

NORWHEAST PENNSYLVANIA

DRILLING FOR OIL

Operations Begin on the Farm of W. F. Baker, of Troy.

Special to the Scranton Tribune. Towanda, Dec. 27.—Drilling for oil and gas has begun at Troy on the W. F. Baker farm, about one mile from the borough. The engine and boiler were brought from Bradford, where they had been used in sucking wells. It is calculated that when the machinery is in full operation the drill will make progress at the rate of 100 feet per day, as there is no igneous rock within several hundred feet of the surface. Sea level at Troy is 1,154 feet below the surface, and it is the intention to go that deep before abandoning the project.

The parties interested are sanguine that oil or gas will be struck, and in that event it is expected that a boom will take place in Troy and great changes will occur.

SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY.

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Susquehanna, Dec. 27.—This morning the remains of Roger O. Callahan, the well known tailor, were found in the ditch in front of his home on West Main street. His neck was broken. The suspicion is that, coming home at night, he had slipped from the sidewalk and down a high embankment into the ditch. Deceased had for many years conducted a tailor shop on Main street. He is survived by his widow and two sons. The funeral will take place from St. John's Catholic church on Friday morning, when requiem high mass will be celebrated. Interment will be made in Laurel Hill cemetery.

After an illness of a year, Mrs. Edward Smith, late of Geneva, N. Y., died at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Taylor, this morning, last night, aged 72 years. She is survived by the husband and three small children. The funeral will occur on Friday afternoon from the family residence.

Henry Tingley, of Honesdale, is in town, called here by the death of his sister, the late Mrs. Edward Smith. Mrs. William F. Forber and son, Arthur, of Honesdale, are guests of Susquehanna relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Dumble of New York, are guests of Susquehanna relatives. Mrs. Augustus Williams, an aged resident of Jackson street, is critically ill.

A death watch has been set over Egan and Shea, in the Montross jail. Sheriff Ward Powell is receiving out of the county jail, in Montrose. The Susquehanna Athletic club entertained its lady friends at a social hop, held last evening in Hogan's Opera house. Dornan's orchestra furnished music.

Miss Katherine D. Mulrooney, of Scranton, has returned home from a visit with her mother in this place. Mrs. Lydia Maria Bryant, widow of Elias Bryant, died in Thomson on Christmas morning, aged 78 years. Deceased was a sister of Dr. Thomas Wheaton, of Wilkes-Barre, and was one

of a family of fourteen children. She was universally respected. The funeral occurred this afternoon from the residence of Miss Mary Kelly, in the North Jackson cemetery.

Miss Agnes Kelley, of Scranton, is visiting her parents in this place. Professor James Kelly, is visiting relatives in Amsterdam, N. Y. Congressman-at-Large Hon. Galusha A. Grow, of this county, has been made chairman of the educational committee of the house, and our Congressman Wright has been placed on the committee on agriculture.

Members of the Avenue Methodist church, on the Oakland side, made Pastor and Mrs. Linnberry a purse of \$40 in cash, on Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Titworth spent Christmas with relatives in Montrose.

Milton Scheuer, of New York, is visiting his parents in this place.

Switchman William Callahan, who lost a leg on Monday, is gradually recovering.

A posse of Lackawanna county hunters is securing the hills in the vicinity of Starbuck and Thomson.

The Susquehanna river, north of Laneboro, is covered with ice. The ice crop of 1899 will not be a failure. Miss Marie Springman has returned home from a visit with relatives in New York.

James A. Garvis, of New York city, is visiting his parents in this place.

HONESDALE.

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Honesdale, Dec. 27.—The Presbyterian Sunday school Christmas exercises were held in the chapel Tuesday evening. Thirteen little girls with smiling faces and merry songs, presented a beautiful picture as they represented a scene on a hillside. Twelve other little girls executed very nicely a whisp and doll drill. The little tots gave a delightful entertainment, and have consented to repeat the same tomorrow (Thursday) afternoon at 7 o'clock.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians will hold their annual ball in the Academy on New Year's night. Freeman's orchestra will furnish music. Mr. Zenas H. Russell entertained a large number of his young friends at a social dance in the hall over the swings bank on Tuesday evening. Freshly furnished music and Dodge Brothers the refreshments. Mrs. H. J. Whalen, wife of Pastor Whalen, of the Baptist church, met with a painful accident Christmas night. The Sunday school exercises were being held in the church. Mrs. Whalen was assisting, and in passing from the auditorium room to the Sunday school room she fell through a trap door which had been left open. The cellar bottom, receiving some severe bruises, but for material no broken bones.

