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BRIEF ITEMS.

"We, Us & Co." at the Opera House to-night.

—Early buds were nipped by the late frost this week.

—The opening game of ball at the Park on Sunday.

—Miss Ella Shovlin left last week for Idaho, where her father resides.

—"We, Us & Co." has a sure cure for all symptoms of melancholy. See them to-night.

—The Law and Order Society expect to effect a permanent organization in a short while.

—J. C. Berner returned this week from an extensive business trip through Schuylkill County.

—Popular prices will be charged to see the high-class musical comedy of "We, Us & Co." to-night.

—Considerable sickness is prevalent in town and quite a number of cases are very serious at present.

—The residence of John Smith, Centre Street, was handsomely painted and papered by Artist J. Slattery.

—Rev. M. J. Fallheek took part in the consecration services of St. Mary's Church, Wilkes-Barre, on Sunday.

—Rev. J. W. Bischoff, pastor of Upper Lehigh Presbyterian Church, is to be Memorial Day orator at White Haven.

—The services in the tent of the Heavenly Recruits at Centre and Walnut Streets are attracting large audiences every evening.

—John McNamara, a pump runner at No. 2 Highland, had one of his hands severely injured by being caught in the machine on Saturday.

—The Soapsie Base Ball Association are first in the picnic business this season, and will hold forth at the Firemen's Park on the 29th inst.

—The funeral of Jerry Duffy, formerly of Sandy Run, who died at Silver Brook this week, takes place tomorrow afternoon at St. Ann's Cemetery.

—FOR SALE—Two fresh cows and a calf, Alderney stock. Apply to John Cannon, North Pine Street, rear of Washburn's Wheelright shop.

—Only three members of Council appeared at the meeting Monday evening and the regular monthly business was postponed until next Monday.

—Last Sunday was Easter according to the Eastern method of reckoning, and the congregation of the Greek Catholic Church here observed it as such.

—The company playing "We, Us & Co." is composed of talented actors, and a good entertainment is promised the audience at the Opera House to-night.

—John D. Hayes and wife attended the Columbia Club reception to Cardinal Gibbons at Wilkes-Barre Monday evening. Mr. Hayes is a member of the club.

—Freeland and Mahanoy City Clubs will open the season at this place on Sunday. Mahanoy has a strong team, having beat Tamaqua a few weeks ago. Game called at 2 p. m. sharp. Admission, 15 cents.

—Weatherly merchants have an eye to business and are reaching out for additional industries. A large cigar factory will locate here. The silk mill now employs 450 hands and the company pays out from \$2,500 to \$3,000 semi-monthly.

—The annual session of the Grand Castle, Knights of the Golden Eagle of Pennsylvania, will be held at Centennial Hall, Pottsville, commencing Tuesday morning, May 12. Mountain Eagle Castle, No. 297, will be represented by Alfred Wildick.

—At the rooms of the Young Men's T. A. B. Society on Sunday evening Rev. F. P. McNally delivered an instructive address on "Laws of Nations," and touched upon matters of interest to local temperance people. A debate takes place next Sunday evening.

—The funeral of James Iles, an estimable young man of South Heberton, who died last Thursday, took place Sunday afternoon. The remains were accompanied to the Freeland Cemetery by the Knights of Malta, Knights of the Mystic Chain and a large circle of friends.

—J. C. Berner thanks the public for their appreciation of the cash store.

—Jeansville is scheduled to play two games at Drifton on Memorial Day. A strong spirit of friendly rivalry will probably exist between those two clubs this season. The former is managed by Percy Hayden and the latter by the genial Dannie Cox. So expense will be a secondary question in the race for honors.

—The Tigers faced an aggregation of supposed ball players from Hazleton on Sunday. The Tigers were held down to five runs, while the visitors' total summed up 0. This club's record of games last season was eighteen won and two lost, and an effort will be made to equal this year. They are ready to meet anything in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

New Church on Washington Street.

Freeland will soon have another church, there being a movement under way by the Trinity M. E. Church, South Heberton, to build in the upper part of town. Their present house of worship is very inconvenient to the majority of the members, owing to its location, and the trustees of the church have secured the large piece of vacant ground at Washington and Chestnut Streets, where a handsome edifice will be erected. The property at South Heberton will be offered for sale and preparations made to build as soon as the plans are agreed upon. Since the coming of Rev. J. W. Beiford to this church the membership has largely increased and new life and spirit have been infused into the congregation. Through the untiring efforts of the pastor it is rapidly becoming one of the leading churches in the town, and the completion of the new building will advance its usefulness still further.

