

# FREELAND TRIBUNE.

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## BRIEF ITEMS.

—Miss Kate Andreas, of Wilkes-Barre, visited friends in Freeland over Sunday.

—Owing to the absence of a quorum there was no meeting of council last night.

—Mr. J. F. Breslin, of Summit Hill, was visiting friends and relatives here yesterday.

—Mr. John McNelis, of the Lansford Record, has accepted a position on the Tribune.

—Rev. A. J. Morton, of Pittston, will preach in Lindsay's hall next Sunday at 2 and 6 p. m. (in English.)

—A remonstrance was entered at Wilkes-Barre on Monday against the license of Adam Showers, of Freeland.

—Remember the reception and ball of the Young Men's Literary Society, of Eckley, at Yannes' opera house on February 17.

—The restaurant at the corner of Pine and Walnut Streets is offered for rent from April 1, 1890. Apply to Mrs. Hannah McCole, on the premises.

—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.

—License court will commence on Monday, February 17th. All new applicants, and applicants for new houses, will be required to produce at least two witnesses before court.

—Contractor John M. Cunniss is making improvements in the store room of George Wise, on Centre street, whereby the room is light and airy.

—This is done to enable Mr. Wise to meet the growing demands of his business.

—The Young Men's Literary Society, of Eckley, holds its first reception and ball at the opera house on Monday evening, February 17. A handsome programme has been selected, and those who attend are assured of a good night's enjoyment.

—The case of widening Centre street, between Front and Walnut streets, in this borough, came up at Wilkes-Barre on Monday. Owen Fritzinger, W. A. Grimes, Michael Halpin, Joseph Neuberger and Charles Dusbeck were appointed viewers.

—Yesterday being the 140th anniversary of the birth of Kosciuszko, the Polish patriot, the event was properly observed here by the Polish people. Mass was celebrated at the St. Kasper Church, and the Kosciuszko Society attend in a body in full uniform.

—Mr. Libor Winter, the popular restaurateur of Front street, Freeland, desires to inform his friends and customers that he has made arrangements direct with the Oyster Planters, whereby he is supplied direct from the oyster beds, thus ensuring his customers pure, fresh and the very best oysters, either by the quart, hundred or by the barrel. Oysters done up in all styles and at short notice.

—At Wilkes-Barre, on Saturday, Thos. Ryan, John Hart, William White and Henry Marsh, the burglars who broke into and robbed the safe and store of J. C. Berner on Nov. 10, were each sentenced to three years and one month in the eastern penitentiary, and were taken there on Tuesday by Sheriff Robinson and a number of deputies.

—Bertha, the infant daughter of Jacob B. Zeigler and wife, formerly of this place, but now of Winton, Lackawanna county, died here on Friday night. The remains arrived in Freeland on the train Monday morning and proceeded to St. John's Reformed Church and thence to Freeland cemetery, where interment was made. This is the second death that has occurred in the family since their removal to Winton—the first being that of William, a young man, aged 17 years.

—Mr. James McNelis, of town, and Miss Maggie Kennedy, of Upper Lehigh, were joined in wedlock on Tuesday afternoon by Rev. Father Farrell, of St. Ann's Catholic Church. Mr. J. P. McNelis and Miss Bid Boyle acted as groomsmen and bridesmaid. After a drive to Hazleton the wedding party returned to the home of the bride's mother, where their many friends were waiting to congratulate them. About 10 couples took part in the wedding festivities. Some fine vocal and instrumental music were rendered. The dancing was kept up to 12 o'clock, when all left for their homes much pleased with the evening's enjoyment. Mr. and Mrs. McNelis has our best wishes of success.

—For Clothing.

J. Reiforwich, the clothing merchant and gents' furnisher, is at No. 37 Centre street, Freeland, with a stock of goods, that for quality, cannot be surpassed in this market. Hats, Caps, Boys' and Men's Clothing a special feature. A large stock of suits made to order from \$25.00 reduced to \$17.00. This is a saving to persons of limited means, over ready-made clothing. Clothing made to order by experienced workmen and at short notice. A large stock of price goods to select from. Ready-made Clothing of all sizes and styles.

