THE LEHIGH REGISTER, ALLENTOWN, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 1872.

The Lehigh Register.

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Our subscribers who do not receive their papers regularly will confer a great favor upon us by sending word to this office.

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thus placing the advertisement before more subscribers than can be done by advertising in any other paper in the county.

CAUTION.

Gentlemen about taking out letters of administration or letters testamentary, or having Orphans' Court Sales to advertise *are cautioned that they have the power to order their advertisements inserted in any paper they may select.* If they believe the statements we have made they have the right to order their advertisements to be inserted in the LEHIGH REGISTER, when they will be entitled to the advantages we have offered as above.

SCHUYLKILL county jail has thirty-eight cells and forty-five prisoners.

THE Wallace Sisters are at Steubenville, Ohio, playing to crowded houses.

PERSONAL.—Wm. S. Young, Jr., of Chicago, was in the city, on a visit.

READING is rid of the small pox, which is welcome news.

BITUMINOUS coal was first mined near Richmond, Va., about the year 1700. Hard anthracite was discovered in the Lehigh region in 1791.

The Reading Railroad Company sells excursion tickets at reduced rates, good till January 4th. The sale of these tickets will be discontinued after January 1st.

THE temperance meeting, last week, was a grand success, the Court House being literally crowded. Everybody present was well pleased.

WE are open for contracts for advertising for 1872. Commence the good work with the new year and you will be blessed with a prosperous and happy year. Our terms are very reasonable, considering our circulation.

DEATH FROM SMALL POX.—Adam Markle, proprietor of the Fountain Valley Hotel, at South Bethlehem, died Friday morning, of small-pox. He leaves a large circle of warm friends to mourn his loss.

THE celebrated horses of the turf, Goldsmith Maid, Lady Thorne, Lucy, Western Girl, Bismarck, Jay Gould, St. Elmo, and other renowned trotters are now stabling at Burlington, N. J..

IN our notice of the appointment of the Grand Lodge, A. Y. M., we neglected to state that Rev. W. R. Gries, of this city, had been appointed Grand Chaplain of the Grand Chapter, Holy Royal Arch Masons.

SOCIABLE.—The sociable at the Fountain House last week was one of the most recherche ever given in Allentown. The attendance was large, the dresses beautiful and the table supplied with everything that the season affords.

REMOVAL.—T. M. Foust has removed his music store to the second story of Schadt's building, over Misses Keck's millinery establishment. We wish Theodore an abundance of success in his new quarters. His friends will certainly follow him, wherever he goes.

SOME of our young men are desirous that somebody shall build a hall which can be used for balls, festivals, collations, etc. They think it would pay. Allentown is, truly, very barren of balls, owing, we suppose, to meagre facilities for tripping the light fantastic.

THE determined efforts of B. J. Hagenbuch to maintain the respectability of the Opera House is worthy of the praise of the public. The prosecution of violators of order is a wholesome lesson to those who do not know how to behave themselves. We hope, however, that they will have justice done them at Court.

IN THE CENTRE.—The centre of trade is at M. J. Kramer's Corner Store. Everybody knows where it is and everybody goes there for bargains. Some of his customers effect an annual saving of several hundred dollars a year. Of course, these are heavy customers, but they say even to small consumers—"Be economical; therefore, buy your dry goods, and your groceries, too, at Kramer's Corner Store."

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.—At a regular meeting of Jordan Division, No. 380, Sons of Temperance, held on Mondy evening, December 25th, the following officers were elected to serve the ensuing term:—W. P., M. D. Forrest; W. A., D. H. Miller; R. S., Wm. S. Haas; A. R. S., A. J. Erdman; F. S., C. S. Massey; Treas., J. T. Burdge; C., Jas. Campbell; A. C., Wm. J. Lochman; I. S., Josiah Fry; O. S., Ed. Henry; Chaplain, E. Packwood.

NOTADUN.—The past few days we have been sending out an immense number of bills, covering an amount in total almost large enough to start a small bank. Of course we don't want any money, but then some of our accounts appear so lop-sided and it makes our books look so much nicer on New Year's day to have the credit side balance the other. If it were not for this we would not send the bills out—perhaps. Our friends will please bear with us in this little eccentricity.

ACCIDENT.—On Wednesday an Irishman was accidentally struck on the left hand with a sledge hammer at the Lehigh Crane Iron Works, Catasauqua. The member was severely mashed. He wrapped it up in a shawl, and started for Allentown, but missing the train he made the trip on foot. Dr. Charles L. Martin dressed the wound. The Irishman's walk of three miles to have a wound dressed by Dr. M. is a nice compliment to that gentleman.

