BRIEF ITEMS.

-Get your New Year resolutions in good shape for Wednesday next.

-This is the last month for gunning, and hunters are taking advantage of it. —Many a household was gladdened yesterday by the presence of some long-absent inmate.

—John B. Hanlon left this morning for New York, where he will spend a few days with friends.

—The top of the flag pole at Centre and Walnut Streets blew down this afternoon and smashed one of the street lamps.

-"La Grippe"—the new disease— uck town in the early part of the ek. It has several victims already. —A necktie supper will be given at St. John's Reformed Church on Saturday evening. It will be followed next week by a fair.

—According to Tax Collector McLaugh-lin's notice 5 per cent. will be added to all taxes remaining unpaid on and after Saturday.

-Frank McBrierty of Upper Lehigh and Miss Annie Dougherty of Freeland were married at St. Ann's Church yes-terday afternoon.

—Subscribers failing to receive the TRIBUNE within a reasonable length of time after the day of issue are requested to notify this office.

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—Patrick Murrin of South Heberton and Miss Annie Gallagher of Beaver Meadow were married at the latter place by Father Brady yesterday.

—The Young Men's T. A. B. Society were unable to secure the opera house on January 18, and the lecture of Daniel Dougherty has been postponed.

—A license was granted by the register wills this week for the marriage of astin E. Horn and Miss A. Sofia ckert, both of Foster township.

—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.

—Mrs. Belva Lockwood, on "Marriage Not a Failure," treated an appreciative audience to a thorough discussion of that subject at the opera house Monday even-ine.

—Christmas passed off very quietly. Services were held in all the churches during the day, and the beautiful weather assisted in giving the holiday a most cheerful appearance.

—Wm P. Jenkins announces himself as a candidate for the Republican nomi-nation of supervisor in Foster township, and Moses Trantor aspires to the nomi-nation of school director at the hands of the same party.

—At St. Ann's Church yesterday after-moon John Rogan of Freeland and Miss Hannah McMenamin of South Heberton were united in marriage by Rev. M. J. Fallihee. James Rogan of Freeland and Miss Mary Shovlin of Sandy Run per-formed the duties of groomsman and bridesmaid.

—The contest of the K. G. E. band ended at their ball Tuesday evening. The prize, a silver tea set, was won by Mrs. Wm. Morgan, who collected \$94.73. Her opponent, Miss Maggie A. Thomas, collected \$68.65. In recognition of Miss Thomas' services the band presented her with a gold watch.

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—Tuesday evening the fair in the basement of the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Eckley, was opened. The St. Patrick's cornet band was present yesterday afternoon and evening, and the building was thronged all day with a merry crowd. The proceeds are for the rebuilding of the church. Open overy evening.

—John Rugans of the Five Points re-ceived yesterday afternoon by Adams express a pair of fine, large rabbits as a Christmas present. From all appearances it is presumed they met their death about last Thanksgiving Day. John is looking for the unknown donor with his double-barreled shot-gun, and if he is found we will have a case of justifable homicide to chronicle next week.

All boys who are residents of the borough of Freeland, and who desire to avail themselves of the benefit of the night school, are requested to leave their names with William Williamson, secretary of the school board, on or before Monday, January 6, 1890. Unless twenty mames are furnished the school will not be opened. By order of the Freeland school board.

It was learned last evening that Gen. E. S. Osborne had finally announced his decision to be a candidate for governor at the next Republican state convention. It had been a generally accepted and recognized fact that he was a candidate, but there is now no longer any doubt on the question. How he will run in the convention is a very doubtful matter. The delegation that goes from Luzerne will possibly present some remarkable features.—Newstealer.

Krommes.—At Freeland, December 23, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. James Krommes. Interred at Freeland cemetery Tuesday afternoon.

G.LLAGUER.—At Highland, December 25, Mary, daughter of John and Mary Gallagher, aged 6 years. Funeral Fri-day afternoon at 2.30 o'clock. Inter-ment at St. Ann's cemetery. Brislin, undertaker.

Mary, daughter of George and Susie Kocher, aged 6 months and 6 days. Funeral Friday afternoon at 1 o'clock. Interment at St. Ann's cemetery. Brislin, undertaker.

