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.

Subscribers about removing will please send us their old address as well as the new.

SAD.—Miss Ida V. Moser, who recently went to Georgia for the benefit of her health, died at Savannah, on the 12th.

THE Patriotic Sons of America are making preparations for an immense parade at Pottsville on the Fourth of July.

BERKS county is organizing innumerabl brass bands for the coming campaign and they will have brass enough to tout for General Jackson.

PROPERTY SALES.—Reported by Aldermar Mertz: Matilda Kohler sold a two-story brick house and lot of ground, on Turner street between Sixth and Seventh, to Peter Storch, for $1,000.

HEAVY BAIL.—Henry C. Coles, the accomplice of Snedeker in the forgery of Allentown School Bonds, has just been captured and consigned to the Tombs in default of $20,000 bail.

HOTEL CHANGE.—Our genial friend, Peter D. Swoyer, of Maxatawny, has purchased the hotel stand at Fritztown, Berks county, and has taken possession. He knows how to keep a hotel.

THE Wilmington and Reading Railroad Company wants several hundred hands, at $1.75 per day, to work on the road between Birdsboro and Reading.

THE excursion rate to Philadelphia and return, over the Lehigh Valley and North Penn. Railroads, is $3.55, the North Penn. Company not acceding to the proposed reduction so as to enable the former Company to sell tickets at $2.95.

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.—Mr. Ainey has been nominated for Delegate at Large to the Constitutional Convention. His selection will give eminent satisfaction to his many friends throughout the county.

SALISBURY.—The Literary Society at Hoffert's school house will reorganize this evening. They intend to keep it up during the summer.

The schools, with a few exceptions, have close for the season.

Two splendid second-hand Pianos, 7 and 7¼ octaves, overstrung bars and warranted in every respect to be first-class instruments, are for sale at C. F. Herrmann's Music Store, Allentown. apr 1-3tw

BLATCHLEY'S CUCUMBER WOOD PUMPS THE BEST. For sale by the Hardware Trade. Dealers in Agricultural Implements, &c. If there is no agent in your town, send for descriptive circular. C. G. BLATCHLEY, 596 Commerce Street Philadelphia. mar 13-3mw

POLITICAL.—Capt. McClelland, a young aspirant for Democratic Gubernatorial honors, made a speech at Reading on Saturday week. He opposed the Passive for 'Possum policy, and favored a straight-out Democratic ticket, with *Hancock* for President.

LECTURE.—Edwin H. Coates, Esq., of Philadelphia, will lecture in the Court House, on Wednesday evening, April 24th, for the benefit of Allentown Lodge, No. 91 I. O. G. T. The subject will be "Reminiscences of the Underground Railroad."

FITS.—A number of remedies are published for curing fits, but how to get them is not so generally known. It is said the best place in town to get a real, tip-top, satisfactory fit is at the clothing store of F. H. Brelnig, No. 637 Hamilton-st. Try his Broadway styles by his Broadway cutter

GENEROUS.—C. H. Heller Superintendent of the office in this city, received orders from the Central Express Co. in answer to an application of the Rev. W. R. Gries, Secretary of the Board of Missions of the new Diocese of Central Pennsylvania, to bill all packages sent by the Board to the several parishes of the Diocese *free*.

SMASH UP.—On Tuesday evening, during the storm, a culvert was washed out on the Lehigh Valley Railroad, at Laury's. A coal train coming up ran into it and blocked up both tracks with cars. The Buffalo Express, down, was delayed until five o'clock next morning. This was the only serious damage to the road between Mauch Chunk and Easton.

SAD BEREAVEMENT.—A Mr. King and wife of Lower Saucon township, have had six children. They are now childless. They had lost three children at different times in the past years, and last week they lost the three remaining little ones at one fell stroke, of scarlet fever. Mr. King and his wife are afflicted beyond what it seems possible for the human heart to bear, and they will receive the deep sympathy of their neighbors.—*Easton Free Press.*

PROPERTY SALE.—Henry T. Kleckner sold a lot of ground, 30x150 feet, situated on the road leading from this city to Hellertown, in Salisbury, to Mory Wilson, for $240.

John Lehman has sold a house and lot at Emaus for $2500.

John J. Gioring has sold a half acre of ground, in Emaus, to John Z. Jobst, for $1150.

John Z. Jobst has sold a lot in Emaus, about half an acre, to Reuben Miller, for $1200.

WENT HOME ALONE.—On Saturday of last week, some parties went from Welsenburg to Allentown with teams after furniture. On the way home in the evening they stopped at the Leather Corner Post to whiskey up a little. When they came out of the hotel they were surprised to find one of their teams was missing. The distance home was six miles and the horses went it alone all safe. Such careless drivers should not be entrusted with horses.—*Slatington News.*

THE Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Combination are doing all in their power to induce or compel the Lehigh Valley Railroad to consolidate with them. If this is accomplished it is believed they can secure the Reading Railroad too and thus secure a complete monopoly of the anthracite coal trade. It is believed, however, that the Lehigh Valley will maintain its honor and will follow in the old beaten track, even at the risk of losing money during the next two years, until they get their through road to New York completed.

