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## BRIEF ITEMS.

**They Want Work on the Roads.**  
At Wilkes-Barre on Monday Cox, Bros. E. A., Rebo, Cox, Brinton, Cox, E. A., Alexander, B. Cox, and Eckley B. Cox filed bills in equity in the Prothonotary's office against Jos. Serriks and Thos. Early, supervisors of Foster Township, and Alexander M. Allan and Daniel Sweeney, supervisors of Hazle Township, restraining them from further work on the roads of the respective townships. The plaintiffs, who were represented by A. T. McClintock and H. A. Fuller, state in the bill filed against Foster that they own a large quantity of real estate in the township assessed for taxation purposes at \$117,493. On this valuation the supervisors have levied a ten mill tax for road purposes. They have refused and do now refuse to allow Cox, Bros. & Co. to work out this tax, as provided by section 34 of the act of April 15, 1834, although they have hired a large number of men who are not working out taxes.  
In other words, Cox, Bros. & Co., instead of paying this road tax, which would amount to \$1,174,933, desire to put their men and teams on the road under direction of the supervisors, and do an amount of work equal in value to the tax they are assessed with. They state that they have offered to do this but the supervisors refused to allow them, but instead compel them to pay the money and then hire other men and teams to do it. The plaintiffs therefore ask an injunction to restrain the supervisors from issuing the duplicate and warrant and from making any other steps for the collection of road taxes from the plaintiffs until they are given an opportunity to work out the same.  
The same facts and prayer are made in the case against Hazle Township, where the assessed value of the plaintiffs' real estate is \$88,268, and the tax amounts to \$1,082.60.

