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### BRIEF ITEMS.

**—Andrew J. Keenan will start to-day for Breckridge, Colorado.**  
**—No more had accounts at J. C. Berner's.** He will sell for cash only.  
**—Machemehl Tribe I. O. of R. M.** will nominate officers at their meeting next Tuesday evening.  
**—Rev. S. S. Jones will preach at Woodside school house next Sunday at 10.30 a. m. and 6 p. m.**  
**—Fishing baskets, rods, hooks, twine and everything pertaining to fishing can be purchased at the Birkbeck Hardware store.**  
**—Some parties forced their way into the cellar of Hugh Malloy on Monday evening and stole one of his large imported rabbits.**  
**—Do you want to make five dollars?** If so buy \$25.00 worth of goods, such as you need, at J. C. Berner's Ready Pay Store and you get it.  
**—The largest and most complete assortment of fishing tackle ever seen in Freeland is now on exhibition at Birkbeck's Hardware store.**  
**—Miss Maggie M. Miller is closing out her millinery goods and is offering some rare bargains.** Call and see her, at McGroarty's block, Centre Street.  
**—The appointments of the M. E. conference of the Danville district were announced on Monday evening.** Rev. J. W. Bedford will remain in charge of the South Heberton church.  
**—Something new in town.** Ready Pay Store. Where? Why, at J. C. Berner's.  
**—Our police force, though small in number, had nothing to do on Tuesday last.** Never in the history of our borough was there better order, which speaks well for the conduct of the large number of people present on the streets.  
**—Much credit is given to Mr. Philip Goritz, the popular lawyer, for the fine inscription placed upon the cane presented to Rev. F. P. McNally on Tuesday last.** Inscriptions and all engraving done free upon all goods bought from him at his Centre street store.  
**—Hon. W. R. Jeffrey called at the Tribune office on Monday and stated that he sent to the Governor the names of James A. O'Donnell, Anthony Reilly, Christian Miller and Theophilus Gibbon as good men from which to select one to serve on the mine commission, and that those names were endorsed by the K. of L. Legislative Committee.**

### DEATHS.

**DEEY.**—At Highland, on the 14th inst., John Deey, aged 24 years. Interment in St. Gabriel's cemetery at Hazleton on Monday. Brinsley, undertaker.

### The Decision of the Interstate Commission.

The Interstate Commerce Commission on Friday last rendered a decision in the case of Cox Bros. & Co. against the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company. The Commission, after declarations in regard to classifications, charges grouping of mines, etc., decides that the rates from the collieries of the plaintiffs to Perth Amboy, which are \$1.70, \$1.40 and \$1.20 per ton according to sizes, are to be reduced to \$1.30, \$1.25 and \$1.05.  
In consequence of the above decision of the committee, Cox Bros. & Co. have notified the officers of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Co. that they will not observe the order for a restriction of output, and that as common carriers, the railroad company must furnish them with cars. It is thought their request will be conceded and that we may see other operators moving in this matter before long.

### Special Announcement.

We have made arrangements with Dr. B. J. Kendall Co., publishers of "A Treatise on the Horse and his Diseases," which will enable all our subscribers to obtain a copy of that valuable work free by sending their address (enclosing a two-cent stamp for mailing same) to Dr. B. J. KENDALL CO., ENOSBURG FALLS, Vt. The book is now recognized as standard authority upon all diseases of the horse, as its phenomenal sale attests. Over four million copies having been sold in the past ten years, a sale never before reached by any publication in the same period of time. We feel confident that our patrons will appreciate the work, and be glad to avail themselves of the opportunity of obtaining a valuable book.

### A Loophole for the Railroad.

Regarding the decision of the Interstate Commerce Commission, in reference to coal rates, the New York Recorder says: Of course the attacking party is unreminded of the fact that it is only a question of book-keeping for all the coal companies that they will not be the losers. Tariff rates can be advanced higher than they were before, and while Cox Bros. & Co., or any other individual miner, are placed upon the same footing with the collieries of the road, which is patronized; the extra profit in hauling will amply compensate for the apparent loss in mining coal. In other words, Lehigh Valley, Lackawanna, Jersey Central, Delaware and Hudson can extricate themselves out of the dilemma by tipping the ledger balances of their collieries to suit the Interstate Commerce Commission's mandates and recoup themselves by enjoying a larger revenue from freight.

