### BRIEF ITEMS.

-Learn to write it 1890.

-How are the New Year resolutions holding out?

-The Tribune wishes all its readers a year of much joy and prosperity.

The new street lamps have arrived and will be placed in position in a few days.

-A regular monthly meeting of the borough council will be held on Monday evening.

—The New Year was ushered in with the usual amount of noise—ringing bells, shooting, etc.

—A tasty little calendar was presented by the Plain Speaker to its subscribers yesterday morning.

—Political candidates should insert eir cards in the TRIBUNE, and thereby t the voters know they are in the field.

—Sheriff Search on Saturday disposed of the property of Hugh Elliott, in Foster township, to B. P. Crellin, for \$1,550. -Correspondents that will furnish a regular weekly account of the happen-ings in their towns are wanted by the

—The Union Insurance Co. of San Francisco was organized in 1865 with a cash capital of \$750,000, fully paid in gold. Their agent here is W. A. Grimes.

—Neal Gara of Ridge Street announces himself as a candidate for the nomina-tion of councilman, subject to the decision of the Democratic nominating conven-tion.

—The Young Men's T. A. B. Society return thanks to Hon. James Collins for the donation of twenty-nine volumes to their library, and also to George Falze of Freeland for a valuable encyclopedia.

—A. A. Bachman received from his brother, C. A. Bachman of Philadelphia, an upright piano, mahogony finish, made expressly for him. It is one of the finest instruments of its kind ever seen in this part of the state.

Hon James Collins of Freeland will a candidate for re-nomination for sembly from this district. So far we re heard of no person in the district o wants to combat him for the posi-a.—Plain Speaker.

—In addition to the amount contri-ted to the Johnstown schools, mention-in our last issue, the following has see forwarded: South Heberton, Thos. vans, teacher, \$1.82; Woodside primary, rs. Sarah Denneny, teacher, \$2.25.

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—John Burton and Sanderson Seiple have filled a caveat for a patent on an oil-cloth holder. The apparatus consists of a series of rolls whereby the oil-cloth or carpet can be taken off and placed on the rolls, and can be seen to advantage without the trouble of opening the packages. It is neat and takes up a small space on the counter. A model has already been sent to the patent office. The holder will be sold at a price that all can purchase one.

### DEATHS.

oner.—At Drifton, January 2, Katie, daughter of John and Susie Boner, aged 3 years, 3 months and 12 days. Funeral Saturday afternoon at 2,30 o'clock. Interment at St. Ann's cemetery. Brislin, undertaker.

### The Perils of Mining.

John J. Murphy, who resided at Coal Castle, was killed Monday night just as he was quitting work at Thomaston colliery, Pottaville. Two other men employed with him were hurt. The men had prepared a blast and lighted it, intending to get out of the breast, on their way home, before the explosion took place. The fuse was short, however, and before-they could get out the charge went off.

Mrs. Adam Kohler had been entertaining some visitors on Friday at her
home in Minersville and soon after they
went off there was a knock at the door.
Thinking one had forgotten something,
she responded and saw a miner in his
working clothes. Not aword was spoken,
but Mrs. Kohler fell over in a dead faint
from which she had hardly been aroused
when the stretcher on which lay her
husband's dead body was carried in.
Mr. Kohler had been killed by a fall of
coal at Billy Best colliery. He had four
littlechildren, one of them a babe of but
a few months. The sight of the man in
his working clothes told Mrs. Kohler the
full, meaning of his visit.

The Pioner Ball.

The eighth annual ball of St. Ann's T. A. B. Pioneer Corps was held at the opera house Tuesday evening and proved one of the most successful and enjoyable ever held in this neighborhood. The hall was profusely decorated with flags, bunting and evergreens, which were neatly arranged. The grand march be gan promptly at 9 o'clock and was led by Master of Ceremonies Thomas O'Donnell of Sandy Run and Miss Susie O'Donnell of Sandy Run and Miss Susie O'Donnell of Drifton. The remaining part of the programme was then taken up and completed by 5 a. m. All present were unanimous in their praise of the Corps for the perfect arrangement and pleasant manner in which the evening was spent. As a social success the ball was never surpassed here. The financial part was also good, the net profits being about \$180.

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During the intermission the stepdancing contest for a silver cup took place. The number of contestants was not as large as expected, as some of those entered failed to appear, but what it lacked in quantity was more than fulfilled in quality. Those taking part were Richard Gallagher, Audenried; John Ryan, Jeanesville, and Daniel Boner, Freeland, each of whom danced a reel, jig and clog. The dancing was almost perfect and as good an exhibition as could be seen anywhere. The judges were Messrs. Hugh Malloy, Patrick McLaughlin and Steve Welch, who decided that the cup was won by Daniel Boner. Mr. Boner was warmly congratulated by his numerous friends upon receiving the trophy.