When comparing the church work of Freeland this town is found to be far ahead of any other place in the region, and the end has not by any means been yet reached. All of the churches here are in a healthy condition and some are just now enjoying booms of no small proportions. Many of the denominations are working together on general principles, and the co-operation is expected to yield good results. The proposed building on Washington Street will give that avenue five fine churches.

Greatness and Its Misfortunes.

From our exchanges we learn that the gentle springtime has arrived in our neighboring counties and towns, and their editors are singing praises of the beautiful month of May, with its balmy days and delightful nights. While reveling in their selfish pleasure they might occasionally give a thought to those who are yet enveloped in overcoats and who are battling against the angry March winds that howl around their heads, and the falling snow and wintry mien of this week served as a reminder that spring is a month or so behind schedule time, as far as this section is concerned, but let no one think of envying the more common neighbors who have with them the dawn of summer. Those who would rise in the world must suffer many little inconveniences, and as the people of Freeland have attained the highest elevation in Pennsylvania they must endure the discomforts of high living. Though the hills are as bare as last November and vegetation is cutting a poor figure around here, let all glory in their greatness of being way up in the world.

Jeddo Goes to the Farmers.

According to the apportionment bill recently introduced in the House at Harrisburg, this county is divided into seven legislative districts. The Fourth is as presently constituted, with the exception of Jeddo Borough. For reasons unknown to any one but the framers of the bill the Jeddo voters are jerked from their old-established position in this district and landed up in the Sixth, which is composed of the boroughs of Laurel Run and White Haven and the townships of Bear Creek, Black Creek, Buck, Butler, Denison, Dorrance, Fairview, Nesqueh, Salem, Sugar Lake, Wilkes-Barre and Wright.

The bill in question has scarcely been introduced to benefit either party, except in cases of an exceedingly close contest, and this peculiar jerryandering is uncalled for. Some explanation is needed to tell why a mining town, situated in a center of a mining district, is to be transferred to a farming district with which it has little in common. If the classification as published are correct this idiotic piece of legislation ought to be protested against.

Death of a Well-Known Lady.

About 11 o'clock Sunday morning the wife of Patrick Dougherty, residing at Washington and Centre Streets, died from pneumonia. She had been sick only a short while, but the serious nature of the disease caused her to sink rapidly. Mrs. Dougherty was well-known throughout this region and her numerous friends and acquaintances attended the funeral yesterday morning. Requiem mass was held at St. Ann's Church. A husband and three children remain to mourn her loss. Her son William, who is employed in the West, could not arrive to attend the funeral.

Attend These and Enjoy Thyself.

—Picnic of Soapsie Base Ball Association, Firemen's Park, May 20.
—Ball of St. Ann's Pioneer Corps, Opera House, May 29.
—Picnic of Robert Emmet Social Club, Firemen's Park, May 30.

High Praise From a Competent Critic.

The new "We, Us & Co." now in its second week at the Fifth Avenue Theatre, is a genuine, original out-burst of humor. It is one of those new things that now and then pop up in the amusement line and throws everybody into real, gross, hearty laughter. There is fun in it from beginning to end, and the fun is mainly new. The audience is constantly running up against an amusing surprise. The entire performance is a perfect creation in its way—perfect for the purpose for which it was designed. It is fortuitous, happy, glad some and satisfying all the way through.

A thoroughly original and highly amusing character is *Dr. Mulo Medicus*, played by C. C. Hawkins. It is one of the best pieces of character acting seen on the stage for a long time. *Dr. Medicus* is the real Simon Pure native in looks, actions and speech. Whoever sketched that character was an artist; so is the man who plays it. Gus Bruno makes a ludicrous little of a type that has not been seen on the stage, and the other members of the cast are up to all reasonable requirements.

The stage effects are all good; many of them quite surprising. The scene in the second act is unusually beautiful. All through the performance there are introduced striking mechanical novelties, and the effect of what is said and done by the players is most delightfully heightened by appropriate stage accessories. When one sees the new "We, Us & Co." he is not surprised that it is a great hit. There is enough in it for two good entertainments of this order, and it richly deserves the success it has made. —New York World.

This evening at the Freeland Opera House, popular prices. Greatest comedy of the season.

—J. C. Berner has just received a large stock of baby carriages from Cincinnati.

FOUL PLAY SUSPECTED.

Found Dead in the Woods and Discovered By His Countrymen.