FIVE TWENTY BONDS OF 1862.—SECOND SERIES.—In addition to the $100,000,000 of Five-Twenty Bonds now being redeemed by the Government, an additional call has been made for $20,000,000 of the Second Series, on which interest will cease in March next.

Further calls of the Bonds of that and the following Series will doubtless follow during the year. Holders can realize a better price for their bonds before they are called in by the Government than afterward, as shown by the relative market prices of called and uncalled Bonds.

Holders of all Five-Twenties of 1862, and especially of the Second Series, will probably do well to consider the subject of reinvestment in a more permanent form without delay.

THE PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITAL IN PHILADELPHIA.—By the report of the Presbyterian Hospital Finance Committee, the subscriptions taken up by the Rev. Dr. Saunders already amount to $353,000.

It has now been a year since Dr. Saunders donated his college and grounds to establish this hospital, and entered on the work of raising funds to put it in operation and support it. Before he had raised $1000 every one who knew his antecedents foresaw his success, but who would have imagined that in the first year of this new hospital's inception, friends could become interested for it to the extent of more than a third of a million of dollars? The grounds (an entire square) and buildings are worth $100,000, so that in the first year the Presbyterians have a hospital worth fully $500,000.

SENSATIONAL.—The Easton Free Press says Mr. Emmens is going into wedded bliss. We hope it's so, and that at the proper time an assistant editor of the News will cheer the life of the happy couple. The lady is said to be one of Allentown's fairest daughters, and rumor says her name ends with an s.

THE Lancaster and Reading Narrow-guage Railroad is to go ahead. Colonel S. C. Slaymaker, of Lancaster, has been appointed chief engineer, and will put a corps in the field at once to survey and locate the branch to Quarryville. The Lancaster people will raise the means and put the road through as far as Adamstown, and Berks is expected to do the balance.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS. — At a regular meeting of Allentown Lodge, No. 90, K. of P., held at their hall Friday evening, December 29th, the following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing term:—V. P., Ephraim Ritter; W. C., J. A. Anderson; V. C., A. W. Batting; R. S., F. D. Busse; F. S., Richard R. Emery; B., Tilghman Osmun; G., Thomas F. Sourwine; I. S., Jas. W. Major; O. S., John J. Abele; Representative to Grand Lodge, F. D. Busse.

COMING AGAIN.—We learn that the Opera House has been engaged by Frazer's Pantomime and Minstrel Troupe for the fifth of January. Each time Frazer has been to Allentown he has gained in popularity with the people. Personally he is a gentleman in every sense of the word and upon the stage there are few to equal him in pantomime. When he returns to Allentown we hope he will have a clear night and a full house.

AN ACTION for slander, was tried in the court of Berks county, last week, which resulted in the heaviest damages for that offence ever recorded in Berks, showing that people are beginning to estimate character in its proper light. The action was brought by a young lady, the daughter of a well-to-do farmer, against the wife of a neighboring farmer for a very malignant slander uttered in regard to the former. The trial occupied two days, and the jury, after some hours' deliberation, returned a verdict in favor of the plaintiff for two thousand four hundred dollars.

MUTILATED CURRENCY.—The Treasurer of the United States, Mr. Spinner, gives notice that after January 1st, 1872, the existing rules governing the redemption of all kinds of paper money now or hereafter redeemable at the Treasury of the United States, will be changed so as to read as follows:

I.—Fragments of a note, constituting less than one-half, will not be redeemed at all, unless on clear and satisfactory proof of the total destruction of the missing part.

II.—An entirety of less than five-eights of a note, and being clearly half of a note, will be redeemed at half the face value of a whole note.

III.—An entire piece, constituting five-eighths of a note, will be redeemed at its full face value.

NEW RAILROADS.—As far back as our recollection extends and ever since, Bucks county has been talking about railroads running through its centre and periodically engineers traverse its soil inspiring its farmers with the hope that some day they will be awarded damages for having their farms cut up and enhanced in value. For many years, according to report, the Pennsylvania Railroad was going to build a through line to New York, via Bucks county. The Pennsylvania Central has since been supplied by quicker means, and now the Baltimore and Ohio Company is named in connection with Bucks county through lines.

LITURGICAL CHILDREN'S SERVICES.—Fourteen years ago a liturgical service with responses for children on Christmas was prepared and introduced by the officers of St. Paul's Lutheran Sunday School of this city. Rev. S. K. Brobst afterwards enlarged and improved the form then used, published it and circulated more than one hundred copies of the same in all parts of the country. Liturgical services, similar to those commenced here, are now held in a great many Lutheran and Reformed Churches in the West as in the East.

