler, Anthony Mechlinger.

LEGISLATIVE.—In the House of Representatives Mr. Boileau read in place a bill to repeal an act providing for the appointment of an additional policeman in Easton, and asked for its passage. A little discussion sprung up, during which it was stated that this was a political dodge to turn out or keep out a Republican from the office to which he was entitled. The bill was referred.

Mr. Buckalew offered a bill extending the time for completing the Lehigh and Easton railway.

The movement to allow the election of female school directors has been successful in the Senate and the bill has been sent to the House for concurrence.

In the House of Representatives on Monday, Mr. Conrad introduced a bill entitled an Act to facilitate the manufacturing interests of the Commonwealth. It provides that any corporation may lay down railroad track from their works to connect with any railroad, with the consent of such railroad, for the transportation of their material and carry off refuse, with the right to use such motive power as they may desire. They may also build necessary bridges, and use those already built, with consent of the owners; the right of way for such tracks to be acquired as provided by law.

IMPORTANT TRIAL OF WATER WHEELS.—We witnessed Monday afternoon a trial of water-wheels at the flour mills of Henry Schnurman & Co., which is of great importance not only to the inventors, but to the whole city of Allentown, and we trust it will receive that consideration which its importance demands.

Messrs. Schnurman & Co. have had three Guylin turbine wheels in operation to drive the machinery of their mills, but the great quantity of water required has been a drawback which they have long experienced. After some persuasion Mr. Wm. F. Mosser, of the firm of Wm. F. Mosser & Co., prevailed upon them to permit him to put in one of the A. N. Wolf and J. Haag's turbine wheels. Work was accordingly commenced yesterday morning at seven o'clock and in nine hours the wheel was running. It was submitted to a full test of its powers to-day and it succeeded so far as to drive two sets of stones with two and a half inches less depth of water in the tail race, which is ten feet eight inches wide, than the Guylin wheel discharged while running one set of stones. This fact will establish the importance of introducing this wheel into the machinery of our water-works. The Guylin wheel is fifty-four inches and the Wolf & Haag only forty inches. We understand it is the intention of Councils to put an eight foot Guylin wheel in at the water-works, but before they resolve upon such a step we hope they will examine thoroughly into the merits of the Wolf & Haag wheel. The wheel in operation at Schnurman's was manufactured at Bernville, Berks county, but Wm. F. Mosser & Co. are making preparations to manufacture them at their works in this city.

COAL OIL LAMPS.—At Stoffler's Drug Store, 311 Hamilton street, at from 40 cents to $1,00.

THE stock of coal on hand in the yards in this city is very small. Many dealers have sold entirely out.

NEARLY half the furnace stacks in the Lehigh Valley are out of blast. If the coal strike continues many more will be compelled to blow out in the course of the next two weeks.

ACCIDENT.—A boy named Hellman was run over last Saturday at Lehigh Furnace, by a wagon loaded with stone, and had one of his legs fractured.

PHILADELPHIA MARKET.—The tone of the flour market is very strong. Superfine sells for $5.50; extras from $5.75 to $6; extra family from $6.50 to $7.75. Wheat sells for $1.55@1.62½. Corn 77@79c. Oats 60c.

THE books of the F. L. Library are kept in the law office of E. J. More, Esq., where those desiring good reading matter can supply themselves at a trifling cost, and at the same time contribute their assistance in founding a progressive library for Allentown.

THE L. & S. R. R.—Notwithstanding the many reports to the contrary, the negotiations for the sale or lease of the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company's railroad and canal property to the Lehigh Valley, Central Railroad of New Jersey, or any other corporation, have, as yet, come to naught.

FIRE AND LOSS OF LIFE IN BUCKS COUNTY.—A dispatch from Springville, on Friday, says: Shortly after twelve o'clock this morning a frame house, situated on a farm located on the Bridgetown turnpike, Northampton township, Bucks county, was entirely destroyed by fire. The family, consisting of a mother and two children, were awakened by the flames, and the mother barely escaped, having all her hair burned off. The children were burned to death. The house was owned by David Cornell.

A SCENE AT THE OPERA HOUSE.—Friday evening, during the performance at the Opera House, a coal oil lamp suspended above the scenes fell to the stage and broke, the oil running over the stage and igniting and presenting an alarming scene which had not been put down on the programme. The audience rushed for the door and for a time there was much crowding and excitement, but before two-thirds of the people had made their way out the fire was extinguished and they returned to their places. An alarm of fire was raised and the companies were quickly on hand, but their services were not needed.