—Hazel Township Democratic Ticket.

The Democrats of Hazel township met at Hazleton, Tuesday, and placed the following ticket in nomination: Supervisors, Patrick O'Donnell and John D. Boyle; Tax Collector, Philip Ferry; School Directors, James Collins and August Fox; Township Treasurer, James Boyle; Assessor, Andrew Haggerty; Township Clerk, Patrick McKenna. J. J. Campbell and Richard Lahey were nominated for Auditors. Hugh O'Donnell and Jas. F. Conlin were endorsed for Poor Director and Auditor.

—Foster Republicans.

The Republicans of Foster township met at the Highland school house last night to nominate their township ticket. Nathan Hoodmasher was chosen Chairman and Joel F. Stevens, of Hazle Brook, was elected Secretary. The following ticket was nominated: Tax Collector, Jacob Fox; Assessor, Geo. Brikbeck; Supervisors, Wm. P. Jenkins, Jno. Trimble; School Directors, Owen Moyer, 3 years, James Long, 3 years, Moses Trantoe, 1 year (Mr. Trantoe subsequently declined the position); Township Treasurer, James Lawson; Township Clerk, Walter Koons; Constable, Thos. Llewellyn; Auditors, Alfred Widdick, Joseph Birkbeck.

## The Borough Democratic Ticket.

Saturday evening the Democrats of the Borough of Freeland met in Yannes' Opera House for the purpose of placing in nomination a ticket to be voted for at next election.

At 7:30 the convention was called to order by John B. Quigley, Chairman of the vigilance committee. Hon. James Collins was elected permanent Chairman; T. A. Buckley, Secretary; A. W. Ashburne and Frank McLaughlin, Tellers.

The nomination of Burgess was next in order, and the names of R. M. Rinker and John Burton were placed in nomination. Before proceeding to ballot a motion was offered by John D. Hayes, that the Secretary cast one ballot for John Burton, as the choice of the convention for Burgess; giving as his reasons "that as there being only two names mentioned it would save time."

After considerable discussion, as to the propriety of entertaining the motion, a vote was taken, and the motion defeated. Mr. Hayes, at this point, withdrew the name of John Burton, and there being only one name before the convention, R. M. Rinker was nominated by acclamation.

Henry Doubt, Hugh McGeehan and Timothy Boyle were nominated for Tax Collector. Doubt received 69 votes, McGeehan, 47 and Boyle, 14.

The vote stood: O'Gara, 72 votes; Gallagher, 29; Shelhammer, 23; Johnson, 22. Daniel Shelhammer and John B. Quigley were named for constable. Shelhammer received 20 votes; Quigley, 65.

John J. Brogan and Herman Shelhammer were nominated as Auditors, by acclamation. O'Donnell, Daubert and Denis Ferry were named for Judge of election. Daubert, 29; Ferry, 20. Manus Conaghan was nominated for Inspector of election by acclamation.

A resolution endorsing the nomination of Hugh O'Donnell, of Hazleton, for Poor Director, and of James Conlin, of Beaver Meadow, for Poor Auditor, was agreed to, after which the meeting adjourned.

St. Ann's Young Men's Library Committee Presented With an Encyclopaedia.

The library committee of the St. Ann's Young Men's T. A. B. Society, of Freeland, has received from Rev. Thomas Brehony, of Eckley, the following communication which explains itself, and extends to the Rev. Gentleman their profound thanks for the same:

By courtesy of M. P. Campbell, I herewith present to the Catholic Young Men's T. A. B. Society, of Freeland, Penna., Tell's Encyclopaedia in two volumes.

With great respect your friend,  
REV. THOMAS BREHONY,  
Feb. 11th, 1890. Eckley, Pa.

—Eckley.

—Mr. John James was seen at the fair on Saturday evening.