### An Agreeable Surprise.

The choir of St. Ann's Church, Woodside, agreeably surprised Rev. F. P. McNally on Tuesday last by presenting him with a beautiful gold headed cane.  
There were very few present, only those who were necessary to the carrying out of the presentation, namely, the St. Patrick's Cornet Band and the members of the choir. Rev. M. J. Fallishe made the presentation address in a few eloquent words, which were responded to by the recipient very freely and in a becoming manner, after which a bountiful repast was served by the members of the choir. Refreshments being over, a nicely arranged programme, consisting of music by the band, and vocal and instrumental music by the choir was rendered. The parties who got up the entertainment deserve great praise for the manner in which it was conducted. The cane had the following inscription: "Presented to Rev. F. P. McNally by St. Ann's Choir, of Drifton, Pa."

### A Grand Parade.

The advent of St. Patrick's day to our Irish fellow citizens here has at all times been hailed with the greatest of enthusiasm, but on no occasion in the life of the oldest inhabitant was there more interest manifested in its coming than on this occasion. In the years gone by, when the Irish were not so numerous, nor the villages so close together, St. Patrick's day was looked upon as being a day set apart for festivity and mirth. In later years it took upon itself the form of a day of rejoicing, and as such, parades of the Irishmen of the different villages took place and has been kept up year after year since.  
Tuesday's parade was the largest and best conducted of any of its kind ever held in this section of the country. The programme as printed in last week's Tribune was carried out, and everything moved with precision. A good parade was expected by all, but no one expected to be blessed with such lovely weather, nor did any one anticipate that the ranks would be swelled by such numbers of Green Men. Mass was celebrated at 10 a. m. at St. Ann's Church by Rev. F. P. McNally, who spoke of the life of St. Patrick, and in the course of his remarks cited the many nations who laid claim to his nationality, but said the Rev. speaker, "one thing we do know he was not an Irishman, but no matter where he was born he brought the gospel to Ireland and redeemed it from the druidic practices of Paganism."  
After Mass the procession formed and was preceded by Rev. M. J. Fallishe, Rev. F. P. McNally, and Rev. Joseph Mastopcz in a carriage.

### Public Health and Good Government.

An address delivered in Philadelphia recently by Dr. John S. Billings, of the United States Army, the question of public health and municipal government was discussed from what may be called the bread-and-butter side.  
In speaking of the existence of large cities of that class of people who are necessary idle, ignorant, interperate and more or less vicious, and who congregate in certain quarters and houses which are adapted to their means, tastes and habits, he points out that Philadelphia has been peculiarly fortunate in the fact that the great majority of her working classes have each a separate habitation and own their own homes.  
His answer to the question: "Why is it so difficult to initiate and carry out sanitary improvements in large cities?" is that those people who have control of the city do not think that it would be to their personal and political advantage to adopt such legislation. What is needed therefore, is that men should be brought to understand that, as heavy death rates indicate heavy sickness and heavy demands upon the public purse, it would be a good investment for a city or borough to secure good pure water supply, good sewerage and clean and well kept streets; that it is worth while, not only to make a town attractive as a place of residence and for the transaction of business, but also to lighten the burden which falls on daily wage-earners—a burden which consists not only in higher prices for shelter and food, and in diminishing opportunities for work, but also in the loss of that health which is necessary to enable them to earn their subsistence. Apart from any reference to morals or altruism, but simply from the money point view, the right solution of this municipal problem certainly comes within the scope of each and every citizen in the community.  
Now that this subject has taken such a hold on the people of our town, it should be agitated by its only legal standpoint—that of the health of our people.