## AN APPALLING RECORD.

### Mysterious Deaths and Murders Committed at Hazleton and Vicinity.

The record of Lower Luzerne for unprincipled crime can scarcely be equaled by any other portion of the United States containing the same number of inhabitants. It is certainly a most startling one, as proven by the long list of the past six years. Harry Rood, one of the many bright pencil-pushers who gather news for the columns of the Philadelphia Press, was in the region this week to write up the Lattimer murder, and while here compiled the following for the paper he represents. It will be noticed that Freeland (with all its faults) did nothing to dishonor itself or Luzerne County.  
March 24, 1885—Frederick Margrat, of Ebervale. Found dead in his house with a bullet hole in his head. At first supposed to be suicide, but no revolver was found near him. Remains still a mystery.  
April 9, 1885—Thomas Hogan, operator at Penn Haven, shot dead by Michael Koller. Koller was acquitted, the plea of his lawyers being insanity.  
October 16, 1885—John and William Kester, aged butcher brothers, murdered by being shot at Seebertville, and robbed of considerable money. The crime still a mystery.  
March 23, 1885—Daniel Murdoch, found dead at Beaver Brook in coal shed. Body and head terribly battered. No clue ever found.  
February 2, 1886—Mrs. Kranecek, of Hopeville, shot and stabbed. Murderer never arrested.  
June 14, 1886—Valentine Grolowitz, of Yorktown, shot and killed by John Machinsky. Murderer never captured.  
October 2, 1886—Mike Yatkowitzki stabbed Peter Komorand at Lattimer. Yatkowitzki guilty of manslaughter; 10 years.  
October 2, 1886—Andrew Lavinsky found dead at the bottom of a deep mine hole at Harleigh. Mystery never cleared up.  
December 26, 1886—Frank Muman, of Hazleton, stabbed by an Italian. Murderer never captured.  
February 10, 1887—Michael Parnea, of Jeddo, found hanging to a tree in Diamond. Addition. Pockets turned inside out. No clue as to suicide or murder.  
May 10, 1887—Frank Henry, of Yorktown, found dead in mine hole at Jeaneville. Mystery never solved.  
May 14, 1887—Antonio Mata murdered in Hazleton with stiletto. Dozen arrests, but no conviction.  
July 2, 1887—George Wagner shot dead by Joseph Lazer, of Derringer. Lazer acquitted, claiming self-defense.  
August 8, 1887—John Matthews, of Cranberry, pulled from his carriage, stabbed and left lying on the road to die. Criminal escaped.  
August 25, 1887—George Priestas, of Humboldt, stabbed in the heart by John Shimesiek. Murderer escaped.  
February 12, 1888—John Fetter quarreled with his brother, Laurence Mellick, at Silver Brook, and during a horse struggle a lamp was upset by Fetter. The house took fire and six people were roasted to death. Fetter made his escape.  
April 12, 1888—Jacob Brehm stabbed Robert Paisley in a saloon. Paisley died several weeks later. Brehm found not guilty.  
April 28, 1888—An unknown man found murdered in a swamp near Honeybrook. No arrests.  
April 28, 1888—The body of Luke Cooper, of Mineville, found in the woods. No arrests.  
May 20, 1888—John Houdack, found with a hatchet by John Kotowick, who escaped.  
June 2, 1888—Nicholas Dobos, of Derringer, found murdered. Robbery the motive of the crime. The murderer or murderers are still at large.  
June 17, 1888—James Copley, while intoxicated with William Perry and others, was shot dead. Perry was arrested, tried and acquitted.  
September 22, 1888—Adam Bisco plunged a knife into Michael Borax, causing his death several days later. Bisco told and never captured.  
October 4, 1888—John Smith, of Audenried, was mysteriously drowned in a reservoir near his own door. No arrests.  
October 4, 1888—Owen Leslie, of Jeddo, was pushed from the pavement, falling on his head and breaking his neck. Henry Smink, Jr., and Conrad Neik admitted they did it, but that it was an accident. They were acquitted.  
October 21, 1888—August Terio, enraged with jealousy, shot Louis Ross, killing him instantly. Terio was tried and acquitted.  
October 27, 1888—James Dougherty, of Drifton Junction, was found dead in a creek. His death is still a mystery.  
November 15, 1888—Andrew Horvat, shot and instantly killed Bert Koesiek, at Mt. Pleasant. The murderer is still at large.  
December 24, 1888—Thomas Thomas, of Beaver Brook, found murdered. His body was then laid across the railroad track, but was discovered before a train passed over it. It still remains a mystery.  
December 28, 1888—An unknown man found dead in an abandoned stripping at Ebervale. Marks of violence were found on his person. No arrests.  
April 15, 1889—John Wardick stabbed John Supple at Hazleton. No arrests.  
January 1, 1890—John Houdack fatally stabbed George McCollough at Honeybrook. No arrests.  
August 17, 1890—Nicholas Bandan roasted to death by his shanty burning down. There is a mystery connected with the case.  
September 1, 1890—The clothing and other valuables belonging to Peter Henshue found near the Mount Pleasant reservoir. Nothing has up to the present time been heard of the man.  
January 23, 1891—Nicholas Shutek plunged a sharp pointed steel file into the chest of Paul Koescher. Trial, found guilty of murder in second degree and sentenced to eight years in the Eastern Penitentiary.  
March 28, 1891—Nicholas Paladina, killed with a club in the hands of William Richardson. Richardson acquitted.  
April 10, 1891—Mike Darfosi killed by Stanley Rizzolo with a stiletto. The murderer arrested.  
July 7, 1891—Joseph Cortes killed by Adam Patrick with a stiletto. Murderer now in jail awaiting trial.