The Coxe vs. Lehigh Valley Suit.

The so-called news gatherers have renewed their periodical discussion of Coxe Bros. & Co.'s suit against the Lehigh Valley Company, now pending before the Interstate Commission. These energetic purveyors to Wall Street's credulity now tell us that no official decision will be formally rendered. There will simply be a compromise between the parties in interest, involving a modification of the rates of transportation, so that there may be less disparity between the charges on hard and soft coals. Of course the presumption is inevitable that the information was furnished exclusively to a reporter of a news agency by the members of the commission charged with the regulation of our interstate commerce, but nevertheless the opinion may be ventured that this is about as far from the truth as the rest of the innumerable rumors in circulation during the year. We have no doubt that in due time a decision will be announced, and we have little more doubt that it will be substantially in favor of Coxe Bros. & Co.—Engineering and Mining Journal,

Fighth Annual Ball of the Corps.

For the pleasure-loving people of this vicinity there is no better opportunity offered to enjoy themselves on New Year's Eve than by attending the eighth annual ball of St. Ann's Pioneer Corps. It is unnecessary to enter details when speaking of the balls given by this organization—their name is so well known throughout Northeastern Pennsylvania that anything held under their auspices is bound to be successful. The efficient committees have spared nothing to insure their guests a most enjoyable evening. Everything will be of the best—order, music, refreshments, eatables, etc., and a programme for each person in attendance. Don't miss it, for you're only a little time living and a long time dead. Matera's celebrated orchestra of Hazleton will provide the dancing music. The step-dancing contest promises to be very interesting, as several well-known dancers have entered. The winner receives an elegant silver cup, valued at \$25.

Eckley, Xmas Day, 1889.

Editor Tribune—I do not wish to let your issue of to-morrow appear without acknowledging, with proper thanks, the generous and popular manifestation of good will and substantial aid given to our fair by our neighbors of Freeland, Drifton, Jeddo, Highland, Sandy Run and other near-by villages. Men, women and children of all creeds and nationalities have vied with each other in making it for us a real, happy and merry Christmas. We are under special obligations to the Eckley cornet band, who attended our opening Tuesday evening and favored us with a grand overture and several selections. Our thanks are also tendered to the St. Patrick's cornet band for their kind attendance and splendid music this afternoon. We hope, later, to mention specially the many generous donations presented to us.

Rev. Thos. Bredowy.

For Committee. ECKLEY, Xmas Day, 1889.

The Miners' Christmas Present.

The Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Coal Company yesterday notified their employees at the Brisbin, Sloan, Archibald, Dodge. Manville and Hallsted mines, numbering over 2000 miners and laborers, that the collieries would shut down until the weather wa. cold enough to overcome the present stagnation in the coal trade. The Pennsylvania Coal Company, with 14 mines at Dunmore, Pleasant Valley and about Pittston, have also shut down, all but one at each place, throwing about 4000 more employees out. The Delaware and Hundon Canal Company's men will probably receive a similar notice before the week is ended.

THOUSANDS OF IDLE MINERS.

Situation In and Around Shamokin Mt. Carmel and Trevorton.

of these places.

Trevorton, two months ago a prosperous village of 3000 inhabitants, has
hardly 2000 souls within its borders now.
At Mt. Carmel thousands of men and
boys are idle. The foreign element composes most of this army of idle men,
and the men are in many cases becoming
sullen and angry.

The present dullness in the coal regions that the depopulation of the town is
attributed to the open winter of 1888 and of the same condition of weather just now.
The Philadelphia and Reading Coal and I fron Company owns nearly all the mines
in Northumberland County, and the shutting down of the North Franklin colliery, is the cause of the distress at Trevorton, as it was the only industry at that place. The idle men emigrated to Shamokin, only to find that there was no employment there. Then they went to Coal Township and subsequently to Mt. Carmel and East District, but encountered the same condition of things.

W. L. Scott's Hickory Swamp and Hickory Ridge collieries are closed, and the Pennsylvania, employing over 1700 men and boys, will stop work in a short time. The stoppage in all the mines which have ceased work will be for an indefinate period. Individual collieries are shutting down daily, and unless a cold wave comes to stay, the destitution will be awful.