While returning from a fishing expedition on Tuesday afternoon, Charles Burger, accompanied by his brother, came across the lifeless form of a man lying in the woods above the Grand Army Park. The boy at once informed those with him of the discovery, and word was sent to Deputy Coroner Buckley, who empaneled a jury of inquest consisting of B. F. Davis, J. M. Powell 2d, Charles Shepperly, Edward Murphy, Michael Zenany and Frank Hoffman. The body was identified as that of John Hudak, a Hungarian laborer, living at No. 2 Drifton, and was given in charge of Undertaker Brislin to await further developments.

The jury met last evening and from the testimony of a number of witnesses it was learned that the man left his boarding place in Drifton to come to Freeland on Monday evening and nothing further was heard of him until he was found dead the following day. A search of his person brought forth a few letters from his native land, and these disclosed the fact that he has a wife and children there to whom he has been sending money. Some of the people who knew him claimed he carried a watch and other valuables, but every pocket was found empty except the one that contained the letters. The body was partly nude, but no marks of violence were visible on any portion of it. No knowledge of his whereabouts on Monday night or Tuesday could be ascertained, and the testimony offered at the inquest compelled the jury to render a verdict of death from exposure, with strong suspicion of violence or other unlawful acts at the hands of some unknown person or persons.

Hudak, when with a fellow countryman, and when the latter was informed of his death he took the matter very calmly, saying, "Dead Hunks no good," and the inhuman brute refused to allow the body to be taken to the house. None of the Hungarians with whom he associated would have anything to do with the dead man, even refusing to assist in digging a grave. Such utter disregard and neglect of a former comrade is seldom seen, even among this class, and none of them could be induced to aid in solving the mystery of his death. Upon examining his trunk no money or anything of value could be found among the contents, except a few shovels and a wrench, and a hammer, and a circular saw stamp of Cox Bros. & Co. The supposition is that when the other boarders heard of Hudak's death they went through the dead man's effects, and appropriated to themselves in true cosmopolitan style all that was of value in his belongings.

Out of the Wheel These Came.

The following were drawn last week to do duty as jurors for the June terms of Court:

COMMON PLEAS, JUNE 1.
Freeland—Peter Carr, miner.
Foster—Thomas Bear, miner; Wm. Boyd, merchant; Gilbert Smith, miner.
Hazle—Conrad Brislin, shoemaker.

COMMON PLEAS, JUNE 8.
Hazle—William Gross, laborer; Charles Dornbach, photographer; B. McLaughlin, miner.
Foster—Joseph McDonald, merchant; Robert Oliver, miner.
Jeddo—Henry Mott, merchant.

CRIMINAL COURT, JUNE 15.
Hazle—James Brodrick, shoemaker; John Totten, bookkeeper; Hugh Gallagher, student; Arthur P. Goedecke, superintendent; John Burgess, miner.
Freeland—J. B. Laubach, teacher.
Foster—John Carr, miner; Thomas Lewis, boss; John Gallagher, miner.

CRIMINAL COURT, JUNE 22.
Hazle—Andy Brislin, miner; R. G. Russell, laborer; Dominick Kelly, miner.
Foster—Albert Claus, bookkeeper.

Laws Easter Made Than Enforced.

At Harrisburg last week the House passed finally the Compulsory Education bill. The bill requires that all children between the ages of 8 and 12 years must attend school at least sixteen weeks in a year, unless the child resides more than two miles from the nearest school. Failure to do so is punishable by a fine. Assessors of each district must furnish the County Commissioner with a list of children of school age. This list must be placed in the hands of the Secretary of the School Board of each district, whose duty it is to report to the Secretary of the School Board the names of the children who do not attend. Teachers of private schools are required to co-operate with the authorities in enforcing the law by giving the authorities with a list of pupils under their charge.

The "Valley" Won't Reduce.

The New York Engineering and Mining Journal of Saturday says: The firm of Cox Bros. & Co. has received its freight bills from the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company for the week beginning April 29th. The bills are for the Interstate Commerce Commission ordered a reduction. In an interview with Mr. E. B. Ely, general sales agent of Cox Bros. & Co., we learned that his firm has officially notified the Commission that, so far as it knows, the Lehigh Valley has failed to comply with the order. This will throw the action on the Interstate Commerce Commission. In summing the matter up Mr. Ely very logically remarked: "If the Commission cannot compel obedience to its mandate, the firm of Cox Bros. & Co. certainly cannot." The end of this case is evidently far off. The trade has already outgrown the custom of speculating upon the effect that a reduction in freight rates would have on prices.

Patriotic Poles Celebrate.

The one-hundredth anniversary of the adoption of the Constitution of May 24 by the Poles was appropriately celebrated by the Polish residents of the United States. What the Fourth of July is to Americans the Third of May is to the Polish people. This year, however, the day fell upon a Sunday, so the celebration was postponed until Monday.