REPORT of coal transported over the Lehigh Valley Railroad for week ending December 23d, 1871, compared with same time last year:

	For Week.	For Year
Total Wyoming	13,412 06	44,695 03
Hazleton	35,388 02	111,068 04
Upper Lehigh	60 17	204 01
Beaver Meadow	11,690 09	44,696 06
Mahanoy	6,759 09	19,572 03
Mauch Chunk	82 04	286 03
Sullivan & Erie	1,022 01	2,336 01
Total by Rail & Canal	72,422 03	237,308 07
Same time 1870	67,114 00	230,974 16
Increase	2,187 16	4,042 10
Decrease		

ALEXIS BALLS.—The balls given in honor of the Grand Duke Alexis do not seem to have been very profitable affairs. At Boston the sale of tickets yielded less than half enough to cover the expenses, and the subscribers to the guarantee fund were levied upon to make up the deficit. At Philadelphia the expenses amounted to $13,458.50, and the receipts from the sale of tickets were $7,165. Subscriptions amounting to $9,290 were received in advance, and about one third of this sum was returned to the subscribers. The bill of the Continental Hotel for entertaining the Grand Duke and suite was $1,341.96, and the bill for the breakfast at the Park was $1,700. The ball supper cost $4,131.40, $983.33 of which was for wines.

DEPOSITS IN THE BANKS.—Below is a comparative statement of the amounts of money deposited in the National Banks of the valley for October and December, showing a falling off from the former month of $129,188.82. The Second National of Allentown and First National of Easton show gains, while the Allentown National has decreased more than $80,000:

	October.	December.
ALLENTOWN.		
Allentown National	$49,827 88	$39,248 46
First National	20,145 21	15,243 95
Second National	95,773 51	109,177 79
CATASAUQUA.		
Catasauqua National	23,047 23	22,451 77
BETHLEHEM.		
First National	295,111 00	273,343 01
EASTON.		
Easton National	417,700 00	425,600 00
First National	278,728 80	302,902 29
	$1,090,331 63	$1,181,159 81

TWO MEN DROWNED.—Thomas McFadden and James Farry, while crossing the Lehigh River, in a small boat, near Koch's limekiln, above Redington, on Sunday afternoon, were drowned. They had been to Bethlehem to attend the Catholic services, and were on their way home. They were in company with another man, and the three attempted to cross the river in a very small, defective boat, and the consequence was the boat sank, and Mc Fadden and Farry were drowned, while the other man, being able to swim, escaped. The men were employes of the Coleraine Iron Works, at Redington, and were both without families. Coroner Thomas, of Easton, was notified, and held an inquest. Verdict: "Accidental death by drowning."—*Times of the 26th.*

OBITUARY.—We are pained to announce the death of our old school-mate, Allen P. Steckel, which occurred at his residence, No. 143 North Seventh st., Wednesday morning, after a short illness. Mr. Steckel was a young man of very many excellent qualities and of considerable prominence in the community. He was a member of Common Council, the Columbia Fire Company, Camp 63 P. O. S. of A., and Allen Rifles, and was an Assistant Engineer of the Fire Department. It seems that he was too young to die,—just entering upon the morning of a life which promised so much of future usefulness. His friends throughout the city will receive the information of his death with feelings of sorrow and heart-felt regret, but it is but another reminder that "in the midst of life we are in death."

THE INFANT FESTIVAL.—Tuesday evening St. Paul's German Lutheran Church was again crowded to its utmost capacity on the occasion of the exhibition of the Infant School. Mr. Hammun, Superintendent of Infant School, stated in opening that the audience should not expect such a treat as they had on Monday evening, because his school was composed only of small children, but that they would, to the best of their abilities, endeavor to please them. The exercises consisted of addresses and singing, the participants in which ranged between the ages of four and seven years. The exercises were highly instructive and some of them amusing. For instance: a small chap commenced delivering his address before he was on the stage, and by the time he came to the speaker's stand he had finished. This set the whole audience in a roar of laughter. Rev. S. K. Brobst delivered a short address.

WOOD'S HOUSEHOLD MAGAZINE is one of the most welcome visitors to our family. As it is only one dollar a year it is astonishing how so much reading matter can be given in each number. S. S. Wood & Co., Newburgh, N. Y., are the publishers.

RELIEF FOR THE NORTHWEST.—Rev. N. S. Strassburger has received acknowledgments from the Michigan and Wisconsin Relief Committees for money sent by his church. The amount sent was $58.50 to each of the two States mentioned above.

RAILROAD ACCIDENT.—A man named Messinger was instantly killed Thursday morning near Freemansburg, being run over by the early passenger train for Easton. Messinger lives near Freemansburg, and works at South Bethlehem; he was walking on the track and crossed over to get out of the way of a coal train, not observing the passenger train coming.—*Easton Free Press.*

COAL.—One thousand, two hundred and eighty-eight cars of coal passed down the L. V. R. R. during the twenty-four hours ending Thursday morning at 7 o'clock, consigned as follows: Central Railroad, 248 cars; Bel. D. Railroad, 273 cars; M. & E. Railroad, 204 cars; Easton and Phillipsburg, 84 cars; North Penna. Railroad, 213 cars; Bethlehem, 21 cars; Port Delaware, 36 cars; the several furnaces along the line, 209 cars.