—Mr. Hugh O'Donnell, of Hazleton, attended the fair here on Saturday evening.

—George O'Donnell, of Beaver Meadow, is visiting at the residence of John O'Donnell.

—Your reporter is giving the people a little guessing just now. Keep on, no harm done.

—Mr. Frank McGill and wife took a pleasure trip to Buck Mountain on Sunday afternoon.

—What is the matter with our local base ball teams? It is near time to get the boys together.

—Work is getting quite scarce lately, and a number of Hungarians are leaving for parts unknown.

—Anthony Klonecz has removed his family to Hazleton, where he will engage in the butchering business.

—Messrs. John Craig and Patrick Maloney took a drive to Mount Airy on Sunday. What can be the attraction boys?

—Mr. John Dennion is getting quite an expert in the handling of carpenter's tools. He has a contract to make a fancy table.

—Mr. John McGill has accepted a position as miner at Hazle Brook. He has been a resident of this place for a number of years.

—Eckley is noted for its numerous sprinters; two of our young men took a moonlight trip to Sandy Run the other night, and reports everything favorable in that vicinity.

THE DOINGS AT THE FAIR.

The fair opened on Saturday evening with literary exercises; Wm. Connolly, formerly of Danville, but now a resident of Eckley, taking the principle part. The Johnson Orchestra were present and rendered some very fine music.

The latest and most novel feature of attraction is the post-office, which is established here with John B. Carr as Postmaster, who no doubt will do a thriving business on Valentine's Day, as large mails (male and female) are expected on that day.

The contest for the watch will come off on St. Valentine's Day, when we hope to see a full attendance.

It is surprising the number of perambulators Eckley has produced since the fair began. They can be seen climbing the rugged hills between here and Sandy Run each night that it is open.

As the closing of the fair draws near, the special topic of conversation is the grand reception and ball of the Young Men's Literary Society, which is to be held in Yannes' opera house, Freeland, Monday evening, Feb. 14. This is the first time in the history of this organization that they have come before the public, and we hope to see them well patronized. Don't fail to attend, as the reception will be a special feature. De-pierr's full orchestra has been secured for dancing music and St. Patrick's Connet Band for reception and intermission.

M. Y. B.

## FOSTER DEMOCRATS.

The Township Convention Meets, Adopts Rules and Elects Officers. The People on the Issue of a Democratic Ticket Nominated, etc.

As per announcement in last week's Tribune, the delegates to the township convention met in the Highland school house at 2:15 p. m. Monday, and the convention was called to order by District Chairman, Patk. O'Donnell. The Secretary called the roll of delegates, and no contest being made, the convention proceeded to the election of a permanent Chairman. John B. Carr and John Hurley were named. Mr. Carr was elected. Frank Sweeney was elected Secretary by acclamation.

On taking the chair Mr. Carr thanked the delegates in a good speech for the honor bestowed on him, and counseled them upon the duties that lay before them. He called attention to some of the wrongs which the township is laboring under, and requested that the convention would place itself before the people as opposed to such abuses and to take up measures that would place the finances of the township on a good solid basis, so as to enable our children to receive a good education. He closed by wishing that harmony and good feeling would prevail during the business of the convention.

Committees on resolutions and rules were appointed, and a recess of one-half hour was taken to enable the committees to meet.

On assembling the committee on resolutions, through its Chairman, reported the following resolutions, which were agreed to:

We the undersigned committee on resolutions, do respectfully report as follows:

Whereas, The Democratic party, true to its history, has taken an advanced position to force within the range of practical politics, grave questions of public policy that affect the material welfare and liberties of the whole people.

Resolved, That we, the Democratic voters of Foster township in convention assembled, reaffirm our allegiance to Democratic principles, believing with that sterling Democrat, Grover Cleveland, that "public policy is a public trust."

That the tariff, as a protecting medium, is a delusion and a fraud—that it restricts industry, hampers trade and makes possible the various trusts and combines that speculate in the necessities of life. That indirect and unjust taxation has reduced the wealth-producers to the position of dependent mendicants, begging for permission to live and toil.