At Shamokin a similar condition of affairs prevail. On Friday morning Buck Ridge colliery shut down, throwing over 700 men out of employment. As the news floated through the town it was met by another report that the Morris Ridge colliery shut down, throwing over 700 men out of employment. As the news floated through the town it was met by another report that the Morris Ridge colliery shut down, throwing over 700 men out of employment. As the news floated through the town it was met by another report that the Morris Ridge colliery shut down on longer. The Lancaster mines are likely to shut down any day. The Luke Fidler and Garfield collieries how working in the Shamokin district are the Bear Valley, Burnside, Henry Clay, Excelsior and Enterprise. 8000

NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES.

-John W. Colburn was appointed postmaster at Ashley on Tuesday.

-A. P. Childs was appointed post-master at Mountain Top on Monday.

—John Demras, a Hungarian, was killed by a fall of rock and clay while at work on Tuesday in the stripping at Jeanesville.

—Michael Rodgers, formerly of this region, died at Wilkes-Barre on Sunday night. He was about 70 years of age.

—A kerosene lamp exploded in the dry goods store of Cleland, Simpson & Co., Carbondale, on Tuesday night, with the usual result. Loss, \$12,000.

—Jim Farrell and Jim Burns, local pugilists of Plymouth, fought four rounds near that place Monday night. The stakes were \$100 and Farrell won.

—The Hazard Rope Works of Wilkes-Barre shipped a cable weighing 20 tons and over 24 miles long to Scattle, Wash-ington. It is one of the largest ever made.

What Is the Reason?

When the old and middle-aged men of the present day were boys, one of the merry delights of Thanksgiving day was a sleigh ride. Snow fell usually about the middle of November, and by the last Thursday in the month it had come to stay. But things have changed materially of late years as it is very rarely that we get snow enough for sleighing at Thanksgiving time. Indeed, Christmas does not always guarantee snow, and it is always along in January before we get very much. All sorts of theories have been advanced as to the cause of this change of atmospherical condition. Our winters are not so severe as they formerly were and the rivers and ponds do not freeze up so soon as of old. Some say the warmer conditions of the climate are due to the Gulf Stream currents, and others to the denuding of the forests. All the same, the old-fashioned winter of our grandfathers, like the latter, are seen no more.

General Convention of Miners.

Master Workman Rae and Secretary Watchorn of National Trade Assembly 135, issued a call for a general convention of miners of the United States, to be held in Columbus on January 24, 1890. The members of the Knights, the National Progressive Union and unorganized workmen of the mining caft will assemble for the purpose of promoting the common interests of the trade. The prime objects of this convention are the amalgamation of the mining forces and the forming of a national scale of prices for mining.

The Seranton Diocese.

The Diocese of Scranton, comprising the counties of Luzerne, Lackawanna, Bradford, Susquehanna, Wayne, Tioga, Sullivan, Wyoming, Lycoming, Pike and Monroe, which was established March 3, 1868, and on July 12 of the same year the venerable Bishop Rt. Rev. William O'Hara was consecrated and took charge, has had a wonderful growth. As indicative of the progress it has made, the number of priests since the Bishop's advent has increased from 16 to 102. The estimated Catholic population of the diocese is 90,700.—Er.

Balls at the Opera House.

St. Ann's Pioneer Corps, Tuesday evening, December 31.

Freeland Citizens' Hose Co., Thursday evening, January 16.

Tigers Athletic Association, Friday evening, January 17.

Unclaimed Letters.

The following is a list of unclaimed letters remaining in the Freeland Postoffice, December 24, 1889:
Bitterly, Thos.
Bowman, Geo. W.
Conway, Mrs. Hart
Dobjak, Janos
Fedorisin, John
Gallagher, Miss Mary
Gallagher, Miss Mary
Gallagher, Edward 2nd
Hughes, Annie
Mascie, Jas.
Mredith, D. R.
O'Donnell, Mrs. Mary
Owen, Nellie
Peifer, Minnie
Pignola, Maria Nuchela
Snider, Nathan
Woodring, Joseph
Wilson, Geo. L.
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WM. F. BOYLE, P. M.