CHICAGO RELIEF.—The Bethlehem subscription for the relief of Chicago amounted to $1,472.-39, and for the relief of Michigan and Wisconsin sufferers to $111.50. Mayor Medill, of Chicago, in acknowledging the donation made to that city says that they are now providing for 15,000 families, who must all be aided and sustained until they can find work and help themselves.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.—At a regular meeting of the Allen Division, No. 401, Sons and Daughters of Temperance, held on Thursday evening, Dec. 28th, the following officers were elected for the ensuing term:—W. P., Ella Massey; W. A., John Egge; R. S., B. F. Lerch; A. R. S., Mary Gourdle; F. S., T. B. Leisenring; Treas., Bro. Dowing, Sr.; C., Sallie Massey; A. C., A. Kernahen; I. S., John Ganger; O. S., W. S. Newhard; Chaplain, John Gossler; P. W. P., W. J. Huber.

LOSS OF A VALUABLE HORSE.—A five year old horse belonging to John Koch, of Orefield, slipped and fell in one of Mr. Koch's lots on Wednesday, breaking one of his legs. The horse had been let out to go to water, as was the custom, and as there was no ice where he fell it is a mystery what caused the accident. His leg was badly broken and necessitated killing him. He had served as Mr. Koch's favorite saddle horse for over two years, and was valued at over two hundred dollars.

The annual meeting of the Association of the German Press of Pennsylvania was held Friday afternoon at Reading. The following were elected officers for the ensuing year: President, Rev. J. K. Brobst, Allentown; Vice Presidents, Dr. E. Morevitz, Philadelphia, E. D. Leisenring, Allentown; Secretary, W. Rosenthal, Reading; Corresponding Secretary, W. Rapp, Chicago; Treasurer, R. Fries, Norristown; Director, Dr. G. Kellner, Philadelphia; Dr. Notz, Allentown; Daniel Miller, Reading; Rev. D. E. Schoedler, Monroe county; A. E. Dambly, Montgomery county.

SHEEP SKIN THIEF.—Chief of Police Kleckner received a dispatch a day or two ago from S. Seible, of Pittston, saying that he should intercept two boxes containing sheep skins, marked W. W. Adrian, Allentown. The Chief went over to the Lehigh and Susquehanna Depot Friday and found them. Mr. Seible came down and sent them back. It appears that one Huber stole them in Pittston and took them to Scranton, then shipped two boxes here and two to Easton, and sold twelve skins to a farmer near Scranton. The Chief of Police of Pittston, in company with Mr. Seible, went to the farmer and identified the skins and traced Huber to Scranton, where they captured him. He confessed that he stole eighty-five or ninety sheep skins and was locked up in the Scranton Jail.

STATEMENT OF THE WEATHER FOR JANUARY, 1871.—1st, mostly sunshine; 2d, cloudy a m, more clear p m; 3d, clear a m, changeable p m; 4th, mostly clear; 5th, cloudy; 6th, cloudy to 5 p m, then clear; 7th, clear and cold; 8th, cloudy and very cold, 3 inches snow; 9th, clear and cold; 10th and 11th, cloudy; 12th and 13th, clear and warm; 14th, cloudy with a little rain p m and thunderguat during night; 15th, cloudy with heavy rain during all night; 16th, cloudy a m, somewhat clear p m; 17th, clear and cool; 18th, cloudy; 19th, clear a m, cloudy p m; 20th, changeable with one inch snow during night; 21st, cloudy with rain at night; 22d, cleared off with northwest snow storm; 23d, northeast snow storm 4 inches snow; 24th, cloudy and very cold; 25th, cloudy with 1 inch snow at night; 26th, snow and hail all day, 6 inches snow; 27th, clear; 28th, cloudy with snow p m, 6 inches; 29th, cloudy; 30th, cloudy; 31st, cloudy with rain. C. A. R.

EXPLOSION—ALARM OF FIRE.—An explosion occurred at the coal oil works of Boas Hausman, last Wednesday, about 8 o'clock, which caused an alarm of fire, to which the Good Will, America, Allen and Liberty responded, the Columbia not going because it was out of her district. It appears a fire had been put under one of the stills for the purpose of cleaning out the pitch. Edwin Weaver went into the still house, and observing the fire larger than usual, put the lid on the man hole and almost immediately an explosion occurred, tearing the top off the still, shattering the roof and damaging the brick work considerably. No damage was done to the building by fire. Mr. Weaver had his face and hands burned, the injuries being very painful though not serious. Drs. Wm. H. Romig and Charles D. Martin attended him.