THE Democrat proposes Hon. Robert E. Wright as a Democratic candidate for delegate to the Constitutional Convention. If we were to follow the fashion of Democratic journals we should say "Bob is a big man in his own estimation," but as we have some respect for truth and decency we are compelled to admit that Mr. Wright would make an able member of the Convention and would reflect honor upon the community. If the Convention is composed throughout of such material their deliberations will result to the benefit of the people.

DAMAGES FOR LIBEL.—B. Dadd says "one cent damages" is now the standard amount editors of newspapers are obliged to pay to individuals who imagine they have been libelled five or ten thousand dollars worth. Should any man ever feel grieved at anything we may say, hereafter, and labor under the delusion that his character is damaged to the extent of several thousand dollars, that man can save money by calling at this office before entering suit against us. He will find us the very soul of magnanimity,—we will graciously pay him the *one cent*, right away, just to save him the expense of feeing a lawyer,—because there are not many lawyers who are willing to accept the "one cent damages" recovered, for services rendered.

NORRISTOWN was filled with rejoicing over the nomination of Gen. Hartranft, on Wednesday evening. Eighty-seven guns were fired in honor of the event, one for each vote cast for him in the Convention. The band played delightful music and everybody was happy. Thus, where he grew from youth to manhood, and by his excellent private character won the respect and confidence of all who knew him; where, during the darkest days of the war his name was so often coupled with the cheering news of victory; where the letters of the "boys in blue" took home to their friends minute accounts of his skill, his bravery and his devotion to his comrades; where every inch of him is known and his character is unsullied by a single blemish,—there the people of all parties rejoice in the recognition by the people of the State of the brilliant war record and sterling integrity of John Hartranft.

A POOR DRIVER.—On Friday morning, while Charlie Heller was driving one of the one horse express wagons of the Central Express Company from the 10:10 train, he upset the vehicle near Col. Good's residence. The wagon was not injured, but the horse was, and Fred. Weinsheimer, who was being hauled up town, had his heel torn off. The injury to the latter has been dressed by a shoemaker and the patient is doing well.

GOOD MOVE.—We learn that the Lehigh Valley Railroad officers propose instituting an accident insurance on their lines for the benefit of employees, paying weekly benefits to disabled men at the rate of ten (10) dollars per week, and, in case of death, $200. Upon careful calculation it is found that this can be paid from a revenue of twenty-five cents a month from each operative. This is a good move, and we trust it may be inaugurated at an early day.—*Hazleton News.*

SUDDEN DEATH.—Mrs. Bridget Callahey died at Hellertown Thursday afternoon at two o'clock. Her sudden death created great excitement throughout the borough, and charges of foul play were freely made and the feeling against her husband was very strong. The Coroner was telegraphed for, and yesterday morning Deputy Coroner John Stotzer held an inquest. The verdict of the Jury was that the deceased came to her death by congestion of the brain hastened by intemperance.—*Easton Free Press.*

BERKS COUNTY RAILROAD.—There was a meeting of the Directors of this road, on Wednesday afternoon, at their office, in North Sixth street, Reading. The Board resolved that twenty miles of the road, from Reading toward the Lehigh, should be put under contract, and directed their Engineer, J. Dutton Steele, Esq., o prepare the necessary plans and papers. The Eagle says that it is expected that before the first of June, this section of the road will be contracted and the ground broken.

HAZARDVILLE COAL DEPOT.—The Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company's storing depot at Hazardville, on the Lehigh and Susquehanna Railroad, is assuming immense proportions. The piles of coal here stored strongly remind the traveler on the Lehigh Valley Railroad that he is entering the anthracite region. The cars are run up on a high trestle work by a stationary engine, the coal dumped in their respective bins, as it were, and then the cars are run down on the main track by means of a dummy or safety car.—*Mauch Chunk Democrat.*

OUR readers should remember that Dr. Bernhardt will not remain in Allentown much longer and those who need his services should apply soon. We believe no one, now, doubts his superior abilities and knowledge of optics. Everybody who has patronized him is a peripatetic advertisement for the Doctor, always speaking of him in the highest terms and in the most convincing manner. He has yet to find a patient who is not thoroughly thankful to him for the good he has done them. Such examples speak more forcibly than any evidence of his skill that we could give.

THE Miners' Journal, a strong Ketcham paper and one of the most honest and influential journals in the State, says "we had our preferences, but the gentlemen nominated are well distributed over the State, and we doubt very much whether a stronger ticket could be formed even if some of the candidates were changed."

In another article it says: "The contest in the Republican State Convention was very warm between the friends of General Hartranft and Mr. Ketcham, but the latter showed the right spirit after the nomination was made, in saying that he would take off his coat and work for the whole ticket."

