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BRIEF ITEMS.

—John D. Hayes, Esq., left on the early train this a. m. for Scranton.

—J. H. Haas, proprietor of the Cottage Hotel, commenced the running of his new bus this week.

—The Green men of Eckley will hold a ball in the No. 1 school house, at that place on St. Patrick's night.

—Depiero's orchestra have secured the opera house for March 17, for the purpose of holding a ball.

—John Houston, now located at South and Washington streets, will probably erect a bottling establishment on Ridge street.

—The Citizens' Bank, of Freeland, is now doing a regular business at their rooms on Front street. See their "Ad" in another column.

—Rev. W. D. Thomas, of Parsons, will preach in Lindsay's hall, Freeland, next Sunday evening at 2 and 6 p. m. Both sermons in English.

—Joseph Larocco, of Hazle township, and May Louise Abstande, of Jeddo, were granted a marriage license by the Register of Wills on Tuesday.

—A. A. Bachman has just received 600 rolls of wall paper. Brown back double roll at 8 cents; gold, at 14 cents and upwards. A fine stock to select from.

—The ice-house is now the most important consideration. It is not out of place to suggest that the ice-house be kept ready for the crop, however, for it may appear suddenly.

—At the literary entertainment held by the Young Men's T. A. B. Society, Feb. 23, the library committee were the recipients of five dollars from Mr. Jos. Neuburger, towards purchasing books.

—There will be a meeting of the members of the Hayden Glee Club, at their hall, Main street, at 2.30 next Sunday afternoon. A full attendance is requested as important business is to be transacted.

—The white veil of the Order was bestowed on Miss Julia Brown, a sister in St. Joseph's convent, at Hazleton last week by Bishop O'Hara. Rev. M. J. Falliee of St. Ann's church assisted in the ceremonies.

—Thomas Slattery left on the early train for New York on Monday morning, where he will be united in marriage to Miss Celia Brennan, formerly of Five Points, but now residing in New York. Daniel Borer will act as best man.

—The drama of "Robert Emmet, the Irish Martyr," under the auspices of the Catholic Societies, of Hazleton and Freeland, was played at the opera-house last night to a full house, the whole of the floor space being given up to reserved seats.

—Now is the time of the year when wide-awake merchants and business men seek assiduously to attract public favor and patronage. The advertising columns of the **TRIBUNE** offer to all such by far the most effective means of reaching either old or new customers. No such measure of publicity as the **TRIBUNE** secures to its advertisers can be obtained on this planet for a like sum.

Death of Mrs. H. C. Koons.

Our many readers will be sorry to hear of the death of Mrs. Rhoda Koons, the beloved wife of our townsman, H. C. Koons, which sad event took place on Monday evening at her residence, corner Centre and Front streets. Her illness was of short duration, and the sad ending was not expected, but God decreed otherwise and the end came. She was age 48 years, and was much respected by the whole community with whom she came in contact. Mr. Koons has the sympathy of a host of friends in this the most trying period of his life. The funeral took place this morning at 11 o'clock, interment in Freeland cemetery.

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Democratic Society Organized.

Last evening a number of prominent Democrats met at the office of John D. Hayes, and organized a Democratic Society to be known as "The First Anthracite Democratic Society." The following officers were elected: President, John D. Hayes; Vice President, John Miller; Hugh McNeil, Owen Fritzinger; Secretary, E. A. Oberlander. A committee consisting of Adam Ferner, Chas. A. Johnson and E. A. Oberlander were appointed to engage a hall, issue a call for a general meeting, prepare an address to the members of the party embodying the aims and objects of the organization, and publish it in the **FREELAND TRIBUNE** and **Hazleton Plain Speaker**.

That Prize Fight.

Thomas Jarret and Gwyllim Williams, both working at Upper Lehigh, the latter a married man and the father of five children, living at South Heberton, while Jarret is a single man, and boards at Mrs. Davis', of the Five Points, becoming little excited while drinking in a saloon on Saturday last, decided to settle it according to prize rules, and went to the rear of the vacant lots on Luzerne street, where 37 rounds were fought, ending in a draw. Williams' friends are willing to back him for \$250 to fight Jarret at any time.

COUNCIL MEETING.

Report of the Regular Monthly Meeting Held on Monday Evening.

The members of the Borough Council met in regular session Monday evening. Members present: Wm. Johnson, Albert Goepfert, A. A. Bachman, Frank McGettrick, A. Donop.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read, as was also the minutes of the special meeting held on February 24th, 1890.

