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The Carbon Advocate.

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# Local and Personal.

### TO SUBSCRIBERS.

Subscribers to the CARBON ADVOCATE will take special notice that our terms are one dollar a year *strictly* in advance, if not so paid $1.25 will be charged in every instance. Subscribers getting their papers by mail will refer to the direction tabs on their papers and note the date, and remit accordingly.

—Spring begins on the 21st inst.

—West's liver pills cure sick headache.

—St. Patrick's day in the morning—next Monday.

—We are again under obligations to Hon. J. G. Zern for favors shown this office.

—The next term of court commences on Monday April 14th.

—Chew JACKSON'S BEST Sweet Navy Tobacco. 7—50.

—The Lehigh Valley Railroad announces a dividend of one per cent, payable April 15.

—It will not be so very long before the trout fishers will be abroad in the land.

—Allentown has an old maid's literary society, and it beats the papers for news.

—Parties going west can get tickets from Bert. Seabolds, L. V. R. R. depot. 16—42

—Orders for printing, by mail, receive the same attention at this office that they do when brought in person.

—Business on the railroads continues to be very good in the freight and coal departments.

—The bonded debt of Bethlehem borough is $89,700, $48,200 of which are 7 per cent. water bonds.

—Lewis Weiss, at the post office store, has reduced the prices of his winter stock of boots and shoes.

—The regular annual meeting of the Carbon County Industrial Society, will be held on Monday, April 14th.

—You can find everything in the drug line at the store of C. W. Lentz, Weissport, fresh, pure and cheap.

—The Lehigh Valley railroad has reduced its freight tolls from Mauch Chunk to tide at Amboy from 99 cents to 86 cents.

—Bricks are selling in Breading just now at $3.25 $3.50 a thousand, but will probably fall as low as $3.000 during the building season.

—Read Tilghman Arner's new advertisement in another column.

—Dr. C. W. Bower has been home on a visit during the past few days, he will leave for Philadelphia again on Monday.

—Do you know the fact that Lewis Weiss is selling his stock of winter boots and shoes at a great reduction.

—Rev. Mr. Erb, pastor of the Lutheran church at Slatington, has collected nearly enough money to liquidate the debt of his church.

—Those of our subscribers contemplating a change of residence should promptly inform us so that their papers can be mailed to their new address.

—Allen McDonald, a wealthy citizen of Glenwood, near Scranton, committed suicide, on Saturday, by cutting his throat. It is said he was insane.

—The best and cheapest boots and shoes to be found in town are at Lewis Weiss', post office building.

—John Wey was shot dead by Paul Blank, while robbing a hen roost near Cedarville, about three miles from Allentown, on Tuesday night.

## —Wall Paper at and below Cost at C. W. Lentz's Drug and Fancy store, Weissport.

—Mrs. Edward Spitler, of Allentown, hanged herself in her garret Tuesday morning, in a fit of melancholia. She leaves a husband and five children.

—If you want a fashionable hat or cap, call at T. D. Clauss', and buy one for a small amount of money.

—Edward Dull was killed by the caving in of an embankment at the Hartzell ore beds, a few miles from Allentown, Tuesday.

—For boots, shoes or rubbers, of the finest makes, call on T. D. Clauss. You will find an immense stock to select from, at lower prices than ever before offered.

—The coal tonnage over the L. V. R. R. for the week ending 8th inst. was 97,498 tons. This company is still 118,242 tons behind the shipments last season to same time.

—ALL FOR LEADVILLE.—The Western Ticket agent will be at this office Wednesday night for the purpose of furnishing information and tickets to persons who propose going west.

—If you want shirts, neck wear, or any other article in gent's furnishing goods, call on T. D. Clauss, and he will supply you at extraordinary low prices.

—For the week ending March 7th, there were 75,851 tons of coal transported over the L. & S. R. R., and for the season 576,968 tons, being an increase over last year's shipments to date of 289,495 tons.

—Overcoats, latest styles and best material, for a small amount of ready cash, at H. H. Peters', Post office building, Lehighton.

—The several car shops, car wheel works and other industrial establishments recently started up in the Valley by the employment they furnish afford great relief just at this time when so many are in need of work.

—Lockenbach's retail prices are but a trifle above the lowest wholesale prices of Philadelphia and New York. His stock of stationery of every variety is excellent. He has also a splendid assortment of wall paper, from the very finest down to the cheapest. Just step in and look at his goods. His store is a few doors below the Broadway House, Mauch Chunk

—Violent Coughing racks the system and brings on hemorrhage. Phœnix Pectoral cures cough, brings rest and gives strength. It tastes so pleasant that children cry for it. 13-16

—Daniel Graver, of the Bee Hive Store, will dispose of the remainder of his winter stock of dress goods, dry goods, &c., at cost, commencing to-day (Saturday) and continuing until April 1st. If you wish to secure best barigains call early.