## BASE BALL.

### Freeland at Lehigh, August 1.

Reading at Freeland, August 2.  
Every admirer of the Freeland Club had his cup of happiness filled to overflowing last Saturday, when the home team lit upon nine alleged base ball players from a town called Jeaneville and did them up in a style which should warn all such corruption combinations to learn something about the business before they run against a club like the Freeland Browns. By one of those unexplainable acts of Providence, and with the assistance of an umpire and several hundred spectators, Freeland lowered its colors to this aggregation of back numbers on the 17th inst. But all has been forgiven since Saturday. Captain Gough and eight assistants spanked the presumptuous South Siders and dismissed them with an admonition to practice a few more years on the Jeaneville lots. Every Freeland player organized himself into a committee of one to win that game, and those who saw them play are satisfied that Hanlon's colts can beat Haydon's pets every day in the week and shut them out on Sunday. The result of the contest is easily explained. Thirteen hits, for a total of seventeen bases, was part of it, and the over-zealous error column of the visitors—see the score below.  
The pretensions of Zeirlt as a pitcher are only equalled by Jeaneville's claim that it has a base ball club. The latter, with their assistant manager and a large number of fire-water fiends from the other side, made their debut upon the grounds with a grand hurra, but Freeland didn't quake or exhibit any scary symptoms. They gave the "gang" to understand that, for the time being, they were in a civilized community and had to conduct themselves accordingly. Nevertheless, considerable trouble was given the home management by the visiting hoodlums, but before the seventh inning all the insupportables but one (he was too full of Hazleton's best) made their disappearance and little but were there and both did commendable work. Brady gauged the ball, the bat did the rest. He pushed out the sphere four times, and the scorers had to credit him with two doubles and two singles. McCrehan and McGarvey also had some considerable trouble with Jeaneville fielders from napping, while O'Hara led in run-getting. Anderson pitched his usual good game and was well supported.  
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Welch, 1 1 0 0 0 Farber, 1 6 1 1  
Sweeney, 2 0 0 2 0 Zeirlt, 1 0 1 0 1  
McGee, 0 1 0 0 0 M. M. H. R., 2 1 1 1  
Gough, 8 2 1 0 5 Ward, 2 0 0 5 0  
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## THE WALL FROM UPPER LUZERNE.

### That the miners of the Wyoming region are soon to feel more forcibly than ever the despotic power of the Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre Coal Company is now regarded as certain.

The introduction of foreigners to that region last week was followed on Monday by another large contingent, fresh from Castle Garden. They numbered nearly 100, and were brought in freight cars. The cars were run on to a siding, and the foreigners disembarked. They were met by friends and taken to the Polish boarding houses. They were brought there by the Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre Coal Company, and their arrival only embittered the feeling already existing. One old miner who stood by and saw them disembark, expressed the feeling of his fellow-workers. He said: "What are these men brought here for by the carload and hundred? For six years there has been far more men in this region than could find employment. We have been working half and three-quarter time right along, and they have been able to make enough to find bread for ourselves and children. It means that sooner or later every one of these foreigners will replace an English-speaking man, who will have to look for other work or move out of the region. The whole thing is part of the company's policy to reduce its men to absolute slavery. What can we do? We have no means to move elsewhere, and if we strike, there are the foreigners ready to jump in and take our places."  
The speaker expressed the sentiments entertained by the majority of the miners, who imagine they are "helpless and unable to do anything." They mutter about strikes and force, yet the whole remedy lies before them, but through petty jealousies and rivalries they prevent themselves from putting it in operation.

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## Opening of the Opera Season.

The Freeland Opera House will open for the season of 1891-92 on August 12, under the same able management of last year, Messrs. Fowler and Boyle. The first attraction, Barlow Bros. Minstrels, comes highly recommended by the leading dramatic critics of the principal cities, and will be followed at regular intervals during the season by the finest traveling combinations in theatrical circles. The house will be conducted as a popular-priced theatre, the admission being placed at thirty-five and fifty cents, excepting in the case of a few extra high-class attractions which have been booked and reserved seats will probably be advanced to seventy-five cents. Patrons can rest assured that none but the best attractions will be brought here, as all the companies to play at the Freeland Opera House also appear in Scranton, Wilkes-Barre, Pottsville, Easton and Reading. The managers have worked hard during the closing of last season to procure the finest talent that could be obtained, and their list will compare favorably with any city in this State, outside of Philadelphia and Pittsburg. The centre-gers will be agreeably surprised when they learn that several of the prominent footlight favorites of the country will be here this season.