SINGULAR SPELLING.—We have been amused in studying out the different ways in which the word vaccinate was spelled by as many parents in recent notes from parents to school teachers—with sixty schools to hear from; and presuming that the illustrations will gratify our readers rural, we append these specimens: Vaccenate, vexinated, vexenated, vaxnate, waxnaded, vaccenate, waxnated, waxnite, vasenate, vexnate, vacinated, faxenated, vaxenated, vaxenaded, vaxnaded, waxenaded, vacincating, vacinecating, waxnated, waxineighen, waxenated, wascinated, waschatia, vexnated, wacsinated, wakenated, vaxcinated, waxneighen.—*Mauch Chunk Democrat.*

TOTAL DESTRUCTION OF THE SPRUCE HILL PAINT MILLS BY FIRE.—The Easton Express says the Spruce Hill paint mills of Messrs. E. Warne Co., situated on the Bushkill just above the cemetery bridge, was totally consumed by fire Friday morning about four o'clock together with all the machinery and entire contents. All of the fire companies were on service, the four steamers standing side by side drawing water from the head race, perfectly deluging the burning building and surrounding houses. Unfortunately, the alarm did not reach Easton in time for the fire companies to arrive at the scene soon enough to save anything in the mill, but through their exertions much of the surrounding property was prevented from taking fire and being destroyed.

The loss alone in stock is estimated at $6 000, and the loss to machinery about $7,000. Of the stone building nothing remains but the bare walls—the loss on this is about $4,000. There was no insurance on the stock. The machinery and building are insured, but for what amount we have not learned.

ABANDONMENT OF A CANAL.—The Lehigh Valley R. R. Co., has had a bill passed during the past winter allowing them to abandon the Penna. & N. Y. Canal. The following is one of the most important sections of the bill:

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted, &c.*, That the Pennsylvania and New York Canal and Railroad Company be, and they are hereby relieved from any and every obligations at law or in equity to keep in repair their canal or any portion thereof. *Provided*, That the portion between the feeder dam on the Lackawanna river and Northampton street, Wilkes-Barre, shall be kept in repair so long as it may be necessary to feed the canal between Wilkes-Barre and Nanticoke dam.

The following amendments were passed in connection with the original bill:

Provided, That the company shall either purchase all the boats belonging to Bradford, Susquehanna, and Wyoming Counties, so as to allow the owners of said boats to float them out, or in case of destruction of the canal by freshet, the company shall themselves deliver all such boats into some adjoining canal.

And provided further, that the company shall transport coal and plaster by their railroad to and from all points in Bradford and Wyoming counties, charging no higher rates for such transportation, than they charged therefor during the years 1870 and 1871.

A VERY VALUABLE NUMBER of Hearth and Home for April 20 is before us. Besides several fine engravings, and the usual good assortment of excellent reading for all departments of the household, a Supplement in this number gives an account of a four years' Libel Suit brought against the Publishers for exposing Humpugs, in which the important rulings of Judge Brady of the N. Y. Supreme Court, and the testimony of leading physicians, take advanced ground in regard to the responsibility of manufacturers and dealers in patent medicines. This will be specially interesting, not only to Lawyers, Physicians, and Druggists, but to all who buy and use medicines, and to those who have been swindled by humbugs. A prominent feature, however, of this number of Hearth and Home is the new story by Dr. Eggleston, author of the "Hoosier Schoolmaster." The new story is entitled "The End of the World," illustrating life and scenes in the West thirty years ago. It is confidently believed that this will be one of the most attractive and useful American Stories yet brought out. Get this number especially, either of your newsman, or send a dime and get a postpaid copy from the Publishers, ORANGE JUDD & CO., 245 Broadway, N. Y.

COPLAY.—At the weekly debate of the Mutual Literary Society, Wednesday night, the question "Should women be allowed to vote in the United States?" was discussed with much interest. The speakers on the affirmative side were W. A. Parsel, Geo. P. Bates and William T. Morris. On the negative, Mr. Edwin H. Laubach, William Stein and A. F. K. Krout. The presiding officer was J. Dubbs Schreiber, who decided the question in favor of the negative. After the regular exercises, the following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing quarterly term: President, P. N. Remel; Vice President, J. Dubbs Schreiber; Secretary, A. F. K. Krout; Treasurer, W. T. Morris; Editor, Edwin H. Laubach; Critic, Geo. P. Bates. This meeting was held in the Borough school building at Coplay. The next meeting will be held in the Stemton school building, this Wednesday evening, at which time will be discussed the question, "Which is preferable, single or married life?" Six members of the Mutual Club are appointed to deliberate on this question, of which number three are single and three belong to the hymeneal band, and each party is to defend or speak in favor of the class to which he belongs. A lively time may be expected.