—James Flemming who has had charge of the McClain Hotel, Mahoning Valley the past year, will leave there, and take charge of the saloon under the Eagle Hotel, at Summit Hill, about the 25th inst. We wish James success on the hill.

—Dr. Will Reber has purchased the good will of Dr. Stapp's practice in East Penn township, and will remove there next Monday, and take charge. Dr. Stapp proposes to leave on or about the 1st of April for Leadville, Col.

—"Who is the Father of Lies?" asked the Sunday-School teacher. And a good little boy on the front row replied: "Please, sir, Deacon Pillsbury is the father of 'Lize." But there are no lies about the fact that David Ebbert, keeps the handsomest teams and makes the lowest charges of any liveryman in the county.

—Same idae of the value of THE CARBON ADVOCATE as a medium for local advertising may be inferred from the fact that a short local dot in last weeks' paper announcing that the Western ticket agent would be at this office Wednesday evening, brought twelve searchers from different portions of the county after information from that gentleman. Disbelievers in the efficacy of Printers' ink will stick a pin right here.

—We are pleased to learn that Mr. T. M. Balliet of Mahoning valley, near New Mahoning, was at a late meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Keystone State Normal School, at Kutztown, elected to the Professorship of Latin and Greek of that Institution. Prof. Balliet is a young man of rare qualifications, and eminently fitted to fill the above named position. He graduated at Franklin & Marshall College, taking first honors, and subsequently spent a year at Yale College, he is at present pursuing his Theological studies in the Reformed Seminary, at Lancaster. We are pleased to see the Normal has made so wise a selection. *

—The first thunder storm of the season occurred on Saturday evening last. At about seven o'clock the first flashes of lightning were observed, at first very slight, but the flashes increased in intensity until about nine o'clock, when they were very vivid and the thunder rolled in long heavy peals, accompanied by a heavy fall of hail, rain and sleet. The storm subsided at about eleven o'clock.

—Several days ago the driver boys employed by the Lehigh and Wilkesbarre Coal Company, at Wanamie, near Wilkesbarre, struck for an increase in their wages of ten per cent. The leaders in the strike were discharged, and the mines have been idle since. on Saturday the drivers held a meeting, and resolved not to work until the advance was conceded, the ringleaders restored, and full time given.

—Sarah Thomas, a young lady about 20 years of age, resident in Tamaqua, was standing near the stove on Saturday, and her clothing took fire, she became frightened, and no person being in the house, she ran across the street to a neighbor, (by this time her clothing was all ablaze) they threw water on her and rolled her in carpet, but she was so badly burned that she died from the effects of it that night at 11 o'clock.

—E. H. Snyder has just returned from New York, with a large stock of spring styles of dress and dry goods, among which is a splendid assortment of black and colored silks, of choicest patterns, for ladies' spring wear. Our lady friends will do well to call early and inspect these goods which are offering at prices lower than ever before sold for in this locality.

—The members of the Lehighton Cornet Band, desirous of purchasing a new set of instruments, are now soliciting subscriptions from our citizens to aid them in their design. Those of our citizens who can afford to help them will no doubt willingly do so. The boys have shown considerable zeal since their organization and deserve success.

—Christiana, the widow of Joseph Fenstermacher, died at her residence near the Stone Church, Northampton Co., on Tuesday night of last week, of general debility, in the 97th year of her age. She had been confined to her bed for about two weeks, and although her death was thought not an improbable occurrence, yet the community around received the announcement with sad regret.

### East Penn Dots.

—Disappearing—the snow.

—Drawing—the school teachers.

—Looking after implements—the farmers.

—Thomas Ruch, the clerk for the East Penn School Board, has left for Kansas. A number of persons are anxious to learn who is to be his successor. I will communicate the fact as soon as an appointment is made.

—This winter seems to have been an easy one on bees. I have not heard of a hive being deserted or the occupants being destroyed.

—A friend of mine asked for a portrait of "Mike Zuckersecs" to hang in his cellar, to scare away rats.

—J. O. Smith and wife have been visiting at Owen Smith's. They intend intend to start for Kansas shortly. We wish them success.

—M. S. and Nathaniel Ruch left for Mansfield, Ohio, on Monday last. We wish them all the good luck they can bear.

UNCLE SAM.

### Big Creek Items.

—Now put away your sleighs.

—Farmers can now prepare for spring work.

—Our roads at the present writing are in a heavy condition for driving.

—Cabbage seed can now be sown.

—Daniel Sensinger moved from this place to Slatington on Thursday of last week, where he has procured work in a slate quarry.

—Lewis N. Kemerer, of this place, was in attendance at the funeral of Dr. H. O. Wilson, of Slatington, which took place on Monday of last week.

—A heavy thunder and hail storm passed over this place (the first of the season) on Saturday evening.

—Levi Long, well known in Lehighton and Weissport, died of consumption, at the residence of Robert Campbell, of this place, on Wednesday morning of last week, at 11 o'clock, aged 37 years, 11 months and 19 days. Interred on Friday afternoon at the St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Rev. J. E. Freeman officiating.