Have You Got the Grip?

The local physicians are divided in their opinion as to whether the numerous cases of influenza in Freeland and vicinity are of the ordinary kind characteristic of the season or owe their origin to "la grippe." All the physicians report an unusually large number of cases of influenza, but the majority of them are without the symptoms characteristic of the Russian plague, and only a few are of a serious character as yet. Several parties were unable to work this week on account of the disease, which spread rapidly during the past few days. Whether the complaint is the dreaded Russian "Grippe," or an exaggrated form of the common influenza, or an ordinary cold, accompanied by extraordinary symptoms, it should not be neglected by those who suffer from its attacks. "Only a cold" may, if not propelly attended to, grow to be a serious or even a fatal throat or lung disease. Persons afflicted with such troubles should not be their own doctors, nor should they accept the nostrums offered by either the disinterested or the interested purveyors of them. The safest way in the case of all maladdes is to consult a reputable physician, to take only such medicines or treatment as he prescribes, and to carefully follow his advice. When this is done "La Grippe," influenza, cold or whatever it may be, is unlikely to have consequences more serious than such as may be properly termed annoyances and inconveniences. The disease, if trified with, may have results of a graver character.

A Bridge line ourse of construction across the Lehigh river, between Lehighton and Weissport, was blown down by the wind Thursday afternoon. Three workmen in the employ of McCauley & Morse, sub-contractors for the Pittsburg Bridge Company, fell with the structure a distance of 30 feet. Gustave Berg was fatally hurt; Charles Zimmerman, shoulder and leg broken and badly cut about the head; Thomas Crawford, hip broken and bruised about the body. Berg lives in Jersey City and Zimmerman at Granville, Mifflin County, Pa. The injured were taken to St. Luke's Hospital, Bethlehem. The bridge was damaged to the extent of \$80,000. Berg died at the hospital Monday evening.

### NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES.

-Carbon County has 123 applicants for hotel and liquor licenses.

Deputy Sheriff Thos. W. Hart will go into the hardware business at Ashley after his term expires.

The saloon and stocking factory of Herman Zeterberg, Wilkes-Barre, was destroyed by fire Saturday night. Loss, \$10,000.

—John Sczumskie was smothered to death in a breaker near Wilkes-Barre on Monday. He was shoveling in a pocket and was drawn through by the loaders.

—William Jay Hughes, a prominent young member of the Luzerne County bar, died at his home in West Pittston of pneumonia on Monday, after a brief illness, aged 33 years. —John Hondach, a Hungarian, was arrested at Potsville on Saturday, charged with stabbing a fellow-country-man known as George McCullough, at Honey Brook on Christmas night.

—Hon. George J. Stegmaier and Miss Mary G. Costello, both of Wilkes-Barre, were married Tuesday evening. The father of the groom presented the happy couple with \$5000 as a wedding gift.

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—At noon yesterday the ground under
the Lehigh Valley Railroad shops in
Wilkes-Barre caved in. The foundation
walls of the building cracked and some
of the machinery was badly damaged.

—The internal revenue department
has issued an order consolidating the
guaging districts of Scranton, WilkesBarre and Pittston into one district and
placing the Scranton guager, G. B. Chase,
in charge.

—W. H. DeMun & Co. grocers and

charge.

—W. H. DeMun & Co., grocers, and A. Montz, artist, of Wilkes-Barre, ore closed by the sheriff on Saturday. ormser & Co. of Nanticoke, dealers in yoods, clothing, etc. were also closed. poor liabilities are \$25,000; assets, \$15,-

—John Mooney of Hazleton, who met with a sad accident about a month ago by being run over with the cars, return-ed home from St. Luke's Hospital last Tuesday. His condition has improved greatly, much to the pleasure of his numerous friends.—Standard.

—The Tourist, published by the Wilkes-Barre Saengerbund, has made its appear-ance. It is the official organ of the grand European excursion, which will take place in May, under the auspices of the Saengerbund. It is a neat little eight page and will assist greatly in swelling the ranks of the excursionists. —Many in this vicinity are pained to know that Dr. Bradley, the veteran newspaper man, has taken the wrong path and that he now finds himself a self-confessed criminal with name and fortune both gone. He has settled with the Phila. Press Company by paying them \$10,000, the savings of a lifetime. —Kingston Times.

—By the closing down of the Erie mines and of individual collieries in the Lackawanna region on Christmas over 4000 employees were thrown out of work, and this number has since been increased to 13,000, the fifteen collieries of the Delaware and Hudson Company having shut down. Nothing can relieve the idleness but stiff winter weather.

—Monday morning Nathan Harrison, formerly of Town Line, but now a farmer in Michigan, obtained a license for his marriage to Hattie Hedden of Town Line. Mr. Harrison will be 69 years of age in a few months, while Miss Hedden is just past 19. In Mr. Harrison's case marriage does not seem to be a failure, for this will be his third wife, the second one baving died in June last.