Immense demonstrations were held in all the leading cities, and the exercises were attended by many prominent American statesmen. In speech and song was told how these liberty-loving people lost possession of their country and the persecutions they have endured since their noble stand against Russian tyranny. Speakers praised the valiant service and assistance America received from the sons of Poland when this nation was fighting for independence during the dark days of the Revolutionary War. Every year the day was a gala one where gatherings were held and the celebrations were a credit to the Polish citizens of America.

The Poles of this country celebrated at Wilkes-Barre, where organized bodies turned out to the number of over 3000. Societies from Freeland, Wilkes-Barre, Pittston, Scranton, Hazleton, Nanticoke, Kingston, Brookside and Plymouth took part in the procession. The Freeland delegation consisted of the Kosciuszko Guards, Polish Guards and St. Kasimer's Society, and were accompanied by the P. O. S. of A. Band.

Trying to Repeal Dead Laws.

An effort is being made at Harrisburg to repeal some of the "blue laws" that yet remain on the statute books. Many of these obsolete restrictions are seldom enforced and often unknown to the people of this day, but that fact does not lessen the severity of the punishment when a person is charged with violating these "laws." Their existence gives certain people at times an opportunity to cause annoyance and trouble to others, and under the guise of law they can further schemes of petty spite and malice. These laws, when examined far enough, are found to have a bearing upon almost every act that may be done on the Sabbath, and if enforced to their fullest extent very few people could escape them. One of these obnoxious acts is that which prohibits Sunday shaving, and which is being used at present by a few "apostles of purity" as an aid to the game of blackmail in Philadelphia.

Representative Fow on Monday made an appeal to the House to legalize the shaving of persons on Sunday. That this might be done, he asked that House Bill No. 400, to amend the Sunday law of 1794, be recommitted. He said since the committee had negatived the bill the persecutions under the law of 1794 have become more numerous in Philadelphia. "It seems to me," he said, "that the parties calling themselves the Law and Order Society have redoubled their efforts in presenting those who violate the law of 1794." Fow then compared the present Philadelphia with that of 1794, which, he said, had only 11,000 inhabitants, with two barbershops, most men of that time shaving themselves. He asked how there was anything wrong or immoral in permitting the shaving of men on Sunday, and proceeded to show that there was a large number of persons who could not get shaved on Saturday. He referred to a recent act of the New Jersey Legislature which legalized shaving on Sunday, and declared that Philadelphia was alluded to in derision on account of its strict Sunday laws.

When the Freeland Law and Order organization gets in working trim they will not only see that all penal laws are enforced in this neighborhood. Some declare that any society will find a tremendous contract on its hands if an attempt is made to accomplish this task, but in the absence of any definite knowledge of the society's policy nothing can be said until it opens its batteries on the "wicked" people of Freeland. Then the war will fly, for the game it is after won't surrender without a struggle.

Cardinal Gibbons at Wilkes-Barre.

The consecration of St. Mary's Church at Wilkes-Barre on Sunday brought to that city Cardinal Gibbons, of Baltimore, who was accorded a magnificent welcome by the people there. Upon his arrival Saturday afternoon a large military and civic parade took place, and on Monday evening the Columbia Club gave a reception to the Cardinal, who was assisted in receiving his visitors by Archbishop Ryan of Philadelphia; Bishop O'Hara of Scranton; Bishop McGovern, of Harrisburg; Bishop Phelan, of Pittsburgh, and Father Elock, of Philadelphia. In addition to the members of the club, a large number of the prominent citizens of the city were present. The Cardinal was introduced by the president of the club, John T. Lenahan, to all the distinguished visitors, and an informal banquet followed.

The consecration services began early Sunday morning. Bishop McGovern vested in full pontificals and assisted by over fifty priests, was the celebrant. At 9 A. M. the new and magnificent marble altar was consecrated, after which the doors were thrown open, and the laity admitted. After the first gospel, Cardinal Gibbons mounted the pulpit and delivered a most impressive sermon, dwelling on the triumphs of Christianity and the progress made from age to age. After the sermon, Bishop O'Hara, who was to have consecrated the church, but was too weak to officiate as Bishop of the Diocese, read the indulgences granted on such occasions. At the conclusion, Cardinal Gibbons imparted the Papal Benediction. In the evening pontifical vespers were sung by Bishop O'Hara, and Archbishop Ryan preached the sermon.

Faithless Mine Commissioners.