We believe that industrial emancipation demands that trade between this grand Republic and the nations of the earth should be as free as trade between Foster township and Freeland Borough.

We congratulate the Democracy of Pennsylvania on the re-election of Chairman Klesner; and on the prospects for a better political organization; on the advanced stand taken by the Democratic press in favor of tariff and ballot reform, and pledge ourselves to support no man for representative, who is not a known advocate of those reforms.

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## STATE NEWS.

—Alfred Andrews, convicted of the murder of Clara Price, was sentenced to be hanged at Bellefonte.

—A further respite was granted to Jas. H. Jacobs, the Lancaster county murderer, by the Board of Pardons last week.

—The West Brookside Colliery, in Schuylkill county, has stopped the second time this year, throwing 1000 men and boys idle.

—John Kosek, a prominent Hungarian business man of Wilkes-Barre, was killed at that place on Monday night by a runaway team.

—James Dunston, fireless at the Nottingham mine at Plymouth, who was badly burned at the recent explosion, died on Saturday.

—Hazleton has organized an Irish Political Club, whose object is the recognition of that element to some of the offices in the borough.

—The Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company have procured a large site for dock purposes, at West Superior, Wis., and will use it almost exclusively for its western anthracite trade.

—Out of the fifty-nine collieries operated by the Reading Coal and Iron Company in the Schuylkill anthracite region, eighteen are absolutely closed, and the remainder are running half time or less.

—The Polish Church annoyances at Plymouth may now be regarded as settled. Father Scynensky was sent there from Buffalo, N. Y., last week to take charge of the Polish church, while Father Babcz will remain as pastor of the Lithuanians.

—A young slate-picker named Thomas Thomas, son of William Thomas, of Larksville, was instantly killed in a breaker of the D. & H. Coal Company, at Plymouth Junction, last week. In some manner he fell into the screen and his body was terribly mangled.

—Thomas McManus, a brother of Rev. P. J. McManus and Attorney Bernard McManus, died at Green Ridge, near Scranton, on Sunday morning. He was 46 years of age and unmarried. The funeral took place Tuesday, interment being made in St. Gabriel's cemetery, Hazleton.

—An explosion of gas occurred in the East Boston mine, near Luzerne Borough, on Friday night. John McKechnie, assistant boss, and his brother Charles were badly burned, it is thought fatally. Rudolph Reinking, David Jones and William Pryn were seriously injured by the concussion.

—The conference of operators' and miners' representatives, at Scottsdale, has agreed on an advance rate of wages, but has disagreed on the manner in which the loaded wagons shall be gauged, and is likely to yet occur. The operators express themselves as being discouraged over the loss of time and the shortening of the hours of labor.

—By a fall of roof and rock in the Lackawanna Colliery at Olyphant on Saturday, Mine Foreman Cramer and three Hungarians were badly crushed. The men were putting in props where a faulty roof existed, and while tapping for support the mass fell upon them. Two of the Hungarians died, while the rescuers were trying to remove them from beneath the mass of rock.

—John Jones commenced work on Monday, after four weeks idleness.

—Rev. William T. Davis will preach in the Welsh Baptist Church next Sunday at 10 a. m. and 6 p. m.

—William Porter visited his son Henry, and went from here to Lattimer, where he will make his future home.

—We desire to let those talkative women know that we are not the author of the article that appeared last week criticising them. We are glad to know that the system is being abated.

—A concert under the auspices of the Welsh Baptist Church will be held in the Foster township school house on Wednesday evening, Feb. 13. The Chairman of the evening will be Thomas Sheppard; Conductor, David M. Evans; of Pond Creek, and Organist, Henry Harris, of South Heberton. The admission will be (adults ten cents; children five cents.

Weekly Coal Report.

The anthracite coal trade continues very dull for the domestic sizes and as active as ever for the furnace and small steam sizes, which have become very