ACCIDENTS.—A son of Thomas Hoffman, while sledding at the Fourth Ward School House, Thursday, was run into by another boy's sled, was thrown off and suffered a fracture of one of his legs.

Last week Mrs. Haas, residing on Hamilton street, broke one of her arms while out sleighing. It appears the party was descending a steep hill over in Salisbury, and the road being covered with ice the horse were unable to hold back the sleigh, which swung around and upset, resulting as above stated.

HANOVER LYCEUM.—The regular meeting of the Lyceum was held Friday night, at Kahler's school house. Several declamations were delivered, which were followed by addresses from Messrs. Dewalt and Marsteller. Debate followed on the question, "Resolved, that a law prohibiting the sale of intoxicating drinks as a beverage should be passed." The speakers were Messrs. Datesman, Paff and Delong on the affirmative, and Messrs. Rosenburg, Dewalt and Marsteller on the negative. Good arguments were advanced both for and against the resolution, after which the judge decided in favor of the negative. Question for next meeting's discussion is, "Resolved, that war is justifiable." Adjourned to meet next Friday evening at Eastport, opposite this city.

EXEMPTION OF PARSONAGES FROM TAXATION.—The following Bill, entitled an act to exempt from taxation all the real estate in this Commonwealth, owned and occupied as parsonages by the different religious denominations, is before the Legislature and will probably become a law:

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted, &c.*, That all the real estate in this Commonwealth, owned and occupied as parsonages by the different religious denominations, be, and the same is hereby, exempt from taxation, and shall continue to be exempt so long as the same shall be held, used, and occupied as aforesaid, and no longer; *Provided*, That the provisions of this act shall not apply to more than one house or parsonage attached to or owned by any one congregation; and no one parson shall have the benefit of the provisions of this act applied to more than one house in any ca-e whatever, nor to more ground in any case than four acres, nor to an amount exceeding $3,000.

REAL ESTATE CHANGES.—Wm. G. Ritter sold to W. F. Yeager one-half interest in a house on corner of Eleventh and Turner, for $1150; one lot of ground on Eighth street, between Chew and Gordon, for $900; one lot of ground on Second street, between Hamilton and Linden, for $1050.

Wm. F. Yeager sold one lot of ground on Seventh street, between Linden and Turner, to Wm. G. Ritter, for $3900.

Wm. G. Ritter sold one house and lot on Eighth street between Chew and Gordon, to Allen Schaffer, for $2300.

Wittman & Leisenring report the following:—Messrs. Sheldon & Tice sold twenty-four lots of ground, situate respectively on Chew and Gordon streets and Pine alley, to Jonas Werly, for $8,100.

A TAX COLLECTOR ROBBED.—We regret to hear that our old friend, Peter Laub, Esq., of Kreidersville, has been unfortunate enough to lose about $900 in money. Mr. L. is tax collector for Allen township, and paid over the money, from time to time, as he received it, but when he came to make settlement with the County Treasurer during the month of January, he found that he was short about the above amount. He has an idea that the funds have been taken by a distant relative, a young man from New York State, Mr. L. had been entertaining for a month. At all events the money disappeared about the same time the New Yorker left for home. Peter has been a hard-working man all his life and can ill afford to lose so large a sum; we hope he will recover his money.—*Bethlehem Times.*

THE "COLOR GUARD"—The Bethlehem Times says Citizens' Hall was crowded on Thursday evening with a large and appreciative audience to witness the extraordinary representation by home talent of the military allegory of the "Color Guard." When we remember that this was the third performance, at all of which good good audiences were present, we have good reason to congratulate J. K. Taylor Post on the financial success of their undertaking, as well as their success in the representation of a difficult piece on the stage. We do not believe that we can add anything to what we have already said in commendation of this excellent representation, both as to its own intrinsic merits as an allegory, and the excellent rendering it receives at the hands of "our boys" and their able professional coadjutors, Miss Arnold and Messrs. Wood and Collins. Our own Bethlehem ladies, the Misses. Kleckner, Bleckley, Walp, Reich and Peysert, have done themselves very great credit by the manner in which they have acted their parts, which has added much to the success of the piece. It were unjust not to make mention of the efficient labors of Mr. Gunn, the stage manager, who has much to do to make things go right, and is unwearied and very successful in his labors.