—Rev. E. Butz, the new minister for this circuit, will have services for the first time in the Solt's Church to-morrow (Sunday) evening. All are cordially invited. Sabbath school at 2 p. m.

March 11. REVERE.

### Mahoning Twinklings.

—There will be English preaching in the Evangelical church next Sunday evening, by Rev. Wilson Wehr.

—They are talking of starting a singing school in the vicinity of Pleasant Corner, for the purpose of improving the choir in the St. John's church.

—The singing school at Centre Square was largely attended last Sunday night. Among the many visitors present, we notice Miss Katie Nothstein, of Lehighton, Miss Hannah Balliet, of Pleasant Corner, and Amandus Kistler, Andrew Balliet and Josiah Cunfer, from the East.

—Mr. Leibenguth, of Slatington, was in this valley on business last Monday.

—Nearly all of our schools will close on or before the 1st of April.

—The fifer of the Pleasant Corner Snoot-Band, who pretends to know all all about farming, gives a good plan to remove widow's weeds: He says a good looking man has only to say "wilt thou" and "they wilt."

—James Fleming, the proprietor of the Centre Square Hotel, will move to Summit Hill in the latter part of this month, where he will occupy the restaurant under the Eagle Hotel, for the next year.

—Elias Ruch and family and Henry Nothstein and family left for Salina, Kansas, last Monday.

—F. W. Smith is talking of going West as soon as his school closes.

—Mr. Rofford has been around visiting our schools for the last time this term

—Miss Emma Eberts, of Rush, was at home on a visit last week.

—Samuel Mettlean was up at Buck Mountain for work last week. RED CLOUD.

### Hon. Robert Klotz Vindicated.

The Klotz-Lynn libel suit was called at a special session of our County Court on Monday afternoon last. The plaintiff, Major Robert Klotz, was represented by Messrs. Fox, of Easton, Storm of Stroudsburg, and the District Attorney, E. R. Siewers; and the defendant, Josephus Lynn, by Messrs. Hugher, of Pottsville, Rapsher, of Lehighton, and Meehan, of Mauch Chunk. With such an array of talent employed it could not fail to be anything but a lively fight for victory on both sides. Witnesses on behalf of both parties were heard, when on Wednesday morning the counsel for defendant, Josephus Lynn, offered the following as a compromise of the case:

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| Com. of Penn'a., vs. Josephus Lynn. | Indictment Libel on Robert Klotz. |

March 12, 1879, the jury in this case having been sworn, and the chief part of the testimony having been taken, the defendant and his counsel are now satisfied that the charges made in the article published in the *Mauch Chunk Democrat* on Sept. 7, 1878, charging Robert Klotz with having robbed a Roman Catholic Cathedral in Mexico, at San Angel, of a gold and silver communion service and a lot of plush velvet trimmings for the altar, is entirely destitute of truth, and that the evidence given in this case demonstrates that Mr. Klotz is entirely innocent of any such charge. The defendant convinced that great injustice was done to Robert Klotz by the said publications, made under a misapprehension of the facts, regrets that it was made, and makes the only reparation he can make, by withdrawing the charge, and pronouncing it unworthy of belief. Signed, JOS. LYNN.

And further stipulating that defendant should publish the same in the *Mauch Chunk Democrat* and pay the costs of prosecution. Whereupon the District Attorney enters a *nolle prosequi* at the June term, if said defendant, Josephus Lynn, complies therewith.

Thus the character of Hon. Robert Klotz is cleared of the charges made, and he stands before the people an honorable and upright gentleman.

### A Desperate and Scientific Attempt to Break Carbon County Jail.

On Friday morning, last week, Mr. Ed. Armbruster, Warden of Carbon county jail, heard an unusual noise in the eastern yard of the jail, and as the room in which he sleeps is on that side of the building, he got up, looked out of the window into the yard. Everything seemed to be quiet. The noise which he heard was apparently that of a sudden thud, and it had awakened Mr. Geo. Williams who was sleeping in the same room with Mr. Armsbruster. They finally concluded that the noise must have originated from the wind blowing together the shutters on the water closet. It was between the hours of four and five o'clock, and neither of the two men went to sleep again. In a short time they both distinctly heard a noise that convinced them there was some one in the yard, and both of them got up, and went to the side door, which A. noiselessly unlocked and went out into the yard. Fortunately, as it turned out, Mr. Williams had the presence of mind to remain inside the door. Mr. Armbruster glanced up at the wall of the building, in the second story of which he discovered a hole which had been made during the night, and from it he saw a rope which had been made by tearing up blankets, which reached nearly to the ground. Turning about to direct Mr. Williams' attention to the fact, he saw a man crouching under the door-steps over which he had just passed. He demanded the individual to step forth which being done, it proved to be Frank Wood, chief of the recent Lehigh Valley Railroad robbers who was awaiting trial. He surrendered, and confessed that during the past four days, he had excavated a hole through the partition wall of his cell into an adjoining one which was empty, and from this he worked a hole though the main wall, 30 inches thick, of stone masonry, and the only tools which he had to work with was a piece of wire a foot long, and ½-inch thick, and another piece about half the size, and about the same length. With these he worked out the cement around the blocks of stone, at night by candle light, conceling the operations in his own cell, cutting through the 18-inch partition, by his bed, when visited by the warden. When he got through into the empty cell, the door to which was locked, he had a clearer field to work in, and good luck favored him until he let himself down into the yard, where he commenced with his wires to mine though the over 20-feet nigh stone wall that surrounds the jail, and which, where he commenced operations, is a mountain wall. He had made a large hole half through the wall, when approaching daylight caused him to change his plan. He makes a noise in the yard to awake the warden, crouches under the steps, determined to spring into the door and lock it, as Mr. A. stepped out, and then rush to the front of the building, and escape through a window. Mr. Williams stepping in the doorway frustrated his plan. He says the wire was given to him by a young man recently discharged from jail.