RAILROAD CAR BURNING.—The old Norristown Railroad used to be a very conservative institution, the officers seeming to have no other objects in view than the safe transportation of passengers and the making of money. However, since the Reading Road has taken charge of it things have changed and they run their trains at a modern speed and do something to help the newspapers along. On Friday evening week, a train on the road ran off the track a mile below Norristown, and wrecked a couple of cars which were soon in flames from the upsetting of the stoves and were entirely consumed. A number of persons were injured, some of them seriously, principally members of the Norristown Cornet Band. It was very rough on the band, but the members as well as the other passengers think it miraculous that they escaped burning to death, as they had to make their escape through the flames.

PENNSYLVANIA CITIES.—The following is the population of the cities of Pensylvania in 1870 with increase for the past ten years:

Cities.	1850	1860	1870	Increase 1860–'70
Philadelphia,	408,762	565,529	673,726	91,097
Pittsburg,	46,601	49,217	86,254	37,037
Allegheny City,	21,262	28,702	53,185	24,483
Reading,	15,743	23,162	34,004	10,842
Scranton,	9,223	35,093	33,093	23,870
Harrisburg,	7,834	13,405	23,100	9,695
Lancaster,	12,369	17,603	20,161	2,558
Erie,	5,858	9,419	19,646	10,227
Williamsport,	1,615	5,664	16,023	10,359
Allentown,	3,779	8,025	14,159	6,134
Pottsville,	7,515	9,444	12,390	2,946
York,	6,862	8,695	11,012	2,407
Easton,	7,250	9,914	10,991	2,047
Altoona,		3,591	10,611	7,020
Wilkesbarre,	2,723	4,255	10,174	5,921

In 1850 Easton stood No. 7 in population and Allentown No. 13. In 1870, Easton stood thirteenth on the list, and Allentown the tenth.

SUNDAY LIQUOR SELLING IN SCRANTON.—Last Sunday week, Mr. Mossman, the city Missionary, attached to the Y. M. C. A., entered the Hall of John Zeidler, on Lackawanna avenue, and found it crowded with individuals, who were drinking as fast as the stuff could be poured out for them. In addition to this the Sabbath was desecrated by a troupe, who were playing to entertain the crowd that had congregated there. The entrance of Mr. Mossman was a signal for an outburst of indignation on the part of the liquor interest, and the consequence was that Mr. Mossman was brought to the floor before he reached the bar, whither he was tending, to have a conversation with Mr. Zeidler. He lost his hat in the scuffle, and according to the accurate account of the matter was roughly handled. The police interfered, and he was allowed to leave the Hall without personal harm, after stating to those around that he came, not for himself, but in behalf of others.—*Public Code.*

DISTRICT ATTORNEY PRO TEM.—Our District Attorney, William H. Sowden, being ill and unable to attend to the duties of his position at the January term of court, Robert E. Wright, Jr., has been appointed to act in his stead. Mr. Sowden has been seriously ill, but he is now improving.

COLUMBIA.—The Columbia Engine Company was out last Friday trying horses to supply the place of one of their horses which was disabled some time ago by slipping and spraining his leg. The horses on trial to-day belonged to Joseph Weaver, of this city, and Aaron Fahringer, who lives near Breinigsville. The Company after the trial purchased Mr. Fahringer's horse, and it makes a good appearance in their team. The disabled "Mack" will be kept by the Company, and when he recovers he will be used in a one horse hose carriage.

A NEW METHOD OF PACKING BUTTER.—A Michigan dairyman has lately published his method of packing butter. He has oaken tubs, with heads at each end. They are 14 inches in diameter at the top, 9 inches at the bottom and 16 inches high. In packing, a cambric bag is made to fit the tub. The butter is packed in the tub as it stands on the small end—the sack being long enough to extend above the edges of the tub—and is pressed down firmly until within an inch and a half of the top, when a circular cloth is laid over it, the edges of the sack turned over that, and a layer of fine salt placed on it. The head is now put in its place, the tub turned up, and the butter in the sack, of course, falling down to the bottom, leaves a space all around it which is filled with brine poured through a hole in the small end. When full, the hole is corked up tight. The butter floats in the brine and is effectually preserved from the air, and will keep for an almos indefinite period.

THE NORTHWESTERN SUFFERERS.—Rev. N. S. Strassburger, pastor of the German Reformed church, on Hamilton street, has received the following acknowledgements of donations forwarded from members of his church and congregation:

HEADQUARTERS STATE RELIEF COMMITTEE,
DETROIT, MICH., Dec. 19, 1871.