GEN. KETCHAM was nominated for Congressman at large by acclamation, but we regret he declined to accept the honor conferred upon him. Gen. Ketcham did not feel warranted in running the risk of forfeiting a large share of his practice to accept an office which he would only be permitted to fill for a term of two years.

A SPLENDID SUCCESS.—Messrs. Wm. F. Mosser & Co. are doing a big thing with their Eureka Turbine wheels. They are turning them out in large quantities and still they find it difficult to meet the demand. Wherever these wheels have been used they have given great satisfaction and they are bound to become known as the best manufactured.

THE list published on the 1st page, of the delegates to the National Convention, did not include the alternates. Those counties which, under the new Apportionment, compose the Tenth District, will be represented by Gen. Charles Albright, of Carbon, and John Williams, of Lehigh, with John W. Stokes, of Monroe, and John Lis Schreiber, of Lehigh, as alternates. In the Ninth, Montgomery has D. O. Hiltner, and in the Eighth she has Harrison Maltzberger as alternate to Samuel Freer, of Berks.

REPORT of coal transported over the Lehigh Valley Railroad for week ending April 6th, 1872, compared with same time last year:

	For Week.	For Year.
Total Wyoming	9,093 02	168,943 16
Hazleton	45,578 14	632,709 13
Upper Lehigh	78 19	1,062 17
Beaver Meadow	16,374 13	226,732 00
Mahanoy	8,851 18	77,277 17
Mauch Chunk	53 19	1,303 17
Total	80,031 05	1 108,021 00
Same time 1871	11,259 16	461,659 19
Increase	68,771 09	646,361 01

SLATINGTON.—We condense the following items from the Slatington News:—

Farragut Post, G. A. R., was inspected by Commander Reeder and showed a good record.

Rev. D. K. Kepner, of the Lutheran Church, were subjected to a donation party, which was very gratifying to the pastor.

Rev. J. D. Folsom, of the Methodist Church, has taken unto himself a rib. The fortunate young lady is Miss Annie M. Rorer, of Richland, Bucks county.

The News thinks the hotel and saloon keepers of Lehigh county are proof against the workings the Local Option Law for twenty years to come.

CONGRESSMAN.—Since Governor Geary has decided not to sign the new Apportionment Bill, all the old Congressional Districts will remain as before, and Lehigh and Montgomery will again work together in the Congressional election. This sudden upsetting of the slates that have been in process of formation, is unlooked for and will cause a little confusion before we can get back to the old harness. The discussion entered into by the Doylestown papers, upon the subject of the renomination of Dr. Acker, has been all in vain, and they will now have enough to do to look to their own District. Dr. Acker appeared to have a soft thing of it under the new Apportionment, but now he will be called upon to do battle against the wily politicians of Lehigh and perhaps Markley Boyer, too. We like the old way the best as we have not so many new acquaintances to make.

BOARD OF HEALTH.—At a meeting of the Board of Health, held Monday evening, the following Committees were appointed by the President:—

Sanitary Committee—Drs. P. R. Palm, P. L. Reichard, Mr. E. D. Lawall.

Committee on Office and Library—Mr. A. V. Moser, Drs. S. S. Apple, A. J. Martin.

Committee on Burial Grounds and Regulation Act—Drs. O. Fegely, H. A. Grim, Mr. Augustus Weber.

Committee on Accounts—Drs. Chas. D. Martin, George M. Romig, Mr. E. D. Lawall.

Foodrette Committee—Mr. A. V. Moser, Drs. O. Fegely, P. L. Reichard.

Committee on Nuisances—Mr. Augustus Weber, Drs. Chas. D. Martin, George M. Romig.

Sub Committee on Nuisances—First District, (1st and 6th Wards), Drs. Fegely and Apple; Second District, (2d and 3d Wards), Dr. A. J. Martin and Mr. E. D. Lawall; Third District, (4th and 5th Wards), Mr. A. V. Moser and Dr. P. R. Palm.

ALLENTOWN.—A correspondent of the Easton Free Press adds the following postscript to a letter from Alburtis:—On our return from a visit beyond Alburtis we stopped at the city of Allentown, just as the saying goes, "to see the elephant." Accompanying a friend we went around, and were very well pleased with the appearance of the city generally, as it reminded us of a northern city where we have passed many happy days. The fine buildings and beautiful display of spring goods in the show windows made an attractive sight to a stranger. We would have liked to stay longer, but could not that day, and so we took a long ride in the street car back to the depot, and waiving a previous intention to take a look through Bethlehem, returned home to Easton. We must not in our recollection of our trip on the Lehigh Valley Railroad, forget the pleasant and polite M. B. of the East Penn Junction who so kindly gave directions and took care of extra baggage during our absence in the city.