The following bills were presented, read and approved:

A. A. Bachman, window lights - \$ 1 05
John D. Hayes, salary and services in matter of widening Centre street - 37 50
Thos. A. Buckley, publishing new ordinance and posters - 3 50
Thomas A. Buckley, salary and stationery - 26 00
Jno. M. Powell, salary as auditor - 8 00
Penn'a Globe Gaslight Co., rent lamps - 39 00

\$115 05

A bill of \$42.00 was presented by the Freeland Water Company, for damage caused by the Hayden Glee Club, in grading Ridge street, from Main to Centre, and requesting Council to pay the same, claiming that they were put to that expense in lowering their water pipes. After considerable discussion the bill was laid over until the next meeting.

Patrick Boyle, of Centre street, presented himself before Council and requested to be exonerated from the payment of dog tax, as his mother was assessed for three dogs and only owned one. Mr. Boyle was exonerated from the tax above stated, and the Secretary instructed to give him a certificate to present to the collector.

The street commissioner's report for January was read; amount \$50, and for February \$12.00. On motion, the bill be accepted and ordered paid.

The Treasurer's report for Jan. 6 to Feb. 3 was read as follows:

Balance on hand - \$493 91
Jan. 6th from Burgess - 12 25

\$506 16

Expenditures - 131 99

Feb. 3d balance on hand - \$374 17
Received from Burgess - 18 15

\$392 32

Expenditures to March 3d - 19 75

Balance on hand - \$372 59

The report was accepted and ordered placed on file.

The Burgess' report for January was read as follows: Receipts from fines, fees, etc., \$36.50; commission and police service, \$18.35; balance returned to Treasurer, \$18.15.

Receipts from Feb. 3d to March 3d, \$19.50; commission and police service, \$13.50; balance turned over to the Treasurer, \$6.00. The report was accepted. There being no further business a motion to adjourn was made and carried. At this stage Mr. Phillip Geritz arose and desired to make a statement, but as the motion to adjourn had been put and carried he said he would wait and present it to the next Council.

The new Council then proceeded to organize. Henry Smith, Patrick Doris and Frank Depiero presented their credentials as Councilmen; the former two for three years and the latter for one year, and were sworn in by T. A. Buckley, J. P., after which they took their seats, and elected A. Donop as temporary Chairman.

Albert Goepfert was nominated for the office of President, and was elected by acclamation. Upon taking the chair, Mr. Goepfert made a few remarks suitable to the occasion. He counseled the members to meet promptly at the hours set apart for meetings, and that they were there to legislate for the best interest of the town, and hoped to see such legislation enacted during the coming year, as would do credit to them and to the taxpayer whom they represent.

Thomas A. Buckley was elected Secretary.

Unclaimed Letters.

The following is a list of unclaimed letters remaining in the Freeland Post-office, March 1, 1890:

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St. Patrick's Day Parade.

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Michael C. J. O'Donnell was elected President and Dominick Timony, Secretary. After enrolling the names of delegates present, the following programme was agreed to:

Mass will be celebrated at St. Ann's Church, Drifton, at 10 a. m. by Rev. M. J. Falliee.

After mass the societies will form in the following order:

ORDER OF PARADE.
St. Ann's T. A. B. Pioneer Corps.
St. Ann's Cadets.
St. Ann's T. A. B. Society.
Young Men's T. A. B. Society, of Freeland.
Jeddo Green Men.
Eckley Green Men.
St. Patrick's Beneficial Society, of Drifton.

ROUTE OF PARADE.
Leave St. Ann's Church on to Luzerne street, to Ridge, Ridge to South, South to Centre, Centre to Carbon, to Washington, up Washington to Chestnut, on Chestnut to Ridge, down Ridge to Main, by the rear of the school house, to march on Centre and down Centre street to Carbon and dismiss.

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Rev. Buxton, of Drifton, conducted services at the house. Thomas Evans and D. M. Evans acted as Sage and Prophet for the Red Men, and conducted the exercises at the grave. Jas. Goulden acted as Marshal.

William Drasher, William Silk and Emory Sherry acted as pall bearers for the Red Men, and A. J. Trash, Wm. Williamson and George Schaub acted for the Odd Fellows.

The funeral was largely attended.

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STATE NEWS.

—An epidemic of diphtheria is raging in the upper part of the county.

—The free delivery system will be commenced at Shenandoah on April 1.

—V. W. Medlar was appointed postmaster at Mahanoy City last week. At the same time G. P. Morgan was appointed for Nanticoke.

—D. J. Waller, Jr., the new superintendent of Public Instruction, filed his bond and took charge of the office at Harrisburg on Monday.

—The collieries of the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company at New Philadelphia and Middleport have been abandoned, owing to the expense of working.