STRANGE AFFAIR—IS IT MURDER?—THE DEAD BODY OF A MISSING MAN FOUND IN A CELLAR IN ROCKPORT.—The Mauch Chunk Democrat of last Saturday says: Too late in the week for us to visit the scene of the discovery and hear from the lips of actual observers the details we gather from a Weatherly correspondent, the following particulars of a strange affair at Rockport. About a year ago an unmarried laborer, who was boarding with a family at Rockport, suddenly disappeared. It was reported that he had become dissatisfied with his work and had gone elsewhere to labor. No excitement followed the event of his disappearance, because it was natural enough that he should go away, and having no family or friends not unnatural that he should go quietly. A few days ago, however, the family with whom he had boarded having removed from the premises they then occupied, another family moved in. On going into the cellar a depression in the ground floor was observed and a remark made as to how it should happen to be lower than the rest of the floor, when a little girl who had lived with the former tenant spoke out, "why that is where that man was buried." A little digging away of the dirt revealed the truth, and the decayed body was soon brought out. Much excitement quickly followed and all sorts of rumors were afloat, the most plausible seeming to be that we have given. The man's name, it is said, was Ginter, and he formerly lived in Weatherly. He is supposed to have had several hundred dollars in his possession at the time of his sudden disappearance.

ACCIDENT.—Last week as Mr. Thomas Kern and his wife, living at Lehigh Gap, were out sleigh riding, the sleigh upset and Mrs. Kern sustained a bruise on her arm.

THE Slatington News contains as much reading matter as any other paper in the county.—*Slatington News.*

Our friends ought to have added, "with one exception, THE LEHIGH REGISTER, which contains nearly twenty thousand ems more of solid reading matter."

RUNAWAY.—One of the City Railway teams attached to a sleigh, took fright while standing in front of the Black Bear Hotel this afternoon and ran off. At the Allen House they ran against the lamp post and broke the sleigh considerably. One of the horses was severely injured.

THE RAILROAD DISASTER.—Fears were for sometime felt that J. C. Barnes, of the firm of Barnes, Bancroft & Co., of Buffalo, and brother of Dr. W. E. Barnes of this city, was one of the victims of the horrible disaster on the Hudson River Railroad. We are happy to state, however, that a telegram has been received at the office of the New York World announcing his safe arrival in Buffalo.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.—At a meeting of the Lehigh Loan and Building Association, held last week at Reimer's Hall, the following gentlemen were elected officers to serve for the ensuing year:—President, George B. Schall; Vice President, A. G. Renninger; Treasurer, Joshua Stahler; Directors, Lewis Klump, Geo. W. Hartzell, Leopold Kern, John B. Moser, Joshua Schnurman, Herman Schuon, J. E. Zimmerman, Charles Wagner, Aaron Troxell, Tilghman Stattler, Conrad Weinert, Ephraim J. Knauss.

REPORT of coal transported over the Lehigh Valley Railroad for three days ending Feb. 4, 1871, compared with same time last year:

	For Week	For Year.
Total Wyoming	1,000 01	65,243 17
Hazleton	105 14	205,141 00
Upper Lehigh		442 06
Beaver Meadow		65,635 15
Mahanoy	906 08	52,706 06
Mauch Chunk		963 04
Total by Rail & Canal	2,012 03	392,771 08
Same time 1870	47,931 13	491,804 00
Increase		
Decrease	45,919 10	99,032 12

STEALING BOOKS.—Whoever wants a copy of Bates Military History of Pennsylvania, in three large and costly volumes, can purchase one at the sale of E. C. McKinstry, in Wrightstown. He advertises fifty sets of the work. This history was prepared and published at the expense of the State, and the volumes were divided among the members of the Legislature for distribution to their constituents. The distribution is to be made in rather a novel manner by Mr. McKinstry, whose term as a member of the Assembly expired last year.—*Doylestown Democrat.*

Language too strong cannot be used to condemn practices such as that exposed by The Democrat. We do not know if McKinstry is a Democrat or Republican, but we do know that he is a—well, no matter—"you know how it is yourself."—*Bethlehem Times.*

We are not surprised at the doubt which appears to involve the mind of the editor of the Times, for Mr. Godshalk is no politician. He has evidently been reading Democratic papers and therefore has it in his mind that Republicans alone are guilty of improper practices, but we warn him that if he attends Mr. McKinstry's sale he had better not impugn that gentleman's Jeffersonian-Jacksonian Democracy or he may immediately thereafter lay on the broad of his back.