JOURNALISTIC.

The Plain Speaker came to the front with a 12-page issue on Saturday. Its successful management shows itself on every page.

The Weatherly Herald and Lansford Record issued "doublers" last week. One of the features of the latter was an original story by Editor Maloy, telling how he and a companion spent a night on the Broad Mountain.

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STATE NEWS.

logist and coal statistician, died, at burg after a brief illness, aged 36 —Martin Zachabonis was shot and killed by Policeman Graeff in Shamokin on Saturday night. Zachabonis resisted arrest for illegal liquor-selling.

-About forty buildings in the bus portion of Petrolia were burned on day. The fireplugs were filled mud and no water could be had. loss is estimated at about \$100,000.

—Emile Eloine, upon returning to Johnstown, first learned that his wife and five children had perished in the flood. He had gone to Germany before the flood, to recover a legacy, and had not heard of the great disaster.

10,000.

—Ludivedisa Monasteni, an Italian, died at the almshouse in Pottsville on Sunday, as the result of injuries received in a general drunken row among the Italians working on the construction of the Schuylkill and Lehigh Valley's road near Orwigsburg.

—The Buffalo express, on the Lehigh Valley, while going at the rate of fifty miles an hour ran into the rear end of an eastbound mixed train consisting of freight and coal cars on Saturday, at Lowry's Station, about twelve miles north of Allentown. The engineer of the express died from injuries received

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—According to the last annual report of the late Superintendent of Public Instruction there has been an increase of 547 schools in the state during the year, making 21,889 schools at present. The increase in pupils is 13,176. Attention is called to the small salaries paid teachers, and the hope is expressed that they will be increased.

—A general resumption of work by the miners of the Monongahela Valley is expected about the 1st of January. A number of the operators have conceded the advance of half a cent per bushel de-manded by the men and have already started their works, and the others are expected to fall into line. The strike, which began six weeks ago, affected 6000 men.

men.

—At a meeting of the National Reform Association in Pittsburg, resolutions were passed protesting against the inroads which parochial schools are making upon the attendance at the public schools. One of the speakers was Miss M. F. Cusack, better known as the "Nun of Kenmare," whose unwarranted attack upon the Jesuit schools was the cause of much disorder and almost a riot.

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—A constable from Westmoreland County arrived in Scranton on Saturday with a warrant for the arrest of Genera Master Workman Powderly. It was found that the warrant was defective, it containing no specific allegation of conspiracy, the charge which Callaghar preferred, and the constable was advised by the court not to attempt to make an arrest upon it. The constable returned without Mr. Powderly.

—Governor Beaver has issued a charter for the new city of Johnstown. It in-cludes the boroughs of Johnstown, Grubbtown, Conemaugh, Woodvale, Prospect, Millville and Cambria, these boroughs having a population of at least 10,000.

without Mr. Powderly.

—Xavier Francois Picavezz was arrest ed at the Pardee mines, near Phillips burg, last week, for a murder an robbery committed four years ago ir France. It is said that Ficavezz and comrade were arrested at the time for the strangulation of a wealthy man and his daughter, and, while his comrade was convicted and punished, Picavez escaped to this country. He admits the robbery, but denies having committee the murder. He was taken to New York, and will be extradited without delay.

A PPLICATION blanks for liquor licer for the ensuing year have been sent by Attorney John D. Hayes to his clients need to be filled up by the early part of Jury. If any have been overlooked they procure copies by applying to Mr. Hayes.

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS.—The taxpayers of the borough of Freeland are hereby notified that an addition of 5 per ent. will be added to all taxes remaining unpuid on and atter December 28, 1889.

BERNARD MCLAUGHLIN, Collector. Freeland, November 12, 1889.

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foot. Roofing from 4 to 6 cents per square foot. Blasting tubes, 2 cents per foot. Wire for tubes, made to order, 5 cents each. Miner's Friend cook stoves, No. 8, \$18.00. Plato range, \$22.00. Apollo range, \$23.00; and other ranges from \$8.00 to \$18.00. AT F. P. MALOY'S, LIVERY STABLE

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