Rev. N. S. Strassburger, Allentown, Pa.

DEAR SIR:—Yours of 14th inst., with enclosed donation of your church ($58.50) at hand and noted.

For the Sufferers by the late fires in our State, we thank you for your liberality toward their aid, and we shall endeavor to use the same judiciously.

Respectfully Yours,
G. M. GARRISON, Chairman.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 21, 1871.

Rev. N. S. Strassburger, Allentown, Pa.

DEAR SIR:—Your favor of 14th inst., has been received with enclosures as stated, ($58.50.) Many thanks for this kind and timely aid from your Church on behalf of our suffering people at the North. You have their warmest thanks.

Yours Respectfully,
ALEXANDER MITCHELL,
Treasurer of Wisconsin Relief Committee.

SINGULAR RAILROAD ACCIDENT.—A singular accident occurred on the Honesdale branch of the Erie railway Wednesday, which resulted in the death of a fireman, and the total wreck of fifteen coal cars. The train was approaching Lackawaxen, which is the junction of the branch with the main line, about noon. The branch road runs at the foot of a high range of hills, imbedded in the side of which are many immense boulders. When the coal train was within three-quarters of a mile of Lackawaxen, one of these rocks loosened by the thaw of the preceding day or two, and weighing many hundred tons, came thundering down the side of the mountain and lodged on the railroad track, only a few feet ahead of the train, which was running pretty fast. The engineer, Mr. D. B. Wood, scarcely realized the critical situation of affairs before his engine went crashing at full speed upon the immovable obstacle. The engineer and fireman, whose name was John Shultz, were thrown from the engine, the latter striking his head on a rock many feet away, and was instantly killed. The engineer was, however, only slightly injured. The momentum of the train being checked so suddenly, the centre of it was thrown high into the air, forming for an instant a huge pyramid, and then fifteen of the cars went crashing down an embankment forty feet to the river. None of the train hands were injured besides the two named. The locomotive was completely wrecked.

CHEAP READING.

Subscribers to the LEHIGH REGISTER, or persons desiring to become subscribers, can obtain our weekly and the leading publications of the day for one year, at the prices named below. Subscriptions to secure these advantages, must be invariably paid in advance:

REGISTER and Adline	$5 50,	worth	$7 00
do do Weekly Tribune	3 00,	do	4 00
do do Rural New Yorker	3 50,	do	5 00
do do Health and Home	3 75,	do	5 00
do do Agriculturist	2 50,	do	3 50
do do Phrenological Journal	3 50	do	5 00
do do Harper's Bazar	4 75,	do	6 00
do do Harper's Weekly	4 75,	do	6 00
do do Harper's Monthly	4 75,	do	6 00
do do Atlantic Monthly	4 75,	do	6 00
do do Young Folks	3 00,	do	4 00
do do Appleton's Journal	5 00,	do	6 00
do do Every Saturday	5 50,	do	7 00
do do North American Review	6 50,	do	8 00

By the above arrangement we have no pecuniary benefit, but believing that every publication of a high order that is introduced into the families of this vicinity will increase the intellectual status of the community, we consider we will have our sufficient reward in the good it produces. Besides, cheapening the cost of these publications, we confer benefits upon the readers of our paper which cannot fail of their appreciation. We believe there is something for a publisher of a newspaper to do in addition to that which will accrue to his own individual benefit, and if we succeed in aiding the more thorough diffusion of knowledge we shall believe that we are of so much the greater service to our people.

BISHOP HOWE.—Rev. Dr. Howe, lately elected Bishop of the Episcopal Church for the Central Diocese of Pennsylvania, was consecrated to his office on Thursday, in St. Luke's Church, Philadelphia. The attendance was very large, including a large representation of the Bishop and clergy of the church. The Rt. Revs. B. B. Smith, D. D., of Kentucky, Presiding Bishop; C. P. McIlvaine, D. D., Ohio; Alfred Lee, D. D., Delaware; Thomas M. Clark, D. D., R. I.; Horatio Potter, D. D., New York; G. T. Bedell, D. D., Ohio; J. B. Kerfoot, D. D., Pittsburgh, and B. Wistar Morris, D. D., Oregon, all took part in the services. Among the clergymen present was Rev. W. R. Gries, Rector of Grace church of this city, and Rev. Cornelius Whitehead, of Bethlehem. The consecration sermon was preached by Bishop Bedell, of Ohio. In the course of his sermon the Bishop stated that of 320,000,000 nominal Christians in the world, 280,000,000 were Episcopalians. The text of Bishop Bedell's sermon was taken from Acts 20, 28: "Take heed therefore unto yourselves and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the Church of God which He hath purchased with His blood." The Consecration Service was commenced by the presiding Bishop, Benjamin B. Smith, of Kentucky, and was participated in by a number of Bishops and clergymen.