FIRE WITHOUT FLAME.—An experimenting Detroit chemist took a piece of threadbare cotton cloth, smeared it with boiled linseed oil, and placed it in the centre of the chest filled with paper and rags. Although the room was not tight and the weather was cold, there was a smell of fire about the room in eight days. Unpacking it the experimenter found the rag half charred. In April he made a similar experiment with a pair of painter's overalls, which he rolled up with pine shavings and crowded in next to the roof-boards of a loft. In a week the smell of smoke alarmed a workman in the next room, and the overalls were found to be on fire. And during the hottest weather a handful of old cotton rags, not smeared with oil, became hot enough when hung up in a tin box in the sun to light matches which he had placed among them. These facts show the necessity of caution in putting away rags, especially those that may be saturated with oil, benzine or other inflammable substance.

A TERRIFIC STORM.—Nature's scavenger, the thunder storm, visited Allentown last week in great force and did the work of Mr. Moser (the Board of Health.) The lightning was vivid and almost incessant, but none of the strokes appeared to descend in this vicinity. The rain descended in torrents and most of the streets were transformed into rushing torrents, which did considerable damage. On Hamilton street, on the hill, deep gullies were washed out, and below Fourth large holes were created which are dangerous to vehicles. Linden street was of course a young river and at Sixth street the box culvert was torn up and some of the planks were carried a considerable distance. The usual complaint about cellars being filled with water are again uttered. On the south side, near the jail, large curbs and flag stones were tossed about as though they were chips and probably about one hundred feet of the pavement will have to be relaid. The culverts at Fourth and Linden were entirely too small to meet the demands of the immense volumes of water, and consequently a deep gulley was washed in Losch's nursery and much damage was done to the trees. In front of the jail the terraces were badly washed and considerable labor will be required to rejuvenate them. At Kern's saloon, under the Post Office, the water covered the floor to the depth of a couple of feet. The Jordan and Lehigh were very high this morning.

A HOLE OF WARNING.—As you go up the Lehigh Valley, on the Lehigh Valley Railroad, you will notice, just above Kittatinny Station, a nice opening in the side of the mountain, which would be taken by the average traveler for the opening of a paint mine, as the siding of the Valley road to it is in good order and the little dump car standing in front of the opening has the appearance of having been constructed only a few months ago. But the average traveler, as usual, would be mistaken. This is "hole of warning" to those who are always willing to bite at the bait of sharpers who make large promises of immense "percentages," &c., but who will never invest a cent in legitimate enterprises at home. The way of it is this: Some two years ago a sharper of German extraction, came up the Valley and commenced experimenting for zinc ore. He soon found ore "containing a large percentage of pure zinc." Chemists analysed it, and then it was settled. The sons of the Fatherland of Mauch Chunk heavily invested, as did others in the Valley, until Mr. Zinc Experimenter had reaped some $50,000. Then work was commenced, and this hole sunk. No zinc ore was found, and when they looked around for their friend, The Experimenter, he, too, was not to be found. And now this hole remains as a warning to the unwary. The opening is plainly visible from the Lehigh Valley trains, and we would suggest that an inscription of warning be put over it.—*Bethlehem Times.*

DROWNED.—Harvey H. R. Knauss, a boy aged about 8½ years, son of Henry Knauss, was drowned in the Lehigh, near the dam, on Monday week, while out fishing in company with two other boys.

THE Easton Argus favors fixing up a platform that will suit everybody opposed to Grant. The Democrats of Northampton have been educated to believe that the former Democratic principles were the only true one. Whether they can now be made to see their past error, and follow Horace Greeley, is a very important question.

THE present high prices of pig iron do not benefit all the furnace companies. Some of the larger concerns made heavy contracts at prices ruling several months ago, which they have not yet filled and are therefore selling their production at old figures. The brokers, however, are reaping a harvest. The heavy rise affects manufacturers of iron who made contracts to furnish their manufactures at prices which were based upon the price of iron before the rise. We know of one establishment which is selling its product at about the cost of the pigs as they come from the furnace.

SALE OF THE PENNSYLVANIA SLATE QUARRIES.—The Sheriff of Northampton County on Friday week sold the valuable property of the Pennsylvania Slate Company, in Plainfield township, at public sale. The tract contains 196 acres, and an excellent Slate quarry has been developed on the premises. A large farm house, fourteen dwelling houses, and other improvements have been made on the property. The purchasers are Messrs. Daniel Desh, Augustus Wolle and Jeremiah S. Desh. These gentlemen are said, however, to be a committee representing a company. The price paid was $71,000. The mortgages on the property exceeded $100,000. We suppose the quarry will now be put in working order and the business pushed along.