—The Knights of Labor coke workers of the Conneville region have decided to organize general stores on a co-operative plan in opposition to the stores under company management.

—Thomas B. Hughes, a miner employed in the coal shaft, Hyde Park, was instantly killed on Saturday by a premature explosion of a blast which drove an iron tube clean through his body.

—By the rope breaking, which was hoisting a carload of culm, at Luzerne Borough on Saturday, Michael Martin-shuck, a Hungarian, was struck and killed.

—Henry A. Marcey, of Kingston, on Tuesday brought suit against the Hillside Coal and Iron Company, of Lackawanna county, for damages in the sum of \$100,000. The plaintiff alleges that the company has for several years been cutting coal and timber on lands owned by him.

—A queer case is reported from Pleasant Valley. Some time ago a man named McLaughlin contracted with Andrew Frolinger, of Scranton, to build a house on a friend's lot. When the work was completed he applied for his money but was told to go without it. Since then he has declared his intention to get even, and recently purchased a lot next to McLaughlin. On Saturday night he met with the opportunity and came down with a force of men. They moved the building onto the adjoining lot by Sunday morning without disturbing its occupants. Frolinger now claims the house.

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THE ELDESTIDD.

Saturday last being the day set apart for the grand musical entertainment to take place here and as such quite a number of strangers as well as those from the surrounding villages made Freeland their chosen point of rendezvous for the time for opening the hall, a large concourse of people gathered along the street leading from the depot, all bent upon having a look at General Hastings the "hero of Johnstown," who it was announced, was to preside over the morning session. But on the arrival of the train it was learned that he was unavoidably detained at Philadelphia.

MORNING SESSION.

The morning session opened by the Conductor, T. J. Edwards, of Mahanoy City, at one time a resident of Upper Lehigh and later of Eckley, who made a very fervent appeal to his countrymen to cultivate the taste for music, so characteristic of the Welsh race, and which together with the advantages to be obtained through our public educational establishments must constitute their success.

A piano solo, by Master H. Harris, was well rendered, and received rounds of applause.

Competition, "I Love Her Still," for girls under sixteen years of age, was competed for by Miss Anna Salmon, of Drifton, and Miss Lizzie Ellen Roberts (the latter is only 7 years old); was won by Miss Salmon; prize, \$2.00.

For the competition on the "trio" there were no contestants.

For the competition on solo—Bass; prize, \$3.00. Wm. T. Williams was the only contestant, and the prize was awarded to him.

Competition—"Ship on Fire;" Miss Jennie Parson Price, of Mahanoy City, Miss Maggie Thomas, of Drifton, and Miss Lulu Smith, of Freeland, competed, and was won by Miss Price; prize, \$3.00.

Competition—"He Knows;" prize, \$25.00; competed for by Drifton and Upper Lehigh Band of Hope. Drifton took the prize.

This ends the forenoon session.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The afternoon session opened by a piano solo by Miss Essie Morgan, daughter of Prof. D. Morgan, of Freeland, and if the applause which followed its rendition is any criterion to go by, then her efforts were highly appreciated.

The competition on the hornet solo was entered into by Prof. Robert Stenner and Prof. Daniel W. Richards. From the start Mr. Stenner had the audience spell-bound, and at the close of the solo it was evident to all that he would win. Mr. Richards' tone rendered very well, and with hard, steady and vigorous practice will make a competitor hard to beat.

On this occasion Mr. Stenner used the B flat cornet presented to him about 12 years ago by St. Patrick's Cornet Band; bought from C. G. Conn, and its tones were as clear and resonant as the day it was purchased.

Competition on "Quartette;" prize, \$8.00; there were four parties entered. It was won by Miss Leffler, of Audenried.

The competition on Tenor solo was contested for by Henry Jones, of Ashley, Llewellyn Owen, Griffith G. Owen, Evan J. Roberts, of Slatington, and Jno. Edwards, of Audenried. It was won by Henry Jones; prize, \$3.00.

For the competition on the "Monks March," prize \$25.00; the Hayden Glee Club, of Mahanoy City, and the Eyri Glee Club, of Slatington, competed, and was won by the Mahanoy City choir being the only competitor for the competition, "We Never Will Bow Down," and there not being sufficient merit shown in its rendition there was no award made. The competition of "The Frenchman's Lesson," Miss Mamie Edwards and Elsie Morgans were the only competitors and were awarded the prize, \$4.00.

EVENING SESSION.

The evening session was opened by Hon. Eckley B. Cox, who was introduced to the audience, and closed by thanking all present for the honor conferred on him in selecting him to preside over their meeting.