—The suit instituted against the D. & H. Co. by Mrs. Margaret Collins of Plymouth for the recovery of damages for the loss of her husband, who was fatally injured four years ago, was compromised last week by the company paying the plaintiff \$2,500. Mrs. Collins was awarded \$6,050 damages last May, but the company threatened to take the case to the supreme court, hence the compromise.

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A cave-in occurred Friday afternoon at the Mill Creek colliery, operated by the Delaware and Hudson Canal Company, at Plains, which wrought great damage. The cave-in was caused by the extensive robbing of pillars in one of the veins of the colliery, which was about to be abandoned. The surface area affected was not large, not over 500 square feet, but a number of large buildings stood on it, the most important being the Catholic Church of the Sacred Heart, one of the largest and finest frame buildings also suffered greatly, while several houses on the other side of the road were slightly damaged. The church is badly damaged. The massive foundation walls are cracked and rent apart and in the front the foundations are forn entirely from the superstructure and the building has tipped up. The parochial residence, a handsome dwelling, is almost a ruin. The front part has sunk six or eightfeet, while the rearis tipped up. The walls are all split and cracked and the rear extension ton entirely clear of the main building.

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Two small frame houses owned by John Keyes, close to the parochial residence, are also badly damaged, and the road in front of the church has gone down nine or ten feet. A number of men were at work in the church when the first shock came and they were thrown down and bruised by the falling plaster and rubbish. After the first shock the settlement continued gradually for an hour or more. Rev. E. S. Phillips, formerly of Hazleton, is pastor of the church.

### Failed to Bleed the Boys.

A dog fight for \$100 a side took place at South Heberton yesterday afternoon between two dogs owned by Philadelphia parties. The tip was given out a few days ago and quite a number were on hand and paid \$1.00 apiece to view the struggle. One of the dogs was owned and handled by a person named Bagley and the they be the struggle. One of the dogs was owned and handled by a person named Bagley and the they be the struggle. One of the dogs was owned and handled by a person named Bagley and the they are to be supported by the struggle. One of the dogs was owned and handled by a person named Bagley and the bagley dog so heavy and in such a manner that some of those present began to suspect a fake, and this opinion was strengthened when the battle commenced. No judges or referee were chosen, the time-keeper being invested with the deciding power. The dog owned by Bagley was one and one-half pounds heavier and all appearances pointed to it as the winner. According to the pre-arranged programme that was the calculation, but the dog surprised its backers after two hours of fighting by turning tail and jumping out the pit. This would cause a heavy loss to the Philadelphia parties and in order to pre-vent it the time-keeper was prevailed upon to reserve his decision. The whole business was so transparent a sham that the Freeland people withdrew all beats and the schemers left town fully impressed with the idea that they must try something new if they wish to pull the wool over the eyes of the sports of this section.

Killed While Walking on the Rail.

John McDermott and William Maguire of Pottsville, aged respectively 14 and 15 years, paid a visit on Monday to the former's mother at Schuylkill Haven, where she is nursing a sick sister. Young McDermott had money to return on the train, but as Maguire had none they decided to walk back. They had nearly reached there, when in stepping out of the way of a south-bound coal train they got on the track on which the train from Harrisburg was approaching. McDermott attempted to jump between the trains to escape, but was caught and mangled by the wheels. Maguire had a hair-breadth escape by springing to the other side.

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Meeting of Importance.

Members of the K. of L. Co-operative Committee will meet at T. A. Buckley's office on January 12 at 2 p. m. The Directors of the Association are requested to be present. By order of WM. F. BOYLE, Chairman. Jos. D. MYERS, Sec'ty.

—The report of Inspector Gay, of the Seventh Anthracite District, showed that 2,687,362 tons were mined, 21 lives lost and 43 workmen injured in 1889.

—S. J. Wilkinson, son of wealthy parents in Baltimore, attempted suicide in New Castle, by swallowing six grains of morphine. He had been drinking to excess.

—Three carloads of Pinkerton thugs passed through Altoona on Tuesday for Watson, a mining town six miles from Punxsutawney, where a few hundred miners are on strike.

—A movement has been started in Lancaster looking to the erection of a monument at Harrisburg to the memory of the late Dr. E. E. Higbee, superinten-dent of public instruction.

dent of public instruction.

—The furnaces of the Chestnut Hill Iron Ore Company at Columbia, which have been idle for three years, are being repaired to be put in blastatonce. They are among the largest furnaces in the state.

—The Lackawanna County court begar summing up the work of the commis sioners in the conteste offices of cleri of the courts and recorder of deeds, and found there were nearly 2000 illega votes cast in 1888.