COLONISTS.—Last week the colonists on their way to Kansas, previously referred to in these columns, rendezvoused at the East Penn. Junction. The party numbered about three hundred families, divided into colonies, the Eureka being from Philadelphia and composed mainly of mechanics, and the Volunteer being made up of Lancaster county farmers. Those composing the former were transported here *via* the North Pennsylvania Railroad and the latter were brought here over the East Penn. Railroad. At this point the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company furnished a special train to convey the colonists to Elmira. The route is somewhat circuitous, but cheaper fares were offered—the price being about nineteen dollars for a through ticket to Kansas City. Although the number who went out yesterday seems large, they are but the pioneers of the main colonies which will probably leave here during the next thirty days. It has been so arranged that these colonies will take up the whole of a township in Russell county, Kansas, on the line of the Kansas Pacific Railway, and with the purchase of the company's land and that of the United States Government they thus secure the grant of 1280 acres given by the State to each township settled, for school purposes. Any information upon the subject of emigration will be cheerfully given by P. T. Dickinson, general Eastern agent, No. 317 Broadway, New York.

HOME INSURANCE COMPANIES.—In noticing the rapid growth of our city in population, wealth, manufacturing and mercantile interests, we should not lose sight of other enterprises that are rapidly growing up in our midst and are already competing successfully with foreign capital, energy and enterprise, viz: our home insurance companies. Having occasion to look into the office of the Lehigh Valley Fire Insurance Co., (2d National Bank building), the fact was fully demonstrated to us that the actual cost of insurance in this company since its organization, now nearly six years, averaged from one-third to one-half less than the cost on the same class of risks in foreign stock companies. Since the removal of this company into its new office the business has more than doubled over the business of any previous year. Its officers are composed of the most responsible and honorable business men of the city. One of its best features is that all the policy holders are members and have a voice in its management, with liberty to inspect the books at any time during business hours, and the privilege of withdrawing at their pleasure and recover a just proportion of the premium paid in. Any of our citizens wishing to insure will certainly find it to their interest to call at this office before insuring in foreign companies. The advantages here are two-fold—a safer and cheaper insurance, and the benefit of money invested at home which sooner or later comes back again to the pockets of the insured.

In this connection we must not forget to mention the Allentown Mutual Live Stock Insurance Company, doing business in the same office, organized by a few of our most enterprising citizens, is meeting with public favor and bids fair to take the front rank in this class of insurance in this section of the State. It supplies a want long felt in this vicinity and is being extensively patronized.

Organization of City Councils.

Common Branch—The Mayor was present and administered the oath of office to the members.

The meeting was called to order by the Clerk, E. L. Ruhe. Present—Messrs. Butz, Erdman, Hartman, Huber, Koenig, Knauss, Leh, Lentz, Moyer, Quast, B. C. Roth, G. B. Roth, Saylor, Shimer, Statler, Thompson, Wolf and Wise.

Mr. Butz nominated George B. Roth, for President. Mr. Statler nominated Mr. Erdman. Mr. Wise nominated Mr. Saylor. Messrs. Erdman and Saylor declined, whereupon George B. Roth was elected by acclamation. The Clerk appointed Messrs. B. Roth and Statler a committee to escort the President elect to the chair.

On motion E. L. Ruhe was elected Clerk by acclamation.

An ordinance was read to divide the city of Allentown into two districts, for the purpose of making two Street Commissioners, and one relating to the City Engineer. The rules were suspended in order to take up the ordinances. After some debate the ordinances were passed after the third reading.

A committee of two was appointed to inform Select Council that the Common Branch was ready to meet in joint convention. Committee—B. C. Roth and E. C. Hunter.

After joint convention adjourned, Common Council was called to order, when the certificate of W. K. Ruhe's election signed by all the Return Judges, was received, and on motion was confirmed.

Adjourned to meet on Tuesday evening next, at 7 o'clock.

In the Select Branch Mr. Ainey received 8 votes for President and Mr. Wilson 4, and the former was declared elected.

Mr. Weiss was declared elected Clerk by acclamation.

The ordinances passed in Common Council were concurred in.

The election of Chief Engineer Ruhe was confirmed.

Committee of two from each branch was appointed to carry out resolution relative to land damages awarded Henry Ruerup.

Adjourned.

JOINT CONVENTION.

Communication, was received from Board of Health, stating that that body was prepared to go to work.

Election of City Officers was then proceeded with and resulted as follows:

CITY TREASURER.

Jonathan Reichard	20
Joseph E. Ballet	10

Messrs Lehr and Emery elected for City Engineers by acclamation.

Charles Christ was elected Water Commissioner by acclamation.

STREET COMMISSIONERS.

David Beitler, 1st division,	19
George Ritter, do do	11
Hiram Zettler, 2d division,	20
John McNulty, do do	10

CITY SOLICITOR.

H. C. Hunsberger,	19
C. M. Runk,	11

REGULATORS OF DIVISION LINES.

Henry T. Kleckner	27
George Fry	22
Elias Lentz	20
Henry J. Hornbeck	14

Mr Fry declines to serve.

ASSESSOR, SECOND WARD.

Depew Ueberoth,	20
B. F. Abbott,	10

Nominations for Assistant Engineers were received, when a committee composed of Schaun, Kemmerer and Ruhe was, on motion, appointed to investigate the charges of illegality in the votes for Chief Engineer. Adjourned.