### Mine Inspector Lewis' Report.

John M. Lewis, mine inspector of the Fourth Anthracite District, has made his report for the past year. The following statistics are taken from it:  
Total production in tons of coal, 5,776,695; total shipments, tons of coal, 5,280,829.11; number of days worked, 221.5; number of persons employed, 14,421; number of fatal accidents, 152; number of non-fatal accidents, 135; number of kegs of powder used, 185,136; number of steam boilers, 1244; number of horses and mules, 1851; number of mine locomotives, 70; number of pounds of dynamite used, 136,834.

### First-Class Performance.

Manager Jermon's pretty theatre was packed last night from floor to ceiling, with the crowd which assembled to witness the first performance in this city of the romantic comedy drama "The Dear Irish Boy." Those who patronized the Iron company lighted 18th street well pleased with their entertainment, for rarely does it fall to one's lot to spend a more pleasant evening than in witnessing such a performance. "The Dear Irish Boy" is a play which abounds in tragic and sentimental incidents, largely mixed with that mirth which is an indispensable factor from Irish character as the sparkle from champagne. The interest is sustained from start to finish.—Philadelphia Item.

### Weekly Coal Report.

The anthracite coal trade is quiet. The producing interests have been for the past week or two showing more earnestness in restricting the production of coal, and this is reflected in the tonnage reports of the carrying companies as well as in the scarcity of the steam sizes, pea and buckwheat. The Reading Coal Iron Company lighted 18th street collieries in the Schuylkill mining region idle. The furnaces consuming fuel furnished by the Reading Company are being well cared for, but some of the manufacturers at Manyunk and other near-by districts are complaining of their inability to get shipments of pea and buckwheat promptly. There is not much wholesale demand for the domestic sizes at present. The general sales agents of the anthracite companies met at New York on last Thursday and compared notes on the situation of the trade. After two hours' discussion it was decided to make no change in prices at present, but to continue restriction of production until further notice.  
The total amount of anthracite coal sent to market for the week ending March 7, as reported by the several carrying companies, was 591,009 tons, compared with 441,530 tons in the corresponding week last year, an increase of 149,479 tons. The total amount of anthracite mined thus far in the year 1891 was 6,116,175 tons, compared with 4,666,337 tons in the same period last year, an increase of 1,451,838 tons.—Ledger.

### Ireland, Past and Present.

(Communicated.)  
**ERROR TRIP—Dear Sir—**You will not deem it inappropriate to inform you that I have just returned from a trip to Ireland, to take a survey at old times in the old country. Many hundred years ago when the red man was the prince was the new world, monarch of all he surveyed, or paddled his rude canoe on the father of the waters; long before Columbus discovered America; Ireland was then a nation in the zenith of her pride and glory. She was then the chief seat of learning of the world. To her schools, colleges and universities, the noblest minds of the east were fanned, who sought for learning, or yearned for knowledge.  
In these days, when a scholar left his home his face was turned to Ireland. Churches, cloisters, abbeys and monasteries were there. On hill and dale the sentiment of christianity proclaimed to the world the faith of her people; and no where else were the glad tidings by the apostles, received with such delight, or borne such results as in Ireland. She was then one bright, peaceful spot in a world of darkness, and clouds and torrs by the storms of battle. The foot of the Roman soldier had never been seen upon her fair bosom. She was then the ark secure from the wild waste of waters, above the wreck and ruin of the world.  
The mission of St. Patrick, as it were, to propagate the faith. They rose to others the blessings which St. Patrick brought to them, when the fullness of the light shone upon them, and they were a nation of believers. So they in turn became the apostles of a great part of Europe. Irish Monks founded monasteries in England, Scotland and France. And when the apostles of the light shone upon Europe, to build up the church, her schools at home were open to the studious youth of the world.  
This work of evangelization was continued until the Danes began to make practical assaults on the defence of their country. And after the Danes were expelled, the traveler visiting Ireland beholds the ruins of the old monasteries, and the remains of the old churches, which were the seats of the monks and abbots were secure in the sanctity of their mountain cloisters. But such felicity was not long to her lot. There was a time when that described condemnation had been passed upon her and the sentence was without appeal.  
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