### From the County Seat.

COURT WEEK.—Hon. Judge Morrow, of Bradford county, being on a visit to Mauch Chunk on Monday, occupied the seat of honor on the Bench to the left of President Judge Dreher. The libel case and the railroad robbery cases have called a large number of people to the County Seat this week, but the interest to a great extent subsided, on Wednesday, when the libel cases collapsed. The robbery cases were immediately commenced and up to this writing nothing definite has been reached in the cases, except that J. Frischman's being first in order, was given to the jury and a verdict of guilty rendered. W. C. Frederici was next called. The charity exercised by Hon. Robert Klotz in assenting to discontinuing the three cases of libel at the point where he did is set down as not the least part of clear vindication of his character as a Christian man, and even his political opponents speak of the matter with admiration. The matter being now settled, it is hoped that it may, with all its friendship-breaking elements, be buried with the past.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY.—Next Monday will be the anniversary of Ireland's Patron Saint, and our Irish Catholic citizens are making preparations to celebrate the day in the usual manner by a parade, which will be joined by the various societies connected with Father Hunse's church. It is understood that Capt. Cullum, of East Mauch Chunk, will command the procession. Apropos to the subject we would add that the 17th is the birthday of Messrs. John Sherry, Thomas Dalton, Sam. Behler and Charlie Armbruster, and that these four gentlemen propose to celebrate on Monday in a manner not soon to be forgotten by themselves.

DEATH'S DOINGS.—Mr. Ephraim Rex, an old, highly respected resident of Mauch Chunk died at his residence on Broadway on Tuesday afternoon of paralysis. He was always known as an industrious man, and a useful member of society. His funeral took place on Friday. He was the father of our well known merchants, C. A. Rex Brother. Mr. Rex was about sixty-five years of age. Mrs. Seigfreid, relict of Thomas Seigfried, died in East Mauch Chunk on Saturday, at the age of 82. Her body was taken to Weisport on Monday, and interred by the side of her late husband. Mr. Frank Strickman, of West Broadway, lost a child by death on Wednesday night.

MISCELLANEOUS.—Sheriff J. W. Raudenbush has so far recovered as to sit up and receive the numerous friends who call to see him. If nothing happens he will be out in a few days.

—If anyb dy should conclude to make a tunnel through a rocky mountain, and wish to employ a scientific workman, they will find one in the person of Frank Wood, in Carbon county jail. (See jail breaking article elsewhere.)

# OUR INDUSTRIES, No. 8.

### Building Canal Boats.

During this winter, and in fact every winter, the Lehigh canal is closed on account of ice. Water will be turned into the canal on the 25th instant, and the dredgeboat will be put in operation, in order to clear away the debris which has accumulated at the locks during the winter. Over 500 boats compose the flotilla on the canal, which is wholly engaged, in transporting coal from the mines of the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company.

The building and repairing of this flotilla forms a handsome industry in East Weissport under the superintendence of W. C. Weiss, Esq., a young gentleman who, to use a quaint expression, has risen from the ground to the present position which he occupies—one of the most responsible in connection with the transportation of coal on the Lehigh Canal. In a neat office in the boat yard, which bears many evidences of the taste and talents of Mr. Weiss, he keeps a strict account of all the floating stock; of its condition and capacity; of the amount of coal it carries to market each year; leases, or virtually sells to boatmen "contract boats," so called, sees that the whole are kept in good repair, and is in addition commander of the two "naval lines"—Philadelphia Line and New York Line, on account of which position, we hereby dub him Commodore Weiss, by which title we hope his friends may henceforth know him; at least, until in future years he becomes more widely and popularly known as a lecturer on the subject of the "Big Brown Jug" which wears a hat and the "Mule" which doesn't, it becomes necessary to promote him to the rank of admiral.