—The first raft of the season was run down the Susquehanna as far as Peach Bottom on Saturday last. It came from Lock Haven, Clinton county. The first raft last year was run through to the same point on the 7th of March—a month earlier than this year.

OUR citizens should not forget to display their flags on Thursday next, the anniversary of the arrival of the First Defenders in Washington.

A DESPATCH in our news columns announces a very disastrous fire in Tiffin, Ohio. As a great many former Allentonians are residents of that place, the details will be awaited with considerable anxiety.

FRIGHTENED.—A horse made a plunge in front of Mrs. Guldin's store, on Saturday afternoon. This caused a young lady to scream, which so frightened the horse that he made off up the street. He was fortunately captured, however, before he did any damage.

REMOVED.—C. J. Erdman has handsomely fitted up the late residence of John H. Oliver, dec'd, at the corner of Fifth and Court streets. He has removed his law office to this building, the office of which was renovated before he occupied it.

CATTLE POWDER.—Lawall & Martin have innumerable testimonials that their cattle powder has produced better effects upon cows, horses, and all kinds of stock than any other ever used in this vicinity. Immense quantities of it are sold daily at the City Drug Store, 722 Hamilton street. No horseman or farmer should fail to give it a trial.

REPUBLICAN COUNTY MEETING.—It has been proposed that the coming Republican County Meeting be held at the public house of Thomas Seislove, at Guth's Station. Mr. Seislove is an active, ardent Republican, and as the point is central and easy of access, no better point could be selected. We suggest it to the consideration of the County Committee.

SPEAKING OUT.—Why in the name of common decency, good breeding and horse sense don't the New York World, the Harrisburg Patriot, the Chicago Times, and a number of professed local Democratic newspapers, get up and move bag and baggage out of the Democratic party, or else stop their infernal nonsense about fusion with "liberal" Republicans, "Labor Reformers," etc. If they no longer have faith in and affection for Democratic principle, in God's name let them at once, and without seeking to do it further harm, desert the grand old party that has grown stronger from successive defeats, and will not repine if all "policy" croakers within its ranks pack their duds and move out in a body.—*Pottsville Standard.*

THE GALAXY, for May, has been received and it is a very excellent number. The contents are "The Mother of Jacques," a French story, by Katherine S. Macquoid; "In the Garden," a poem, by C. P. Cranch; "Historic Lovers," by Junius Henri Browne; "The Arabs at Home," by Albert Rhodes; "My Life on the Plains," an interesting and instructive paper, by Gen. Custer; "Only a Kiss," a poem, by Wagenlauf; "Faust," part one, by Ivan Turgeriof; "The Eustace Diamonds," by Trollope, is continued; Richard Boyle Davey gives us an interesting article on Donna Lucrezia Borgia; Secretary Welles contributes his idea of Lincoln and Johnson's plan of reconstruction and resumption of National authority; and several other articles by distinguished writers complete the number, including the usual supply of Drift Wood, Scientific Miscellany, Galaxy Club Room and Nebulæ.

Bethlehem Correspondence.

BETHLEHEM, April 15th, 1872.

Political circles are now already heard discussing the Republican nomination for Governor and their chances of success. Hartranft is not universally endorsed by the Republicans, a source of immense comfort to the Democrats. But their sorrows begin in their own ranks, too; for they say Cass is their Hobson's choice, and he has but two merits: one that his surname is Cass and Old Lewis had been famous; secondly, he is a colaborer of the Pennsylvania Railroad. They don't like the Republican party of course, but they dread also a Pennsylvania Railroad Democrat, or pretend to at least. Since Grant's nomination is a certainty, the coming Cincinnati Convention is anxiously awaited. The Democrats very coolly praise Mr. Horace Greeley now—formerly Massa Greeley. Yet we rather think Mr. Horace Greeley, Esq., will find his course indorsed by only a splendid minority, which will fizzle away by slow degrees till the Ides of November.

Standing on the New street bridge we were viewing the suspension railway from the canal to the gas factory—a wonderful piece of engineering skill, beating the famous Switch-Back all to pieces. Here you can take your seat in a bucket, way down in the "raging canawl," be drawn up in mid-air some thirty feet, and then ascend suspended under a wire rope some distance over railroad, street and tree tops to a building top situated on a promontory like Gibralter. It is indeed a wonderful piece of mechanism, yet it seems to us questionable whether it will pay for the quantity that is yearly needed.

Mr. Weldon, who has left for parts known to himself, has been heard from, but that is about all. He is said to have given directions to draw his balance in bank and to settle up all his affairs. Some say that the North Penn. Railroad is stuck, but this seems strange now, for after auditing his books they reported everything correct. We do think there were strong motives to urge him to do so desperate a resource, but we will leave it here, and let the broad mantle of charity rest over the unhappy affair.