The Hayden Glee Club, of Mahanoy City, sang a chorus (by request) which was well received.

The competition, "Thou Didst Not Leave His Soul in Hell" (Handel's Messiah), Miss Annie Winn, of Mahanoy City, took the prize, \$3.00.

"The Noble Boy of Truth" was next on the programme, and for this prize six contestants entered. They were Griffith Davis, Lew Tawe, of Mahanoy City, Wm. Hitchens, Audenried, Evan K. Roberts, of Slatington, and Wm. T. Williams, of Upper Lehigh. More interest was taken in this contest than any of those that preceded it. When the decision was given by the adjudicator, coupled with the kindly advice given to the victor and the losers, rounds of applause greeted it. As the winner stood on the platform at the close of his recitation a shout of approbation went up from the audience.

In presenting the prize Prof. Price gave the winner some fine advice, and advised him to take lessons and develop the talent he possessed, saying that with proper training he would make a good singer.

Daniel Davis (Dan Cwmbrula) and Llew Herbert sang a duet (Welsh) in fine style, and had to repeat it before the audience was satisfied.

The band contest for the prize of \$50 took place; the contestants were the P. O. S. of A. Band and the Knights of the Olden Eagle Band, of Freeland. The former won, as was evident from the start. The bass in the Golden Eagle Band coming in with a half note too soon in the start.

W. A. Davis took the prize of \$3.00 in the recitation of "Rhaidr Ladore."

The competition on the Grand Chorus, "Arise All Ye Nations," was the next event, and much interest was manifested in it by friends of the competing choirs, who were the Audenried Choir, Mahanoy City Choir and the Freeland Choir.

The prize was divided between the two first, though the Freeland Choir received favorable mention from the adjudicator.

For a finale a National Anthem was sung by the whole audience, led by Prof. Miles, after which the audience dispersed.

The decisions on all the competitions were given with a fairness that surprised many.

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Resolutions of Respect.

WHEREAS, it has pleased the Great Spirit to call from the hunting grounds of his father our brother, Thomas D. Roberts, of Macheleck Tribe, No. 221, I. O. R. M.

Resolved, that in his death we recognize the hand of an over-ruling providence and bow submissively to the will of the Most High who doeth all things well.

Resolved, that we appreciate his many virtues and good character and deeply deplore his loss to our order as an upright companion and true friend in whom confidence was never reposed in vain.

Resolved, that we tender our most sincere sympathy to his family and friends in this their sad bereavement and point them to him, who alone can comfort and console the sorrowful.

Resolved, that these resolutions be printed in the **Council Brand** and **FREELAND TRIBUNE**, a copy be sent to the friends of the deceased and the same spread on our minutes on the sleep of the next council fire.

Thomas Evans, } Committee.
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Died at Drifton.

Thomas D. Roberts, an old resident of No. 1 Drifton, died at his residence Saturday evening, March 1st, 1890, aged 48 years, of pneumonia. The deceased was a married man, and leaves a wife and 13 children, two of whom are married. The funeral took place on Tuesday and was attended by the members of Mount Horeb Lodge of Odd Fellows and Macheleck Tribe No. 221, Improved Order of Red Men.

Rev. Buxton, of Drifton, conducted services at the house. Thomas Evans and D. M. Evans acted as Sage and Prophet for the Red Men, and conducted the exercises at the grave. Jas. Goulden acted as Marshal.

William Drasher, William Silk and Emory Sherry acted as pall bearers for the Red Men, and A. J. Trash, Wm. Williamson and George Schaub acted for the Odd Fellows.

The funeral was largely attended.

STATE NEWS.

—An epidemic of diphtheria is raging in the upper part of the county.

—The free delivery system will be commenced at Shenandoah on April 1.

—V. W. Medlar was appointed postmaster at Mahanoy City last week. At the same time G. P. Morgan was appointed for Nanticoke.

—D. J. Waller, Jr., the new superintendent of Public Instruction, filed his bond and took charge of the office at Harrisburg on Monday.

—The collieries of the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company at New Philadelphia and Middleport have been abandoned, owing to the expense of working.

—The Knights of Labor coke workers of the Conneville region have decided to organize general stores on a co-operative plan in opposition to the stores under company management.

—Thomas B. Hughes, a miner employed in the coal shaft, Hyde Park, was instantly killed on Saturday by a premature explosion of a blast which drove an iron tube clean through his body.

—By the rope breaking, which was hoisting a carload of culm, at Luzerne Borough on Saturday, Michael Martin-shuck, a Hungarian, was struck and killed.