A canal boat, with fair usage and occasional repairs, baring wrecks, it is said lasts from ten to fifteen years, when it becomes necessary to rebuild it. On account of the number which from time to time are condemned and "laid up," it is now seldom that a boat is built entirely of new timber. They are generally rebuilt, when they are as good as new. During this winter, eighteen boats have been so rebuilt at the Weissport yard and three at a smaller yard, also in charge of Commodore Weiss, at the Weigh-Lock at Mauch Chunk. This has kept from twenty to twenty-five boat-builders at work steady during this time, and about this number are kept employed at all times. These boats are all of about the same tonnage, carrying an average of ninety-seven tons of coal. They are built in two styles, the strait boat and the bent which is built in two disrinct sections and joined together by long wrought-iron hinges. Each one is provided with a comfortable cabin, which is intended to accomodate two persons with sleeping quarters, but are often made to accommodate a much larger number, the boatman not unfrequently taking his family with him, making his boat his place of abode, and it also has a small forcastle where feed for the horses is stored. The boats are substantially built crafts, and costs when entirely new, about $1,000, but rebuilding is done at half this cost on an average.

With the exception of the so-called Line boats, and those rented from the Morris Canal, which are run by the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company, the boats are virtually, and sometimes wholly, the property of the boatmen, and these are called contract boats. The New York Line, which included 25 boats leased from the Morris Canal, last year had 70 boats with an average tonnage 98, made an average of 8 trips both and back, and delivered 20,450 tons of coal. The number of boats on this line will be increased to 98 the coming season. The Philadelphia Line, numbering 67, made an average of 4½ trips, with 95 tons, delivered 27,041 tons of coal. There were last season 99 contract boats running on the Canal, in which the Company own assets amounting to $53,336. These boats are sold by lease to the boatmen, a fair price being set upon the boat when the contract is made, the boatman runs the boat at his own expense and risk, and pays to the Company a per centage of the freight. When the aggregate payments amount to the originally stipulated price of the boat, it becomes the property of the boatman; but in the past years of dull business it is a great evil to own a boat, as it is struck from the list, and in loading at Coalport it sails up to the pockets at the rear end of the line to be loaded, and finds *Nothing* to load with, the freight on which is paid in *fiat money*. Hence the boatman now often sells his boat for what he can get for it, sometimes even for $10, and buys another boat on the same conditions that bought the first one. In view of this fact the Company sets a small price on the boat, and often pays the faithful boatman a good price for it in return, in order to stimulate honesty in the faithful performance of contracts. The written contract is a very binding one, and the boat is a badge of honor to the boatman when paid for although it may be of little pecuniary value, thus being not unlike some political officers. It was very different from this years ago, when Hon. Asa Packer, now President of the Lehigh Valley Railroad, was the Captain of a canal boat (not Commodore, as Mr. Weiss now is of a fleet) and the present distinguished banker and member of Congress Hon. Robert Klotz was a tow-path boy. Then there was a pecuniary consideration in being a boat-owner on the Lehigh Canal. And when this "Cruel war" in business matters has collapsed, it we will, we sincerely hope, be so again.

The Weissport boat yard was established by the Co. ten years ago, although boats had been built there years before by Edward Weiss, father of the present Superintendent. It is one of those necessities which coal mining and shipping has called into existence. There are many pleasant and amusing memories connected with the location. In the first place it is located in the suburbs of Mackeroltown, so named by the late Edward Weiss, to commemorate an event years ago when one of the present highly respectable citizens of Franklin purchased a lot of mackeral and got on a "bit of a bender" at the same time. While driving home, by the road, his mackeral began to drop out of the rear of the vehicle in which he was riding, the first one being planted near the present boat yard and was continued at short intervals from thence onward, to his home. Mr. Weiss finding them, named the road Mackeral Street, and, since it has become more thickly settled, it has been christened Mackeroltown.

J. T. Stockett, Esq., is general Manager of the canal.

### Obituary.

Mr. Samuel Heberling, an old and very highly respected citizen of this borough, died, at his residence on Second street, this borough, on Sunday evening last, at 7.20 o'clock. Deceased had been suffering with Bright's kidney disease for some time, and for some months past has been confined to the house and his bed, suffering much pain, which he bore with a Christian fortitude until last Sunday night, when death relieved him. He leaves a wife and six children (three boys and three girls) to deplore their loss. He was aged about 49 years. The funeral, which was largely attended by relatives and friends, took place Thursday morning, at 10 o'clock, from the Evangelical church. Interment in the Lehighton Cemetery.

### Echoes from Beaver Meadow.

—The snow is disappearing rapidly, leaving the roads in a very bad condition.

—We had quite a thunder storm on Saturday night last. A rare occurrence at this season of the year.

—Mrs. William Philips, died on Saturday night last. She leaves a husband and two small children. She was the youngest daughter of N. R. Penrose, Esq., and was 28 years of age. Her funeral took place at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

—Mr. Richard Daugherty left this place on Monday last to pay a visit to old Ireland.