## Viewers Assess Damages.

The viewers appointed by the court to view the proposed extension of Pine Street met yesterday morning and agreed to give Mrs. P. B. Cunningham \$800 for the lot owned by her, 40 feet wide by 208 feet from the street. The ground to be taken from the Birkbeck estate, 26 feet by 260 feet, they considered should be given free, as the benefit to be derived to the estate by the opening of the street will be sufficient to compensate for any loss they might sustain. They also agreed to assess the property from Chestnut Street, on west side to the borough line north, at \$1.25 per foot front, and the property on the corner of Chestnut and Pine, fronting Chestnut, at \$1.25 per foot. Also, Mrs. Crawford's property on Johnson Street at \$1.25 per foot front for a distance of 31 feet.

## What Will They Do About It?

D. A. No. 16, K. of L., which comprises all of the local assemblies in Upper Luzerne, Lackawanna, Wayne and Susquehanna counties, is in session in Archbald. Forty-two assemblies are represented by delegates. The chief matters under consideration are the enforcement of the semi-monthly pay law, which is now operative, and the company store law. General Master Workman Powell is among those present, and it is believed that some decisive action will be taken looking to the enforcement of the above mentioned laws.

## To End His Days at Laurytown.

Little do men know what is before them in this world or the condition they may find themselves in before their race of life is run. In the struggle against poverty and pauperism many who were prosperous in their younger days find it necessary to end their careers in a public almshouse, such being the result of the inhuman social conditions of the present, when few consider themselves above the dreadful uncertainty of being reduced to a charge upon the community in which they formerly moved and associated. Such was the condition David Drasher, who has been working around town for a number of years, found himself in this morning, while being removed to the Laurytown Poorhouse. The old man felt his position keenly and no one but himself knows what mental torture he suffered or how dark the future seemed. Up to last Friday he was employed by William Johnson, and upon leaving there nothing further was heard of him until yesterday afternoon, when a number of boys discovered him lying helpless and alone near No. 8 slope, South Heberton. Since Friday he had been wandering aimlessly through the woods and when found was very weak and exhausted. He was also suffering from a paralytic stroke, his right arm and leg hanging limp and powerless. In attempting to rise he lost his balance and fell into the sulphur creek, from which he was rescued with much difficulty. While waiting for a conveyance to bring him to Freeland he was furnished by Mrs. James Prendergast with hot tea and refreshments which he eagerly devoured. Through the courtesy of Burgess Powell the man was placed in the borough lockup last night and taken to Laurytown today.

## Subcribe for the TRIBUNE.

## American Legion of Honor.

Next week will be one of much interest and importance to the members of the American Legion of Honor in Pennsylvania. On Thursday, the 6th prox., the biennial session of the Grand Council will convene at Philadelphia at which time there will be held an election for the ensuing two years. About 150 delegates will be present, and the city council will give a reception to the visiting delegates on Wednesday evening, the 6th. On Friday, August 7, they will be tendered an excursion down the river on the steamer Thomas Clyde and a clam bake at Woodland Beach. Union Council will be represented by Dr. F. Shilcher and E. A. Oberender, and the ladies' council by Mrs. Wm. A. Grimes and Miss Marie Schoener.

## Jewelry Store Robbed.

The jewelry store of W. J. Getz was entered by burglars early yesterday morning. They secured number of watches, harmonicas, a violin, and some jewelry. No clue of the robbers has yet been obtained. The most surprising thing about the affair is not how much they got, but the amount they left behind. The burglars were probably frightened off or else were very conscientious, as in taking the jewelry from the trays they left the most valuable articles after them.