WYOMING.

The flour and feed mill of James Fowler & Sons was broken into Sunday night and a small amount of money and some choice Havana cigars taken. The safe is never locked, but the burglars had no trouble in getting it open. They took out all the papers it contained and scattered them about the place.

AVOCA.

The Home Mission society of the Primitive Methodist church will meet at the home of Mrs. Solomon Deable this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Baptism will be at 5 o'clock and supper at 6 o'clock.

The 1899 Social club will conduct a social in Sardis club house on New Year's afternoon. Admission 25 cents.

A meeting of the Christian Alliance will be held this afternoon and evening at the residence of Miss Mary Hasty.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Flock and son, of Wilkes-Barre, were guests of Mrs. M. A. Flock this week.

The following have properties for rent: McMurtrie's residence, near Butler's corner, four rooms with bath and furnace; Mrs. Maria Merrick, near Erie and Wyoming crossing; Patrick McAndrew, ten rooms, on Grove street; M. J. Reap, five rooms, in the North End.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Bullock, of Clinton, a daughter. The baby is now residing at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. Ferguson, of Lincoln Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Lewis, of Thompson, Pa., are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy.

Mrs. Kellum and family are spending the holidays with friends in Susquehanna. The old workings of Brown's colliery ceased in on Monday evening. In the morning the residents thereabouts found water about fifteen feet deep and twenty feet in diameter.

Mr. and Mrs. William Bell and daughters, Nellie and Bertha, of Jermya, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Shales this week.

John Freeman, of New York city, is staying a few days with his mother on Main street.

Rev. and Mrs. E. Wilson are spending a few days with friends in Nanticoke.

Mr. and Mrs. John Faulds, of Sayre, were guests of Mrs. Rose Newlin on Tuesday.

PITSTON PARAGRAPHS.

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Pittston, Dec. 27.—Miss Annie Barrett, aged about 32 years, died this afternoon at her home in Fort Griffith, after a long illness. The funeral will take place Saturday morning.

James Lynch, of Pittston township, died of Smith's disease, after a long and painful illness, at his home in the eastern remains of which would be found around the coop. Last week he set a trap and on Sunday evening succeeded in capturing a large sized wild cat.

F. H. Banker has returned from a two months' trip to Louisiana, where he owns a large tract of rice land.

L. F. Nichols, West Pittston carpenter, has made application for an invention in the shape of a metre box for the use of carpenters, cabinet makers and others. It is a very handy and useful invention.

The following Scranton people will take part in an entertainment to be given in Keystone hall under the auspices of the daughters of Erin Thursday evening: Misses Susie Little, Nellie Cook, Mary Cawley, Lizzie Cook, Jennie Loughney and Mr. Sidney Hughes. All will sing solos.

Henry T. McMillan, of West Pittston, mine foreman at the Barium colliery of the Pennsylvania Coal company, is suffering from injuries received yesterday. While being lowered rapidly in the shaft

the cage suddenly struck an obstruction and came to a sudden stop. Mr. McMillan is suffering principally from shock.

PITSTON WEDDINGS.

Special to the Scranton Tribune. Pittston, Dec. 27.—Miss Agnes McCawley, of Exeter borough, and Prof. M. P. Gilbride, of West Pittston, were married at St. John's Catholic church this afternoon at 5 o'clock, by Rev. Father Garvey. Miss Agnes, daughter of Wilkes-Barre, was bridesmaid, and P. J. Walsh, of Exeter, best man. The bride wore a traveling gown of brown kersey, trimmed with white satin, in chiffon and lace. The groom is principal of the public schools of Exeter borough. He is a native of Pittston three years ago from Hawley. The bride has been a teacher in the public schools. After a wedding trip they will reside at Exeter.

Eugene Smith and Miss Anna Seibel, of this place, were united in marriage this evening, at the Broad Street Methodist Episcopal parsonage, by Rev. Mr. Sordani. The groom is a member of the Eagle Hose company. The bride is a daughter of Louis Seibel, a prominent meat merchant.

Accidental Shooting.

Pittston, Dec. 27.—David Reese and Joe Halstead, both of West Pittston, were members of a crowd who were returning home from a nearby saloon on Christmas night, about 12 o'clock. They were amusing themselves by shooting at a target. One of the boys, thinking all the chambers had been emptied, pointed the gun in the direction of Halstead, and a bullet lodged in the latter's back. Both men agree that the shooting was accidental. Halstead is in a serious condition. He thought the bullet was not yet located. Reese has himself up to the police and was released under \$500 bail.