—The article in the Hazleton *Sentinel*, of March 10th, understood to be a reply to the item published in the CARBON ADVOCATE, of the 8th instant, as a question to the miners and laborers of Carbon County, asking them if they were so foolish as to authorize the representative at that meeting to represent their views. The item was not written without much inquiry, and in no single instance could we find, that he acted with any authority, but his own. The gentleman started the article by saying "the growling correspondent," and then, continues the paragraph by an indirect threat; saying "he will find out if he keeps on." He further says "he is satisfied if we are, that it was an assumed position, for everybody who knows us, knows how much our put is worth." We will say in reply to the above, that, if impudence had been a commendable qualification, the gentleman might be qualified for the position he held at that meeting. He says "your own son is working for poor pay." Well, that may be so, although we don't say so, for if we did it would again be said we were growling. We would like to know who is getting any very good pay just now? And after the relative clause in the same sentence, he refers to "the coal operator across the way," saying he "will not agree with us." That may be so, but there is one thing we are certain of, he would know better than to select such a man for the representative of anything in the way of mining, if he expected any good as a result. He says "you are out of your sphere," and, "that you ought to have a coal mine to run." We will say in reply, that we will never hire him as our representative, only as other operators do, when we again take hold of such a position.

March 12. JNO. TREVARRIS.

### Towamensing Brevities.

—Civility costs nothing, but smooths every body's path.

—I think the suggestion by "Revere," in last week's ADVOCATE, should receive the attention of our school directors.

—"Duplex" will please accept thanks for kindness shown to me while on a visit to Allbrightsville on Saturday last.

—I had the pleasure of paying my friend W. E. Kemerer, a live teacher of Franklin, a visit on Saturday last. He has a library containing about three hundred volumes, among them some of the most interesting works on teaching, elocution, &c., that I know of in this part of the county. I think it a good idea for every teacher to have some kind of a library, if he wishes to be successful in teaching. I can hardly see how he can get along without it.

—Lewis Reinhard, of Parryville, paid us a flying visit on Saturday last. Glad to see him.

—Our Supervisors were busily engaged in shoveling along the roads the last few days.

—While on a visit to Allbrightsville I was kindly shown by Mr. H. Deppy, through both his saw mill and grist mill; found them in running order; he also showed me samples of rye flour that he had just made. Mr D. has a large stock of logs in for this summer, and expects to receive a sufficient amount of orders to keep the mill going all summer. The logs are the finest I have seen for several years. Mr. D, formerly lived at this place.

—John Gildner and family, of this place, intends to leave for Kansas on the 24th of this month, where they expect to settle down. We wish them a safe journey.

—Mr. F. Weston, formerly of this place, bought a white pheasant from a man which he intends to take to Philadelphia.

—Elwin Kleinop, of Kunkletown, who has been sick with consumption for several months, departed this life last Sunday night. The remains were interred at the St. John's church on Thursday last.

MERCURY.

### Weatherly Items.

—Jas. Weeks and Fred Hartman having exchanged properties, Mr. Hartman will now turn his attention to farming.

—A free fight on Dutch Hill Sunday last, resulted in the discharge from the Company's employ of at least half dozen of its participants.

—Mr. Joseph Heckman, I regret to note, is in a bad way. Apparently deranged mentally. He will be admitted to the Poor House.

—On account of the death of his father, the store of J. L. Houck is closed for the present.

—Considerable interest is manifested in a recent horse sale. There are at least three reputed owners of the animal. Justice Hunter will give his opinion on Saturday.

—An agreeable surprise and donation was tendered Rev. R. H. Colburn and family on Tuesday last. Rev. Colburn has a host of friends, and his return for another year is anxiously looked for.

—Gottlieb Smith, an employee on the road, met with a severe accident last Thursday morning. In attempting to evade the dangers of an approaching coal train, a southbound passenger train struck him, breaking three ribs and slightly fracturing the skull. B. Campbell, of this section, was hurt in a similar manner some days ago, receiving several cuts on the head.

—David Garrett (Old Spoons) has been heard from. He is firing a locomotive on a railroad running into Eureka, Nevada. He says it's a rough country; a man driving a 30-mule team gets $5 per day. Thirty mules? Whew!

—Michael Buck entered upon his 88th year on Wednesday. Is smart for his age.

—Rev. I. W. Yoakel, of Weissport, preached a very acceptable sermon in the Reformed church, at Weatherly on Sunday morning last to a large congregation.

—Wm. H. Wilson, son of E. C. Wilson, while enjoying a horseback ride, was thrown, breaking an arm.

—Keifer, the schooner man, has retired from the saloon business at the Gilbert House and Mr. Keiser resumes control.

ROCKAWAY.

### Allrightsville Items.

—Lightning flashes.

—Thunder Storms.