—From reports throughout the state it is learned that the influenza or "la grippe" is rapidly spreading and is causing much trouble. The most severe cases are followed by pneumonia and several deaths have occurred.

—A freight train parted on the mountain at McGarvey's station, beyond Altoona, and sixteen cars and four engines were wrecked. Charles English, fireman, was fatally injured, and died after being taken to the hospital.

—Daniel Murray, an old man of Bangor, has been committed to the Northampton County Almshouse. A short time ago he presented to his relatives \$9000, the savings of a life time, upon the condition that he should pass the remainder of his days with them. They made his life unbearable and he was compelled to ask admission to the almshouse.

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—The printers employed by the Philadelphia morning papers made a demand for an advance from 40 to 45 cents per thousand ems a few weeks ago. The Record granted the advance, but the other journals, except the Ledger, which has always paid 45, held the matter under consideration. Yesterday the Press locked out its 112 printers without any warning, announcing that they have contracted with the Printers' Protective Fraternity (a scab-gathering firm) to furnish hands. This action will probably place the Press under the boycott of organized labor again.

Weekly Coal Report.

The coal trade, which continues stagnant, has not been in such an unsatiration condition at this season for many years past. Excepting for steam and furnace sizes there is little inquiry for coal and less demand. The consumption of the domestic sizes—egg, stove, small stove and chestnut—is reduced to a minimum. Early in the year the mine operators comforted themselves with the idea that, as last winter was an open one, the consumption of coal being largely reduced, this season ought certainly to prove "a feast after a famine" for them. But, as the year wore on and the coal business did not improve, they continued to cheer themselves with this theory, at the same time reducing the production of coal from week to week, with but few exceptions, during the entire year, in order to maintain a steady market and prevent too much unprofitable strife for tonnage, which has nearly always resulted in the past in a losing competition. Now we have reached the closing week of the year, to find prices weaker than

tonnage, which has neglecture to the control of the year, to find prices weaker than they have been at any time since last May, and the actual selling quotations for the domestic sizes, which, under ordinary circumstances, should be higher, are actually lower than at any previous period this year.

Last year both the producing and carrying interests fared much better than they have this year. The average prices obtained for coal were higher and the average rates of tolls for transportation were greater. This, however, does not mean that the business of mining and carrying anthracite to market has been conducted at a loss compared with the actual cost of producing and transporting it. But it does mean largely reduced income to all the interests allied in that great industry and perhaps much disappointment to some folks who have been anticipating increased dividends or interest payments.

As to the outlook for the anthracite trade for the new year, it is rather early to venture an opinion. Some well informed operators and shippers who have followed the "ups and downs" of the coal trade for many years, when interviewed on Saturday, differed widely on this subject, but a majority expressed themselves as of the opinion that they expect a much more proserous year both as regards as production and prices.

During the strike anthracite for steam

### STATE NEWS.

—The coroner's jury, in the matter of the fatal railroad accident at Laury station, held Engineer Warg and Conductor Lentz, of the freight train respondible, and the district attorney of Lehigl County has issued warrants for their

—Simon Spohn, a well-known character in Reading, died the other afternoon in the hospital from the effects of having had both legs cut off while picking coal on the railroad track. Although the reputed owner of property, including real estate valued at \$40,000, he lived in poverty in one small room.

Description one small room.

—Bush Miller of Stroudsburg and Annie Miller of Columbia, New Jersey, were married on Christmas. While on the way to the home of the groom, at Stroudsburg, Miller was shot in the back and mortally wounded by John W. Snyder, a rejected lover of the bride. The bride was also shot, but not severely wounded. Snyder escaped.

—John P. Jones and William H. Palmer of Bangor were found dead in a room in the Pacific Hotel at Bethlehem Friday morning. They had blown out the gas before retiring.

—At Connellsville it is rumored that the United Order American Mechanics will shortly make an effort to drive Hungarians and Slavs out of the coke region on the ground that they are ar undesirable class of residents.

and some manufacturing purposes was largely displaced by bituminous coal, either on account of the excessive price asked for the former or the inability of the sellers to guarantee a regular supply of fuel. Now, to their regret, the anthracite operators find that the business, which was then, as they thought, but temporarily diverted, has been permanently weaned from them.

The total amount of anthracite coal sent to market for the week ending December 21, as reported by the several carrying companies, was 675,503 tons, compared with 619,401 tons in the corresponding week last year, an increase of 56,102 tons. The total amount of anthracite mined thus far in the year 1859 was 34,752,328 tons, compared with 37,603,361 tons for the same period last year, a decrease of 2,851,033 tons.—Ledger.

A PPLICATION blanks for liquor licens for the ensuing year have been sent o by Attorney John D. Hayer to his clienta need to be filled up by the early part of Jaury. If any have been overlooked they corocure copies by applying to Mr. Hayes.

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