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| FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20,1895 |

Who Diseovered Coal.
Thefoilowing communication from
w. L. MoLaughlin of Mayfield, Pa., W. L. MoLaughlin of Mayfield, Pa
to the Scranton Republican give coal and the date thereof: coal and the date thereof:
Mayffeld, Pa., Nov. 30, 1895.--
reply to the question submitted your readers last week in regard the tine and circumstances of the
discovery of anthracite coal in Pennsylvania, $\mathbf{I}$
following: sylvania was made in 1790 by olas Allen, a lumberman, who
timber along the headwaters Schuylkill river in the vicinity
Pottsville. Allen lived in the Bro Pottsville. Allen lived in the Bro
mountain, near New Castle. He a vagrant sort of life, and in one
his expeditions built a fire one nig under the shelter of some trees in
ravine where a coal seam came the surfave. During the night
was awakened by an intense hea ing of the loose coal which had be ignited by the wood fire whiciei
had kinded in the evening. made an investigation of the place
the next day and beeame thoroughly portant discovery, but he was unabl tention he called to it, that the con
was anything more than black stones
and after a brief time the anave up in diggust and returned to his home in
Massachusetts, where he died Morris, who owned a large tract on
land in the vieinity of Port Carbon, sent a wagon load ofireatened with
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prosecution for attempting to swindie the Quakers by palming or blach
stones for fuel, he reterned home
and sold his land and left the region. Five
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ESTELLA ITEMS.
Mrs. W. E. Wheatley is on the
sich list.
There was an elopement in town
Sunday evening. fall particularss next week.
Fetella is in possession of a new
invention in the shave of an automatic hiteching post.
Mrs. Isaac K. Brown visited her daughter, Mrs. Eva Teeter at Ever-
green, sereral days last week. Water is very low and if we d
not get rain soon there will be Henry Beinich who has bee
working at Ralston, Lycoming Co for the past year is at home on
visi! O. W. Bennett, blachsmith is hav-
ing a large run of work, requiring the help of another man. Give him The chicken supper held at G. C Birds the other evening under the auspiees of the Ladies Aid was lage-
ly attended. A little child of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson MoCarty of Lincoin Falls, is
seriously ill. Dr. W. F. Randall is in attendance.
The young people of this place The young people of this place
have organized a literary society
and will give an entertainment Friday evening, Dec. 27. The young people of this place and Lincoln Falls had a skating party on A. T. Mulnix's pond Sat-
urday ewening. They had a time.
S. C. and C. A. Vargarson spent two or three days last week
Beaver Pond near Wyalusing visit ing their brother W. D. Vargatson, and bunting foxes.
for the first of December. The ther mometer registered eight degrees bow at Lincoln low at
ing.
Thos. in this piace being past 82 , and who has been partly deranged for the afternooon about two oclock, in his
stocking-feet and quite thinly dress

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| by Prof. M. W. Chaffee of North Orwell Pa. They attended the above convention closing with a concert |  |  |
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