The folly of appointing commissions to remedy miners' wrongs is well portrayed by an illustration in the Harrisburg Evening Post of last Sunday. It represents the prostrate form of a miner under an operator's iron heel, while four fellow workmen, who were appointed commissioners to help him, are lured by promotions and gold to club him and add more to his heavy burden. It fits the anthracite mine commission exactly.

And Still Another.

Freeland is to have another newspaper. The field is already occupied by two existing papers, and does not need another. —The *Hazle Journal*.

Lethem come. The more the merrier. The Tribune will give a hearty welcome to a hundred, but when the bands play the "Dead March" the present occupants of the field will be here to note the fact.

Better Outlook for Mining.

The anthracite coal trade is in excellent shape for further improvement. The demand for coal is increasing and prices are firmer, with a tendency toward higher figures as the season advances. Reports from Central New York, the Western States, Canada and the Western lake distributing ports, excepting Chicago, indicate that the surplus coal has gone into consumption, and that the stocks of anthracite have been depleted with the air of "Jack Frost" during the past winter. There is a greater activity noted in the mining regions, and a number of collieries that have been either idle or working on shorter time have resumed operations and increased their weekly output of coal. There are, however, still many collieries idle, the operators not being willing to accept the ruling low prices for anthracite, and, therefore, they will not start up their breakers until the actual selling prices have been advanced sufficiently to enable them to work without disposing of their product at a loss.

The total amount of anthracite coal sent to market for the week ending April 25, as reported by the several carrying companies, was 643,221 tons, compared with 634,827 tons in the corresponding week last year, an increase of 8,394 tons. The total amount of anthracite mined thus far in the year 1891 is 10,296,813 tons, compared with 8,548,746 tons for the same period last year, an increase of 1,748,067 tons.—Ledger.

STATE NEWS.

The Legislature has finally passed the new road law and the bill is now before the Governor.

An immense line of spring coats from Oliver Bros., manufacturers, has arrived at J. C. Berner's.

While fleeing from a policeman in Scranton on Thursday night last, John Graham sprang in front of a railroad train and was killed.

No. 1 and 4 breakers at Edwardsville were destroyed by fire Tuesday evening. No. 4 breaker employed nearly 800 men and boys. The loss is \$250,000.

The Mount Carmel and Natalie Railroad Company, recently chartered to build a road to the anthracite coal fields north of Mount Carmel, has commenced the work of construction.

A bill has passed the Legislature which, if signed, will permit boroughs to not only establish and maintain electric light plants for lighting streets but also to sell light to general consumers.

A fire in Scranton early on Saturday morning destroyed the People's Street Railway Company's barn and damaged the *Republican* building. St. Luke's Church and other property. The total loss is estimated at \$100,000.

The mystery of the disappearance of Joseph Shollar, of White Haven, on March 15th, has been cleared up by the finding of his body in the Lehigh river a few miles below the town. It is believed he committed suicide.

The ore miners at Mertztown, Berks County, are to have their wages raised to 90 cents for a day of 11 hours. They have heretofore received 80 cents, and the advance has caused much jollification among those tariff-protected workmen.

On June 20, the first open air eisteddfod ever held in America will be held at Mountain Park. Over 2,000 Welsh children will compete in the chorus "Mair yn Eiddo Happy Home," and there will also be many other fine musical and literary features. Arrangements are under way to get Rev. T. DeWitt Talmage, the eloquent Brooklyn preacher, to be present.

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ECKLEY NOTES.

Patrick O'Donnell, of Drifton, and Edward Dougherty, of Wilkes-Barre, spent Sunday with friends in town.

John McCann spent Saturday with friends at Durlachtown.

John Boyle of this place has accepted a position as laborer at Hazle Brook.

Owen Kealey had his eye slightly injured at No. 33 by a piece of coal last week.

Condly McCauley and Hugh McGill were seen taking a pleasant walk toward Buckmountain Sunday evening. What can be the attraction, boys?

George Knykyn, who has been ill for the past three weeks, is around again.

James McDerment is at present very busy placing a handsome barbed wire fence through the center of his lot.

What's the matter with the Terror Base Ball Club this season? They don't seem to take any interest in it at all. Wake up, boys, and get your team to play ball.

Quite a number of our young men took a day off and went fishing Saturday.

Manus Cannon, the Carbon County farmer, is raising the grand old in great shape here with his featherweight team of horses.

George Lee, who had been a resident of this town for a number of years, removed his family to Silver Brook.

William Kerchner, who had his leg broke at No. 5 some time ago, is getting along nicely since the past winter. The system once introduced to organize an orchestra. If such takes place our town will be well supplied with music for the summer.

The reporter wishes to inform all young folks to be aware of him, as he has a close watch on them.

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