MUSICAL.—Among the thousand and one Pianos offered to the public, we scarcely know any instrument so fully uniting all the desirable qualities sought for as the Knabe Piano. It is a matter of some difficulty and perplexity to inexperienced persons to select a good instrument of any capacity. We too often rely upon the judgment of friends in the selection of a Piano, and are thus frequently disappointed. The only sure way, in our opinion, is to go to the best maker. For this reason, we recommend to our readers to purchase Pianos of William Knabe & Co.'s manufacture. This will relieve them the vexatious necessity of wasting time in a long search. The reputation of the Knabe Pianos is an infallible guaranty of excellence. In the houses of the most accomplished and wealthy of our citizens, and in our best seminaries and colleges, these magnificent instruments may be found. Nor is this any wonder, for, in purity, depth and constancy of tone, they are unsurpassed. Their gradation of scale is so exquisitely, and, at the same time, comprehensively attuned, that they are capable of expressing every emotion of the human heart and soul. Their tone is exquisitely pure and unique, and so even, sweet and sympathetic that it inspires all who listen to it, while at the same time the action is perfectly free, and the keys resound to the touch with such sensitiveness and intelligence, so to speak, as to make one almost think that *the mind* of the manufacturer lingers in his work.

INDUSTRIAL NOTES.—The Jordan Rolling Mill has succeeded in getting in a supply of soft coal and commenced operations Monday morning, much to the satisfaction of the hands.

The Allentown Rolling Mill has stopped for a few days to make repairs. Work will probably be resumed on Wednesday.

The furnace of the Thomas Iron Company at Alburtis has been worked with great difficulty the past week. The difficulty is attributed to an inferior quality of coal which they have been compelled to use, and there is danger of chilling.

The Miners' Journal says the Upper Lehigh Coal Company propose sinking another slope in 1871, and also erecting another breaker at their present works. The German Pennsylvania Coal Company at Treskow, in the Lehigh Region, are sinking another lift on the Wharton Vein, which will be the second lift. They are also running a tunnel to the Buck Mountain B Vein.

In the Lehigh coal region it is also believed that the men will go to work on last year's basis, which, it is said, they can pay, owing to their situation.

It is also believed that the men will soon go to work in the Wyoming Basin for the companies, at the rate of $1 per diamond car. This is a reduction of about 30 per cent. from the wages paid when they stopped.

At Shamokin, it is understood that they have agreed to go to work on the $3 basis, with the sliding scale of 30 per cent. up and down. This would permit coal to go to about $2.20 as a stopping point.

SALE OF STOCKS.—The Easton Free Press of Wednesday says:—Stewart Lewis, auctioneer, this afternoon, in Centre Square, sold the following stocks of the estate of the late H. R. Chidsey, deceased:

Warren Foundry and Machine Co.—40 shares to Mrs. H. R. Chidsey, at $100 per share; 60 shares to James Long—20 shares at $97 per share, 20 at $98 per share, and 20 at $96 per share; 20 shares to D. Hullek, at $91 per share; 20 shares to D. Runkle, at $95 per share; 33 shares to Charles Stewart, at $96.50 per share; 3 shares to C. F. Chidsey, at $96.50 per share.

Allentown Rolling Mill—20 shares to Charles Stewart, at $38.50 per share, and 20 shares at $39.25; 10 shares to Dr. J. Detweiler, at $39.50.

Catasauqua Manufacturing Co.—22 shares to Charles Stewart, at $45.50 per share.

First National Bank of Easton—10 shares to C. F. Chidsey, at $74.75 per share, and 5 shares at $75.25 per share; 10 shares to A. D. Chidsey, at $75 per share.

Lehigh Water Company—20 shares to John Maxwell, at $29.75 per share, and 20 shares at $29.50 per share; 17 shares to M. T. Warne, at $29.75 per share.

Lehigh Coal & Nav. Co.—4 shares to J. M. Hacket at $34.10 per share.

Farmers' and Mechanics' Institute—1 share to E. E. Hemingway, at $20 per share.