—A joint affair—Rheumatism.

—Unwelcome visitors.—Tax collectors.

—A write man in the write place—The editor.

—What ever good an umbrella performs, it is "put up" to it.

—Miss Maggie Mertz, of Dulterville, returned home last Monday.

—Constable H. G. Deppey, of this place, is on a visit to Millport this week. He will return home next week. We all wish him success in his trip

—Miss Augusta D. Greenzweig, who sprained her ankle some weeks ago, was taken to her home in Tracheville, this county, by her brother on Saturday of last week. She is under the treatment of Dr. H. C. McCormick, of Kresgeville. I have been informed that she will be able to be about again in a few days.

—It is said that John Klotz, of Little Gap, is one of the best blacksmiths in this section of the country.

—One of the enjoyable events of the season was the sleighing party to the Hunter's Hotel last Friday evening. Two sleighs well filled with Allbrightsville's fairest and best, accompanied by a number of the sterner sex, started from this place about 5 o'clock on Friday afternoon. The company constituted the following persons: Wm. Getz, Peter Smallie, Geo. W. Zillifese, Henry Zillifese and wife, Chas. Baumgardner and wife Sabylla E. Getz, Millard Getz, Constable H. G. Deppey, William Getz, jr., Franklin Getz U. S. Getz, Willie Getz, Elizabeth Smallie, Etten M. Kistler, C. H. Christman, Emery Getz, wife and child, William Markley and wife, M. W. Greene and Susan Hamberger. The party stopped at the Hunter's Hotel and are loud in their praises over the excellent supper and the handsome manner in which they were entertained by the gentlemanly host, Emanuel Kistler, (the proprietor). The party returned about midnight, well satisfied with their trip and convinced that old "Horess" had done his level best toward producing a thoroughly bracing atmosphere for the cutter ride. Yours, etc., DUPLEX.

### Our Schools.

Report of the Lehighton Schools for the month ending March 8th, 1879:

| | Male. | Fem. | T. |
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| HIGH SCHOOL. | | | |
| Whole No. in attendance | 18 | 9 | 27 |
| Average attendance | 16 | 8 | 24 |
| Per cent of attendance | 90 | 88 | 89 |
| GRAMMAR SCHOOL. | | | |
| Whole No. in attendance | 9 | 12 | 21 |
| Per cent of attendance | 77 | 87 | 84 |

ROLL OF HONOR.—*A Class*—Lula Zahner, Lewis Scheckler. *B Class*—Emma Koons, Emma Reber, Lizzie Ash, Gussie Clauss, Alice Monts, Milton Rex, Ida Strawn, and Lau. a Reed.

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| INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL. | | | |
| Whole No. in attendance | 25 | 18 | 43 |
| Average attendance | 19 | 14 | 33 |
| Per cent of attendance | 17 | 84 | 80 |
| SECONDARY NO. 1. | | | |
| Whole No. in attendance | 39 | 20 | 59 |
| Average attendance | 30 | 15 | 45 |
| Per cent of attendance | 77 | 84 | 80 |
| SECONDARY NO. 2. | | | |
| Whole No. in attendance | 26 | 24 | 52 |
| Average attendance | 23 | 18 | 41 |
| Per cent of attendance | 82 | 77 | 89 |
| PRIMARY NO. 1. | | | |
| Whole No. in attendance | 33 | 26 | 59 |
| Average attendance | 29 | 23 | 52 |
| Per cent of attendance | 78 | 83 | 88 |
| PRIMARY NO. 2. | | | |
| Whole No. in attendance | 44 | 47 | 91 |
| Average attendance | 29 | 22 | 51 |
| Per cent of attendance | 66 | 57 | 62 |
| TOTAL. | | | |
| No. attending all the Schools | 196 | 166 | 362 |
| Per cent of attendance in all | 80 | 80 | 80 |

F. K. BERND, Principal.

### Conference of Miners and Laborers.

HARRISBURG, March 11.—The meeting of the delegates of the miners and other labor organizations here to day has not accomplished as much as many were led to suppose. To properly understand the object of the meeting to-day it will be necessary to refer to the meeting of miners, representing the anthracite regions, held in Hazleton, on the 1st of March. At that meeting the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That, in order to have a better understanding among all who are interested in the mining of coal, we hereby extend a cordial invitation and request to the operators of the anthracite region to send delegates or representatives to this meeting, to be held at Harrisburg on March 11th, and then and there, in conjunction with delegates of the miners of the anthracite region, perfect some plan for the better protection of the coal trade in the future. Our interests are identical, and, unless common cause and united action are taken, starvation, destitution and ruin are inevitable. Any proposition or plan any one identified with the coal mining may have to offer for the more thoroughly systemizing the different coal interests for the amount properly to be shipped by the several regions, in order to give each region an equitable and legitimate tonnage of all coal shipped, for the restriction of tonnage, whether at the mines and by miners in the number of cars they may deem proper to load daily, or by the operators as to the best method of regulating shipments, will be accepted by this body, and may be presented to the officers of the district wherein it may originate, to be by them forwarded.