—Henry A. Marcey, of Kingston, on Tuesday brought suit against the Hillside Coal and Iron Company, of Lackawanna county, for damages in the sum of \$100,000. The plaintiff alleges that the company has for several years been cutting coal and timber on lands owned by him.

—A queer case is reported from Pleasant Valley. Some time ago a man named McLaughlin contracted with Andrew Frolinger, of Scranton, to build a house on a friend's lot. When the work was completed he applied for his money but was told to go without it. Since then he has declared his intention to get even, and recently purchased a lot next to McLaughlin. On Saturday night he met with the opportunity and came down with a force of men. They moved the building onto the adjoining lot by Sunday morning without disturbing its occupants. Frolinger now claims the house.

UPPER LEHIGH.

Mrs. Roland Hughes and Hugh Charlotte left on the 3.30 train on Sunday for Bangor to attend the funeral of a friend there, which took place on Monday.

Griffith Pritchard, father of G. G. Pritchard, formerly of this place, was visiting at the residence of the latter for the past few days. It was accompanied by the mother-in-law of G. G. Pritchard.

Poachers Beware!

Frank Sweeney, of South Heberton, has been appointed Fish Warden by the Board of Fishery Commissioners. His district comprises the county of Luzerne. Mr. Sweeney will immediately assume the duties of his office.

Will Take Music Lessons.

Wm. T. Williams, of Upper Lehigh who took two prizes in the singing and received such merited approbation from the Adjudicator for his proficiency at the establisment on Saturday, is about to enter a conservatory of music at Scranton this Sunday. His many friends in Freeland and surrounding towns are thinking about getting up a benefit concert for him in the near future and would like to have the leaders of the different musical societies in this section make the matter up and bring it to an issue.

Weekly Coal Report.

The anthracite markets do not show any improvement in the demand for coal, and the prices are not as well maintained as they were a week or two ago. In fact, the domestic sizes can now be bought at lower figures than at any previous time for a past year. Last week the coal sales agents of the several large companies in this city made openly the reduction in prices for the domestic sizes which they had been privately quoting for several weeks previously. While these prices are 10 to 25 cents per ton lower than their previous public prices, the individual operators have been underselling the reduced figures from 10 to 25 cents additional per ton. At New York harbor excellent free-burning chestnut coal is selling at \$3 per ton, f. o. b., and Beaver Meadow and other coals of equally good quality are selling at \$3.50 f. o. b. for egg and stove sizes. Notwithstanding the large curtailment in the production of anthracite in 1889, compared with the output of the previous year (25,000 tons), and that the total quantity of coal sent to market thus far this year is half a million tons behind that for the corresponding period of last year, there is said to be a large accumulation of coal at the tidewater shipping points and stocked at other places in the interior. This is not encouraging for the future of the trade, and some experienced shippers and operators express grave fears that this year will not prove a very profitable one for the anthracite interests. An old operator who has seen many ups and downs in the coal business during the past 25 years says: "It is always the unexpected that happens, and if the anthracite trade should become very active and the actual selling prices go much higher than those now ruling, before the next fall season opens nobody will be more surprised than the managers of the anthracite mining and carrying companies." On the other hand, there are some shippers who are not so pessimistic in their views, and they argue that the large reduction in the output of anthracite during the past 14 months and the promises of the managers of the anthracite corporations to do all in their power to legitimately and legally continue their present policy of limiting as nearly as they can the production of coal to the market requirements, cannot but result beneficially to the trade as the year advances.

The total amount of anthracite coal sent to market for the week ending February 22, as reported by the several carrying companies, was 415,843 tons, compared with 590,702 tons in the corresponding week last year, a decrease of 84,855 tons. The total amount of anthracite mined thus far in the year 1890 was 3,793,280 tons compared with 4,298,650 tons for the same period last year, a decrease of 505,370 tons.— *Ledger.*

Unclaimed Letters.

The following is a list of unclaimed letters remaining in the Freeland Post-office, March 1, 1890:

Boyle, John P.
Cunningham, Charles.
Ferry, B. J.
Heinzel, A.
McNeil, Annie.
Ruffer, S.
Shaffer, Sylvester.

Persons calling for any of the above letters should say "Advised."

WM. F. BOYLE, P. M.

St. Patrick's Day Parade.

As announced in last week's **TRIBUNE**, committees representing the different Catholic Societies of St. Ann's and Eckley parishes, met on Sunday at St. Ann's Church, Drifton, to arrange for the proper celebration of St. Patrick's Day.

The following societies were represented: St. Ann's T. A. and B. Society, of Drifton; Young Men's T. A. and B. Society, of Freeland; St. Patrick's Beneficial Society, of Drifton; Green Men, of Eckley, and Green Men, of Jeddo.

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