The following stocks of the estate of the late R. S. Chidsey were also sold:

Catasauqua Manufacturing Co.—25 shares to Charles Stewart at $45.50 per share, and 40 shares at $45.25 per share.

Allentown Rolling Mill—25 shares to Charles Stewart, at $39.50 per share; 10 shares to C. F. Chidsey, at $40 per share; 15 shares to Charles Stewart, at $40 per share.

A SPLENDID PIANO.—Linderman & Son's Gold Medal Cycloid and Square Pianos rank among the finest instruments in the country. Their brilliancy and fullness of tone is not surpassed by a concert grand piano at double the price. More instruments of this celebrated make have been sold in Allentown, Lehigh and adjoining counties than of any other manufacture. They can be used many years and not become alry, 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.*

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

THE SLATEDALE CAR WORKS.—A meeting of the subscribers to the stock of the above works was held on Saturday, at the public house of T. H. Yehl, in Washington township, and nearly the entire capital stock necessary to commence work was subscribed. A board of directors was elected, with instructions to take the necessary steps to procure the charter, and as soon as practicable commence the erection of buildings. Adjourned to meet again on Saturday, Feb. 18th, at the public house of John Lewis, in Slatedale. A meeting of the directors will be held on Saturday, February 11th, at the Slatington Hotel.—*Slatington News.*

THE PROOF SHEET.—We have received the January number of The Proof Sheet, that excellent typographical publication issued by the celebrated type founders, Collins & M'Leester, 705 Jayne street, Philadelphia. The proprietors, in this number, show a new Bourgeois, which is an addition to their numerous faces of inimitable newspaper types. The beauty of their type has earned an enviable reputation for this firm, and they have the gratification of continually receiving testimonials to its unsurpassed durability from printing houses which have had it in constant use. We recommend our friends of the craft to pay Messrs. Collins & M'Leester a visit whenever they have the opportunity.

A YOUNG man living at Quakertown, beguiled by the flattering promises of the professional counterfeit money dealers of New York, sent for a package of the article, to be forwarded to him "C. O. D." In due time a small box, about as large as a brick, came by express to the store of Mr. Ochs, with a bill for $200 to be collected by the agent. The customer called for his box and wished very much to open it before paying, but this Mr. O. would not allow. By desperate efforts the young man raised the $200 and paid it over, and then proceeded to examine his treasure. There was nothing inside but sawdust and old paper. The general verdict will be that it served him right. There is a graver feature in the case, showing that there are people about Quakertown who are willing to buy counterfeit money if they can get it cheap.—*Bucks County Intelligencer.*

FIRE.—A fire accidentally broke out on Tuesday night in the kitchen of the house occupied by Mr. John L. Schreiber, in lower Slatington, which came very near being a serious affair. During the night when some of the family awoke, they found the house was full of smoke, and that it was impossible for any one to get down stairs on account of the smoke and fire. Mr. Schreiber then opened one of the windows, and called for help. Mr. Jonas Hoffman, who lived in an adjoining house, came to his relief, and on bursting the door, was met with such a volume of smoke and flame that he fell down and almost suffocated. He soon recovered and ran for water, which he dashed around the burning room, and succeeded in extinguishing the fire. No great amount of damage was done as the fire had not got beyond the one room, but had it not been discovered for a few minutes more, the house would have been laid in ashes, and perhaps some of the inmates burned to death. It is not known for certain how the fire originated.—Slatington News.

A VILLAINOUS ATTEMPT AT INCENDIARISM—THE PERPETRATORS DISCOVERED IN THE ACT.—Monday evening, of last week, at 9½ o'clock, Rev. D. Hoffman, residing at No. 26 South Ninth street, was retiring for the night when he looked out of one of the rear windows to see whether everything was all right in the stable where he had left his horse. He noticed three young men, one of them tall and the others of short stature, acting in a suspicious manner at the carpenter shop of Edward Balliet, corner of Maple alley and Fountain street. The thought of incendiarism at once impressed him, and he took measures to prevent the accomplishment of the deed. Some neighbors were summoned, but before they could get to the shop the young men became aware that they were discovered and made good their escape. It was found that a bundle of straw had been thrust through the window, ready to have the match applied to it. The night was very cold, the thermometer being down nearly to zero, and had not Mr. Hoffman made the timely discovery there would have undoubtedly been an extensive conflagration and great suffering among the firemen.