Resolved, That we recommend to all miners and laborers of the anthracite coal region a suspension of mining, commencing on the 15th day of March next, to last as long as may be deemed necessary or available by a Central Committe of operators and miners, or either, to be selected at the said meeting in Harrisburg on March 11th; hereby providing that this resolution shall be subject to final determination at that meeting.

The delegates who assembled to day were from the counties of Schuylkill, Northumberland, Luzerne, Columbia, Carbon and Dauphin, and they represented principally the old M. and L. B. A., of which Hugh McGarvey is acting President, and who was also President to-day. The delegates met in secret session, and very generally discussed the merits of the resolutions given above, and the sentiment was general that it would not be advisable to recommend a general strike. No delegates were present to represent individual operators, though a number were expected, but letters were received from several stating that they were willing to co-operate in any movement calculated to advance the interest of the operators and miners. After a prolonged discussion the following preamble and resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, Inasmuch as the individual coal operators of the anthracite coal region manifest a strong desire to force a suspension of operations throughout the whole region, and as they have failed to send delegates to the meeting with full authority to act for them; therefore

Resolved, That, until the entire interest of the anthracite coal trade are fully represented at a joint meeting, including operators and miners, no further action will be taken looking to a restriction of the out-put of coal in the several regions.

Another meeting of the delegates was held this evening, and, after a long dicussion, an address to the miners was adopted. It says the present condition of the coal trade, which indicates utter ruin to all concerned, suggests to miners and laborers a remedy in the form of organized combination of operators and working men. The individual coal companies, who are anxious to render their assistance to restore the trade to a paying basis, failed to co-operate with us in any systematic method looking to immediate relief. It is apparent that the great corporations have obtained absolute sway over those employed by them, and thus prevent their co-operation with us at this time. Therefore, we suggest, as the only remedy, a thorough and complete organization of the miners and laborers throughout the entire region.

Mr. Hugh McGarvey, of Carbon county, and President of the M. and L. B. A., spoke at length upon the importance of organization. In the course of his remarks he said:

"When I issued the call for this meeting two months ago I had in view a reorganization of the Miners and Laborers' Benevolent Association and an amalgamation of all the labor unions in the coal region, whose interests are identical as wokers of coal. I was sustained in doing so by many of our most active and earnest men, who, as well as I, labored then and since under the conviction that at this meeting we would take such steps as would give immediate relief to the coal trade and protection to the miners and laborers of the anthracite region at least. My present view of the situation just now is, that while we are in a position as an organized body, or a body of organizations, to make an effective call for an almost general suspension of anthracite mining, to take place immediately, and to last at least long enough to warrant a better condition of affairs upon resumption, yet in view of the fact to be regretted that the Wyoming and Scranton regions are not officially represented, as well as the fact that the operators who we believe desire that something should be done, are not present, we had better allow the market to stand, at least for the present, to be attended to by the operators who have heretofore claimed that as their particular right, and give our attention to the question of wages and complete and perfect organization for that purpose as soon as possible. If we are not ready to begin a suspension on a question of wages, the only thing that remains for us to do is to organize for that purpose, and hereafter keep organized in the face of all opposition, no matter the source from whence it springs."

### St. Patrick's Day in the Morning.

St. Patrick, the patron saint of the Green Isle, will pay us a spiritual visit on Monday next, the 17th of March, and whether it rains or shines, storms or blows, he will no doubt be cordially welcomed by our Irish friends throughout the country, who will doubtless celebrate the event by engaging in the usual parade. In communities where the Irish population is large they usually have exciting and imposing public demonstrations, and the day from its commencement to its close, and often far into the night, is one continuous scene of joyous festivity and social glee, for which that peculiar people are so remarkably distinguished. —Their marches and counter-marches, dances and friendly gatherings are often of the most amusing order.

### Our Parryville Budget.

—The ice king is beating a hasty retreat.

—Bluebirds' warble fill the air.

—Liberated—Our guardian ice bound foes.

—Welcome—Spring, cheral spring!

—Epidemic—The spring fever.

—Rev. E. Butz, the newly-appointed pastor of the Evangelical church, is expected to preach his first sermon here next Sabbath.

—Miss Sallie A. Hess, our accomplished pianist and sweet vocalist, will impart musical instruction to a class in your borough, commencing next week.

—The last regular meeting of the old Council will be held this Saturday evening

—Rev. G. L. Schaffer is attending the M. E. Conference now in session at Germantown.

—Mrs. M. E. Dinkey, of Weatherly, was in town during the past week, visiting friends, prior to her departure for Braddock's, in the western part of the State.

—Rev. J. I. Werner, the retiring pastor of our Evangelical church, expects to remove his family to his new appointment in Schuylkill county during next week.

—We notice several new p