Bishop Howe's diocese embraces thirty-six counties, including all of Pennsylvania east of the Alleghanies, except Philadelphia, Bucks, Delaware, Montgomery and Chester counties.

THE CHRISTMAS SEASON.—An Allentown Sunday School teacher furnishes the News with the following table of dates relating to the birth of Christ, which is worth preserving for reference:

The learned Men of Christendom very generally accept the conclusion of Dr. Wieseler, that Jesus was born in the early part of February, in the year *Four*, before the beginning of our Era—that is, before A. D. 1: (the particular day cannot be found): and that Jesus was crucified on Friday, the Seventh of April, A. D. 30.

Assuming Feb. 1st as the day of his birth, (the year and month, as above, being quite certain) the following approximations of exact times are probably very near the truth:

Conception of John,	Nov. 1, B. C. 6	
Conception of Jesus,	May 1, B. C. 5.	
Visit of Mary to Elizabeth,	soon after.	
Birth of John,	Aug. 1, B. C. 5.	
Birth of Jesus,	February 1, B. C. 4.	
Circumcision of Jesus,	Feb. 9,	" "
Presentation of Jesus,	March 12,	" "
Eclipse of the Moon next night.		
Visit of Wise Men,	March 20,	" "
Flight to Egypt,	March 21,	" "
Murder of Children,	March 23,	" "
Herod's Death,	April 1,	" "
Return from Egypt,	May 1,	" "
Jesus 12 years old in Temple,	April 17,	A. D. 8.
John begins to preach in Autumn of		A. D. 26.
Baptism of Jesus,	February 1,	" 27.
Wedding at Cana,	March 25,	" "
1st Passover began	April 9,	" "
2d Passover began	March 28,	" 28.
3d (did not attend) began	March 19,	" 29.
4th Passover began	April 7,	" 30.
CRUCIFIXION, Friday	April 7,	" "
Resurrection, Sunday,	April 9,	" "

and appears to Mary, Peter and others.

Appears to Disciples, Sun.	April 16,	" "
Appears at Sea of Gal. "	April 23,	" "
Seen by 500, Sunday,	April 30,	" "
Seen by James, "	May 7,	" "
ASCENSION, Thursday,	May 18,	" "
Pentecost, Sunday,	May 28,	" "

All the above *year* dates, and also the particular *day* of Eclipse of the Moon at the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple, and the first day of each passover, are strictly correct, being determined by astronomical calculation.

THE Northampton Teachers' Institute, at Bethlehem, adjourned on Saturday morning. During the week Superintendent Buehrle and a number of Allentown teachers were in attendance.

THE trade of the country for 1871 was twenty per cent. greater than for 1870, and all indications point to a still more prosperous trade for 1872.

THE St. John's Sabbath School of Fogelsville held its festival on Christmas evening, upon which occasion the services were very interesting. A lengthy communication upon the subject arrived too late for publication.

PASTORAL VISITING.—The visits of the people to the pastor in his study are often more valuable than those he makes to them, and every pastor should have hours when he is accessible to inquirers, particularly to young people seeking religious counsel, and in a state of earnest awakening. The delicacy and shrinking which pastors of sensibility feel in forcing themselves on reluctant, distant and shut-up people must also be taken into account. The first call is often a great trial to him, as well as to them, and he often stays away because there is no indication that he is wanted, or very welcome. This is for the people to think of. Pastors must not underrate their official in favor of their personal importance. A minister can often fall back on his office, and do many things in his character as a minister which it is weakness and folly to think he could do only as a friend and neighbor. It is not wise to neglect or squander the accumulated power which his office gives him. In the sick room, by the death-bed, at the funeral, to the mourner, the minister is something more, if he knows it, than an ordinary man. He is the public representative of religion, the chosen teacher, the apostle of Christ, the man whom years in the pulpit have given an official right to handle religion plainly and directly, and he had better not forget nor fail to use his professional privileges and his sacred office as something greater and bolder and more authoritative than his private self. Let him not rely only on his own wisdom or sympathy or tact, but fall back also on his office, and he will meet a very unlooked-for welcome, and bestow a very surprising degree of support, consolation and light, even upon those he fancied had very little respect for his place.—*Liberal Christian.*

THE Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, A. Y. M., held its annual communication at the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, last week. Hon. Robert A. Lamberton, Grand Master, presided, assisted by Samuel C. Perkins, D. G. M.; Alfred R. Potter, S. G. W.; Robert Clark, J. G. W.; John Thomson, Grand Secretary; Peter Williamson, Grand Treasurer; and the following Grand Chaplains: Rev. John Chambers, Rev. George W. MacLaughlin, D. D., and Rev. R. H. Pattison, D. D.