Since writing the above Chief of Police Hofford arrested Emanuel Knauss, aged about thirty, Theophilus Knauss, aged twenty-one, and —— Kuhns, aged seventeen, upon suspicion of attempting to fire Balliet's shop. They had a hearing before the Mayor Tuesday, when the Knausses were committed to jail and Kuhns was sent to the lock-up for a further hearing. The evidence is pretty strong against the accused and two of them have made a confession. The Chief of Police deserves considerable credit for the ingenious manner in which the arrest was brought about.

There was also an attempt to fire the stable of Amandas Schwartz, at the rear of his residence on Linden street, about nine o'clock. The persons were seen in the act but they escaped.

PUBLISHING THE ROLL OF HONOR.—A correspondent contributes the following, which is worthy of consideration:—I have from time to time noticed in the columns of the News what purports to be the Roll of Honor in our Public Schools. I very much question the propriety and judiciousness of this custom. The object, I conceive, is to arouse an increased emulation among the students, particularly such who seem never to be fortunate enough to arrive at the goal. There are children in our schools worthy in every respect who diligently apply themselves to their studies, and yet from their very nature cannot succeed far enough in the minds of those who frame the Roll, to have their names placed thereon. This publishing a Roll of Honor must be viewed from two stand points. First, it tends to create in the minds of the successful competitors a spirit of vanity and jealousy over those whom they recognize as their inferiors; and secondly, if continually successful will create a feeling of security and self-conceit which will finally result in a relaxation of future efforts. But how is it with those who do not succeed in having their names placed on the Roll? Mortification is one of the first fruits. With a wounded spirit they pursue their studies, never expecting to be ranked among the champions whose names are regularly heralded to the public, and should this feeling become confirmed in the mind of a child all its efforts will be fruitless and its education will be impaired for a more want of public laudation. A good student needs no public incentive to drive him to close application to his studies. A knowledge of his own attainments with a proper comprehension of what he learns will be all sufficient. Let the teacher encourage all his students alike without distinction, and you will find an equal progress according to *capacity.* It is not just that the world should only hear from such who are considered *smart*, and others equally studious be left in the back ground to struggle on in their humble way.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE LEHIGH COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY was held at the American Hotel on the 7th, Solomon Griesemer, Esq., in the chair. The Treasurer's report was received and read, when, on motion, Wm. H. Sowden, Jeremiah Roth and E. R. Newhard were appointed a committee to audit the accounts and report at the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

On motion the Chairman was instructed to have the report published for three weeks in the Republikaner, Friedensbote, Patriot, REGISTER and Democrat.

The meeting then made nominations for officers of the Society, when the following persons were named:—

President, O. L. Schreiber, Hiram J. Schantz; Secretary, Joshua Stahler, Wm. C. Lichtenwalner; Treasurer, Aaron G. Reninger, Joseph Hecker.

Jeremiah Roth, Wm. R. Sowden and Robert Steckel were appointed officers to conduct the election.

There was considerable spirit manifested in the contest and 396 votes were polled. The polls closed at 4 o'clock and after the counting of the votes, the following gentlemen were announced as elected to serve the ensuing year:—

President, Owen L. Schreiber, Coplay.
Secretary, Joshua Stahler, Allentown.
Treasurer, Aaron G. Reninger, Allentown.

The Chair then appointed the following Vice Presidents:—

First Ward, Allentown, John G. Schimpf; Second Ward, Reuben Engelman; Third Ward, Jeremiah Roth; Fourth Ward, John L. Hoffman; Fifth Ward, Wm. H. Blumer; Sixth Ward, Christian Hahl; Catasauqua, C. F. Beck; Millerstown, David Danner; Emaus, Charles Selder; Slatington, John L. Schreiber; Coplay, Reuben Schreiber; Hanover, Jacob Reichard; Saucon, Isaac Myers; Lower Milford, David Shuler; Upper Milford, Charles Foster; Upper Macungie, John Lichtenwalner; Lower Macungie, Henry Riegel.

An adjourned meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 22d, to transact the unfinished business.

THE Lehigh Crane Iron Company announces a dividend of three per cent., free of tax, payable in cash on the 28th inst.

THE Lehigh Valley and North Penn. Railroad Companies have contracted with the Wilmington Car Company for three magnificent palace cars, to run between Philadelphia and Elmira, N. Y., on the Western through trains.