The Morning Progress is getting up high in the world. Its signboard in big letters stands on the roof of the Wilbur banking house, opposite the Union depot, South Bethlehem,—the most conspicuous sign in this valley. If that does not make it become *the* paper also, there is no use in putting up signs where all must see them.

Lively streets now—organ grinders in abundance, Italians, one-legged soldiers and others! May their boxes get full of pennies, and then good-by, gentlemen, good-by. ONCE IN A WHILE.

REORGANIZATION OF THE MAMMOTH STORES.—It is with pleasure that we address the citizens of Allentown and adjoining Counties to announce that we have reorganized our firm. The endeavor of the old firm was to make our friends "feel at home," and we are determined nothing shall be spared by the new firm to extend the same "Welcome," at the same time offering a much larger stock of Goods and a more satisfactory display. We shall offer in season all new and desirable DRESS GOODS, SHAWLS, SUITINGS, and an immense STOCK OF HOUSEKEEPING GOODS, second to none. Also a fine display of CARPETINGS, such as English Body Brussels, English Tapestry Brussels, 3 ply, Smith Tapestry Ingrain, Sanford Tapestry Ingrain, Extra Super Ingrain, Super Ingrain, all grades of Common Ingrain, Venetian, Wool Dutch, Rag, List and Hemp Carpets, Rugs, Mats, &c. OIL CLOTH, WINDOW SHADES, CURTAIN LACES, &c., &c. OUR CARPET DEPARTMENT UNSURPASSED in the "LEHIGH VALLEY" in point of quantity, quality, styles and prices, having ordered direct from the MANUFACTURERS and IMPORTERS before the LATE ADVANCE IN WOOL. We have enlarged our CARPET ROOM on the second floor, which is now the LARGEST IN THIS CITY, and not excelled anywhere. We offer GOODS IN THIS DEPARTMENT at New York and Philadelphia prices. We invite one and all to give us a call. EXAMINE FOR YOURSELVES, and be convinced that you can select from choice stock, and save time, passage, freight, &c., by buying here. In conclusion we would say that the principles and practices that have heretofore governed this Institution are our best guarantees for the future. Every department shall abound with BARGAINS, and our endeavor shall be to give the best attention to those who may favor us with their patronage.

We remain, yours, very respectfully,

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Fogelsville Correspondence.

During the past week our village was heavily visited. Disease, under the forms of croup, apoplexy, pectoral and scarlet fever entered our village and four human beings—three children and one aged woman, are its victims. The tomb has just been opened for them. In this sense they are lost to us. The little earth mounds are now the only marks of their presence with us.

But in another sense they have only gone home—gone to their rest. Yes, they now rest from sin and sorrow and the pangs of death.

But not only are we visited by the above named diseases but also a nail pox has on a sudden visited us, but so far only two cases are reported. Vaccination is now resorted to by multitudes who have neglected it until now to shield themselves from its ravages. But in reflecting upon the vistation of this dreaded disease the remark made in speaking about it seems virtually true, "We've been naughty and we will now get the lash."

A NEW insurance company has been organized at Catasauqua with the title of the Howard Mutual Fire and Marine Insurance Company. The following are the officers:—

President—Joshua Hunt.
Vice-President—Thomas Frederick.
Secretary—R. Clay Hamersly.
Treasurer—John Williams.
Directors—Joshua Hunt, M. H. Horn, Thomas Frederick, Dr. M. E. Hornbeck, Frederick Eberhard, Charles D. Fuller, W. J. Craig, Chas. Cowin, James M. Campbell, Wm. Younger, David Tombler, Solomon Biery.

GET READY FOR SPRING.—The full gush and melody of beautiful spring, with all its fresh budding life, its warbling birds and glowing sunshine, will soon be upon us. The earth will don its new dress and come out gaily with a shining face in holiday attire, looking so fresh and fair after its long winter sleep. Aspiring poets will be scratching their heads and wasting quires of foolscap with endless rhymes in praise of beautiful spring. Well, let them sing of the welcome spring, with its flowers and birds and all; my voice I'll raise in song of praise to BENNETT'S TOWER HALL, where the finest and best assortment of Clothing in the city of Philadelphia may be found, at lower prices than ever.

COURT PROCEEDINGS.

MONDAY, APRIL 8th, 1872.

Elizabeth German, Mary A. Steltz and Amanda German vs. The Laflin Powder Co. Feigned issues. Verdict in favor of defendants.

Nathan Weller vs. Elias Kemmerer. Judgment in open Court for want of an appearance; amount to be ascertained by the Prothonotary.

TUESDAY.

William Goranflo, executor, vs Thomas Bowen. Devi savit vel non. The jury in this case was set aside until Thursday morning on account of General Charles Albright, Esq., of Mauch Chunk (who being one of the attorneys retained by deft) who had to leave for the 12:25 p m train for Harrisburg to argue a question before the "Board of Property."

Monday being the day appointed by the