Held Up the Wrong Man.

Special to the Scranton Tribune. Pittston, Dec. 27.—Henry Berlew, of middle age, of West Pittston, while driving home from Pineherville, was stopped by three men, one of whom, along the road, a few miles west of Wyoming. Mr. Berlew knocked one of them over with the butt end of a heavy whipsaw and gave the other two men a good lashing. Mr. Berlew then drove on unmolested.

Used by British Soldiers in Africa.

Captain C. G. Dennison is well known all over Africa as the commander of the force that captured the famous redoubt of Gallata. Under date of November 4, 1897, from Vryburg, Bechuanaland, he writes: "Before starting on the last campaign I bought a quantity of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, which I myself used when troubled with bowel complaint, and have given to my men, and in every case it proved most beneficial." For sale by all druggists, Matthew Bros., wholesale and retail agents.

THE MARKETS.

Wall Street Market.

New York, Dec. 27.—The market for securities today was affected by the great relief felt by the dissipation of several factors of apprehension and prices improved accordingly. The market closed with a burst of animation and strength at the close of the day. The leading feature of the day was the improvement in sentiment, which was a quiet and orderly manner in which the periodical settlement on the London Stock exchange proceeded. Grave fears were felt that the recent shrinkage in values as a result of adverse war news would prevent many operators on the London exchange from meeting their engagements at the current settlement. The news this morning that no acute difficulties had been met, and that the market was easy and prices inclined to advance, rather than to decline, brought into the market a large amount of money, which at the opening hour in an advance all along the line. The only notable check came with the news of the failure of a London Stock exchange member, but the influence was only temporary and slight. The conditions in the money market were notably easy, and the market for dividend money lenders in the street made large loans to carry over until next Tuesday at the rate of 4 to 5 per cent. The close of the year is universally expected to level the market, and to be followed by relaxation, owing to disbursements of dividends and the liquidation of transactions near the close in a large scale. The market for old gold traded in was a feature of the day, and reflected the investment demand who buy gold, and keep it on hand to look up and keep. Total sales today, 64,300 shares. Investment buying was the feature of the day, and wherever the fall in prices had offered opportunity to secure fair return on money invested in bonds, stocks and other active and strong throughout. Total sales, par value, \$2,300,000. United States new 4s declined 1/4 in the bid price.

The following quotations are furnished by the following firms:

Table with columns for various commodities like Am. Sugar, C. & S. Fe., etc., and their prices.

CHICAGO BOARD OF TRADE.

Table with columns for various commodities like WHEAT, CORN, and their prices.

New York Live Stock.

Table with columns for various live stock items like Beef, Pork, etc., and their prices.

Buffalo Live Stock Market.

Table with columns for various live stock items like Cattle, Sheep, etc., and their prices.

East Liberty Cattle.

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Oil Market.

OH City, Dec. 27.—Credit balances, \$1.00; certificates, no bid or offer; shipments, 100,000 barrels; average, 75.00; barrels, 110.00.

WOMAN, WHY?—You have yellow skin, pimples, eruptions, discolorations. Why? Resort to cosmetics and powder to hide the effects? Dr. Agnew's Laver Pills check the harmful rosy bloom and peach blush of youth. From one to two pills a dose, will clarify and purify the complexion, and give a soft, rosy glow to the face. Sold by Matthews Bros. and W. T. Clark.

SHERIFF'S SALES.

SHERIFF'S SALE. By virtue of sundry writs of Fieri Facias, Levari Facias and Venditioni Exponas, issued out of the court of common pleas of Lackawanna county, to me directed, I will expose to public sale by venditioni exponas, to the highest and best bid for cash, at the office of the sheriff of the county of Lackawanna, on the 30th day of January, 1900, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, all the right, title and interest of the defendants in and to the following described lots, pieces or parcels of land, viz:

No. 1.—All the right, title and interest of the defendant, J. J. Jester, in and to all that certain lot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the village of Richmonds, the same in rear, and one hundred and fifty (150) feet in depth. All improved with a two-story frame dwelling house and outbuildings. Containing minerals excepted and reserved. Being the same premises which was conveyed to the said J. J. Jester, by the following one and a half story frame dwelling house on the alley in the rear and other outbuildings.

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