FIGHT.—A fight occurred on Saturday afternoon in one of the Sixth street beer saloons, between some America Hose boys and three Germans, during which the Germans received a severe punishment. The police were on hand, but made no arrests until Monday. There appeared to be a conflict of authority between the Chief Engineer and the Chief of Police.

A-MAN is under arrest at Jersey City on suspicion of being Brooks, one of the murderers of Theodore Broadhead, who escaped from custody after the murder and whose companion in crime, Charles Orme, was convicted and hanged about a year ago. Parties have gone on from Stroudsburg to ascertain if the suspicion is correct.—*Easton Express.*

WENDELL PHILLIPS.—We are gratified to announce the coming of Wendell Phillips on Saturday evening, February 25th. The lecture committee has been untiring in their efforts to secure the great orator and have surmounted obstacles which would have appalled less energetic gentlemen, but they will be rewarded for their labors by a crowded house.

SUDDEN DEATH AND SUICIDE.—Henry S. Ackers, who resides about two miles from Pottstown, on returning from his work at the Colebrookdale Iron Works, on Tuesday morning, found his wife, Sarah D. Ackers, aged twenty-one years, dead in bed. Shortly thereafter, Ackers, on entering his barn, found the lifeless body of a man named H. Y. Geyer suspended by a rope from a rafter. Geyer had boarded with Ackers. No cause is known for Geyer's committing suicide except that of being weak-minded.

ROUGH.—The Harrisburg correspondent of the Pittsburg Commercial thus ungenerously speaks of an eloquent effort of one of our Lehigh county Assemblymen:—"The afternoon session was wasted by a 'heavy' member from Lehigh county making a speech in defense of the Democratic party, in which he stated that the people had got so 'accustomed to tax tion that they felt like the old woman who had skinned her eel so often that it got used to it.' The eloquent gentleman was frequently interrupted by bursts of laughter at his ridiculous allusions and bad grammar."

THE COLOR GUARD.—There was a rehearsal of "The Color Guard" at the Opera House on Saturday evening, and there will be another one this evening after Gen. Kilpatrick's lecture. The ladies and gentlemen interested in the presentation of this military allegory have spared no pains in preparing themselves for the exhibitions which are to commence to-morrow evening, and we trust that the Allentown public will show a full appreciation of the efforts which have been made to afford them a series of unexceptionable entertainments gotten up in the interest of one of our popular military organizations—the Excelsior Rifles.

RELIGIOUS.—Rev. Richard Walker preaches at Alburtis every Sunday.

Rev. Mr. Bartlett filled the pulpit of Grace Church Sunday morning. Rev. W. R. Gries was able to officiate in the evening.

Rev. J. W. Wood preached in the morning upon the leadership of Christ in the Church, and in the evening upon the beauty and fitness of all things created by God for the enjoyment of his creatures.

It is unfortunate that the St. John's Lutheran Church is so bad for sound.

We understand Mr. Fabs, of the English Lutheran, desires that the students of Muhlenberg College shall occupy seats in the gallery. Some one suggested that that was an imposition American students would not submit to.

There are one hundred and forty-four churches in Montgomery county, about one-sixth of them belonging to the Lutheran Church.

AGRICULTURAL.—An adjourned annual meeting of the Lehigh County Agricultural Society will be held in the Court House on Wednesday morning, February 22d, at ten o'clock, to transact the unfinished business remaining over from last meeting and to appoint the time for holding the next annual exhibition.

Paschall Morris, Esq., editor of the Practical Farmer, of Philadelphia, will be present in the afternoon and address the Society on the subject of agriculture. The admission will be free and an invitation is extended to members of the Society and others to be present. Mr. Morris is a practical as well as a theoretical agriculturist, and his long experience and extended knowledge of his subject will enable him to present an address which will be profitable to our farmers and those who are interested in the advancement of this important branch of our industrial operations.

ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE OF FIRE ARMS.—On Friday noon an accident occurred in the Third Ward, South Bethlehem, which happily did not prove fatal in its results. We give the particulars as we received them from Mr. Patrick O'Brien. This gentleman was in his room at noon-time, cleaning and oiling up a rifle, which was his practice very frequently. Mrs. O'Brien was seated at the dinner table with the children, and Mr. O'Brien had just finished cleaning the rifle and started to get his revolver from the closet, and was in the act of examining and cleaning it, when Michael Powers, a relative of the family, coming in, asked Mr. O'Brien to be allowed to look at the revolver, and took it in his hand. Mr. O'Brien, remembering that the revolver was loaded, quickly reached to take it back, saying, "It's loaded; take care," when it was discharged, the contents of one chamber passing through the flesh of the right arm of Mrs. O'Brien, who was still seated at the dinner table. Dr. Crawford was hastily called in. The shooting was purely accidental. No one else in the room was injured. Mrs. O'Brien was comfortable at last accounts.—*Times.*

THE BURNING MOUNTAIN.—A correspondent of the Philadelphia Bulletin, who has been inspecting the Schuylkill Coal Regions, gives the following in his letter to that paper:—Passing through the gap, my attention was called to thin clouds of steam rising from the snow-covered side of a hill just north of it, a spur of the Broad Mountain proper. This was the famous "Burning Mountain." Thirty years ago, a drift was made here, for the purpose of mining the celebrated and mysterious Jugular Vein—a bed of coal then and long after firmly believed in, but now known to be only a fold of the Mammoth. From some unexplained cause, the coal was fired in this drift, and for thirty years it has been burning steadily. A few years ago, a slope was sunk and an attempt made to mine the coal below the fire, but the work had not gone on long before a burning avalanche rushed down upon the miners, and it was found impossible to continue the excavations. So the slope was abandoned, the improvements torn down, and the fire left to consume a bed of coal said to be the very best in all the region. There are few indications on the surface that a volcano is smouldering below. The snow covers all the mountain alike, and only the thin wreaths of steam tell of the fire glowing beneath that cold, white surface.

A PERSEVERING MAN.—One of the Pittston coal operators, who is engaged in sinking a shaft desired to procure some nitro-glycerine, a short time since, with which to do the heavy blasting. He accordingly made arrangements with a gentleman to furnish it, agreeing to pay for the nitro-glycerine and whatever expense was incurred in procuring it, and also to pay him six dollars a day for his time. The gentleman was furnished with the necessary funds, and went to New York to get it, but being unable to obtain it there he went to a place in Massachusetts, where he succeeded, after a little delay, in purchasing a can containing sixty pounds. This he carefully packed in a valise with sponge, and thus concealed got aboard of a passenger train and brought his risky baggage safely through to Easton. There he found his purse was exhausted, and sent on here for means to get back with. But having been gone so long, the operator concluded he had either vamoosed with the stamps or had been used up by his baggage, and not wishing to advance any more money until he saw something for it, paid no attention to the request. Nothing daunted, the faithful messenger shouldered his valise and started for Pittston on foot, begging his way through as best he could, and finally reached here with his baggage "right side up," after an absence of more than three weeks—much to the surprise of the operator, who, of course, cheerfully performed his part of the agreement.—*Pittston Gazette.*

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WALKING HORSES.—The best gait a horse has for every day use is a good walk. It is a gait that no one in ten possesses. Colts are not trained to walk in all the Eastern States. Young America wants more speed. Kentucky has more good walking horses than any other State, for there, horseback traveling has long been in fashion for men and women, over a country where muddy roads at times rendered any other gait impossible, and so horses have been hired for the saddle and trained for a walking gait. This is also the case in all the Western States, and perhaps might have been so in New England when our grandmothers rode to meeting on a pillion behind our grandfathers. But one horse wagons have put horseback riding out of fashion, and now, a good walking horse is more rare than one that can trot a mile in 2:40.

At the Springfield, Mass., Horse Show of 1860, the writer was one of the committee to award prizes to the two best walking horses. Out of seventeen entered, the committee found but one which was a first-rate walker. This was a Morrill mare, which walked five miles an hour with ease. Two others were fair walkers, and the rest knew no gait that could be called walking. At the New York State Fair the same state of facts was again developed. A letter from Wisconsin says:—I think horses trained to walk fast, would be a greater benefit to our farmers in general than fast trotters, as almost all of their work has to be done with a walk." I once knew a man in Massachusetts, who, before the railroads were built, kept from two to four teams at work on the road, and never allowed them to trot at all, and made the distance in quicker time than his neighbors, who made their horses trot at every convenient place. He said that when a horse commenced to walk after a trot, he walked much slower than his common gait, if kept on a walk, and thereby lost more than he gained. Will farmers think of this and pay more attention to walking horses?—*Farmers' Home Journal.*

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