## Sutherland Convicted.

Rev. Henry E. Sutherland, of Hazleton, has been convicted in the United States Court, at Erie, upon a charge of sending obscene matter through the mails. When the verdict came in his attorney made an appeal of judgment and a new trial. Rev. J. J. Donohue, the Presiding Elder, whose alleged immoralities the defendant was exposing through the offensive circulars, was in attendance at court, and leading people of Hazleton were there, arrayed for and against Sutherland.

## Good Times Coming Next Month.

Picnic of St. Patrick's Beneficial Society, Firemen's Park, August 1.  
Ball of Slavonian Young Men's Band, Opera House, August 1.  
Excursion of Freeland Citizens' Hose Co., Glen Onoko, August 15.  
Picnic of Fear Not Athletic Association, Drifton Park, August 15.  
Excursion of White Haven Odd Fellows Relief Association, Mountain Park, August 22.  
Picnic of Young Men of Drifton, Drifton Park, August 29.

## More Coal Mined Than Last Year.

In anthracite trade circles during the past week there has been less talk of the coal business going from bad to worse, and fewer rumors of impending disaster to result from overproduction and the consequent further weakening of prices. The weekly output appears to be still in excess of the actual market requirements, but the surplus coal is being forwarded to points from whence it can be more readily distributed to consumers in the fall and after the close of navigation. The total amount of anthracite coal sent to market for the week ending July 18, as reported by the several carrying companies, was 829,568 tons, compared with 822,485 tons in the corresponding week last year, an increase of 67,083 tons. The total amount of anthracite mined thus far in the year 1891 was 20,098,026 tons, compared with 17,357,432 tons for the same period last year, an increase of 2,740,594 tons.—Ledger.

## Officers Elected.

At a meeting of the St. Patrick's Beneficial Society, No. 103, of the I. C. B. U., held on Sunday, the following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year.  
President—John H. O'Donnell.  
Vice President—Alexander Mulheran.  
Financial Secretary—Edward Gallagher.  
Assistant Secretary—John J. Gallagher.  
Treasurer—Condy O. Boyle.  
Marshal—Francis Brennan.  
Messenger—Patrick McLaughlin.  
Trustees—Patrick McElwee, Peter McDevitt, Thomas Mulheran.  
A vote of thanks was tendered to the retiring officers for the manner in which they conducted the business of the organization. The society was organized July 15, 1872, and has been in a good financial condition since. It added six to its membership at the last meeting. The retiring President, T. A. Buckley, held that position for nineteen consecutive years.

## DEATHS.

COLOUSKY.—At South Heberton, July 28, Alex. Colousky, aged 17 months. Interred yesterday afternoon at St. Ann's Cemetery. McNulty, undertaker.  
JAMISON.—At South Heberton, July 28, Joseph Jamison, aged 87 years and 6 months. Interment this afternoon at Freeland Cemetery. Bachman, undertaker.  
CAMPREL.—At Freeland, July 28, Sarah, wife of John Campbell, aged 24 years. Interment at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon at St. Ann's Cemetery. Brislin, undertaker.

## POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Prothonotary of Luzerne County, subject to the decision of the Democratic nominating convention. J. C. WIEGAND. Hazleton, Luzerne Co., Pa.

## BUILDING LOT.

A fine building lot, situated on Centre Street, above Chestnut, is offered for sale. Apply to Mrs. Cormac Brogan, Drifton.

## FOR SALE.

Two lots on Ridge Street, above Chestnut, 23,150 feet, with a two-story dwelling. Will sell one lot separate or both together. Apply to Mrs. Patrick Campbell, Eckley.

## PRIVATE SALE.

A horse, wagon, harness, sleigh and a quantity of butchering tools are offered for sale at reasonable figures, as I am about to leave this part of the country. Any of the articles can be seen by calling at my residence, Mrs. D. Lorenz (Chas. Cummins' house, South Heberton).

## Half a dozen cane

seated chairs for \$3.90 at T. Campbell's store, Centre Street, Freeland.

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