After the transaction of some routine business the reports of the various committees were made, setting forth that the order is in a flourishing condition in all parts of the Commonwealth. It was stated that the granite work on the new temple, at Broad and Filbert streets, is nearly completed. The towers, the front doorway on Broad street, and part of the Juniper street front elevations have yet to be completed. The tower at Broad and Filbert will be finished next summer. The whole building is now under roof, and the work on the interior is being pushed forward with all despatch. Before the close of 1872 the granite work will be all up, and the interior will be ready for the decorators and painters. During the current winter the whole of the heating and ventilating apparatus will be in position and ready for testing. It is believed that it will meet with general approval, and will be entirely successful. If no accident occurs to interrupt the progress of the work the new temple will be dedicated on the 24th of June, 1873.

Another report shows that there are three hundred and sixty-one lodges of Freemasons in Pennsylvania, with a total membership of 35,108.

In retiring from office the Grand Master, Hon. Robt. A. Lamberton, of Harrisburg, made a very appropriate address, in which he alluded to the visit of Earl de Grey and Ripon, Grand Master of Masons of England, to this country, and the gratefulness of that nobleman for the fraternal greetings he met with while on his visit here last summer.

The following officers, elected at the quarterly communication on the first Wednesday of the current month, were installed to serve for the ensuing year:

R. W. G. M.—Samuel C. Perkins.
R. W. D. G. M.—Alfred R. Potter.
R. W. S. G. W.—Robert Clark.
R. W. J. G. W.—James Madison Porter.
R. W. Grand Treasurer—Thomas Brown.
R. W. Grand Secretary—John Thomson.

The new Grand Master, upon taking his chair as presiding officer, delivered a brief but eloquent and appropriate address, in which he indicated to some extent the course he had determined to pursue in future.

Among the appointments announced for 1872 were the following: Grand Chaplains, A. J. G. Dubbs, Lehigh county, and Leighton Coleman, Carbon county.

The annual communication of the Grand Chapter was held at the Temple in the evening, when the officers elect were installed. Among the appointments made by the Grand High Priest, Chas. E. Meyer, were the following: Dewees J. Martin, of this city, G. S. M. C., and Edwin G. Martin, of this city, Deputy Grand High Priest for Lehigh, Carbon and Northampton counties.

LEHIGH VALLEY REPRESENTATIVES IN EGYPT.—A correspondent of the New York Herald, writing from Alexandria, Egypt, gives the following interesting bit of gossip concerning the bevy of young American ladies who are traveling over Europe in charge of Mrs. Stone. The Lehigh Valley has several representatives in the party, one of whom is Miss Kate B. Leisenring, the daughter of Hon. John Leisenring, of Mauch Chunk, and another Miss Gertrude Thomas, of Catasauqua. The writer says:—

A novelty among the American travelers abroad will induce the derision of the reader, because the American is himself a novelty to foreigners, notwithstanding he has been on exhibition for nearly a century. But what shall be said of a party of fourteen young ladies, traveling over Europe, Asia and Africa unattended by a lady instructor, in order that they may learn from the great book of human life? Being in Milan some two weeks ago I had an opportunity to observe an itinerant seminary, composed of more than a dozen of the fairest of our American girls, in charge of Mrs. Stone. The young ladies varied in age from fourteen to twenty-one, and represented nearly every quarter of the Union, typifying all shades of innocent beauty.

Their names are as follows: Miss Nancy N. Sanborn, Miss Erina M. Fuller, Miss Emma Etheridge, Miss Kate B. Leisenring, Miss Lizzie Bell Fuller, Miss Nancy A. Sanborn, Miss Gertrude Thomas, Miss Flora Bella Van Huysan, Miss Kate E. Mitchell, Miss Lena M. Gould, Miss Clara A. Avery, Miss Kate C. Baxter, Miss Mary T. McNaughton, and Mrs. Lucinda Stone. This very brilliant party left New York nearly a year ago, under the direct supervision of Mrs. Stone, but for made protection they have Mr. H. G. Gilbert and a courier, who attended to all the details of traveling. They first made a tour through Ireland, where they were greeted with the generous hospitality which only an Irishman can offer, and then passing through Scotland visited England, France, Germany, Switzerland and Italy. Of course such an aggregation of young and attractive girls, blushing with health and vitality, attracts the curious gaze of the astonished European, who can little understand why a young lady should have anything beyond a shallow property in music and domestic accomplishments. Still it teaches a new system for educating the American young lady, and one which, from the results already achieved, is worthy of the highest commendation. It is simply taking the undeveloped girl from the close and deleterious airs of the schoolroom, and acclimatizing her to