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LAW EASILY EVADED.

How the Upper Lehigh Company Store Will Be Managed.

CORPORATION INGENUITY FINDS A WAY TO CONTINUE THE SAME OLD SYSTEM.

Commencing this week the Upper Lehigh Coal Company ceased to disobey the law which demands the abolition of all company stores. Their action, in the eyes of the law, will relieve them from nearly all connection with the "pluck-me" in that town, but to the employees and others it is transparent that the change is nothing more than a shrewd move to escape the penalty of the act in proceedings now being brought against them for carrying on an unlawful business. The store hereafter will be conducted by Superintendent Hoover, but those who have to deal there have not the least doubt but that the Upper Lehigh Coal Company is still the power behind the throne.

The belief in this position is increased since an agreement was presented to each of the resident employees giving the company power to collect all bills incurred at the store. This agreement has the customary "nigger" in it which is puzzling many who have signed it, but through fear, or something akin to it, there has been no particular objections raised by those who were "requested" to affix their signatures.

"Or any other employer is a harmless pharisee by itself, but when inserted in a document drawn up by a coal corporation it generally means a great many things unknown to the average workman. However, if the employees are willing to accept such medicine the Tribune does not propose to object. The ghost of that agreement will probably rise up at some future time to trouble many of them.

In its new role the company store is certain to be a great success, and corporations which pursue the plan adopted by the Upper Lehigh Company will not be harassed by any of the common people who think the laws of Pennsylvania should be strictly enforced. They will be secure in their masked position behind a superintending name.

This method of dodging the company store law is not an original idea on the part of the above-named firm. It was put in operation after the passage of the act by the Cambria Iron Company, who are running a store of this character at Johnstown, Pa., under the name of the Penn Traffic Company. The men employed in the iron works there are compelled to deal in the store, and the company can laugh at the feeble attempts of a Pennsylvania Legislature to restrain their greed.

The stores of the other coal companies in this vicinity continue in full blast. Their owners have a supreme contempt for law in any form and will not even take the trouble to bluff the public by placing their establishments under assumed names. They would scorn the idea of resorting to any such subterfuge, and by their open defiance acknowledge their anarchistic principles and seemingly challenge the men who work for them to a test of the law. It is not known what caused the Upper Lehigh Company to "take water," but perhaps they are more tender-hearted and have a little more respect for the statutes than Cox Bros., Markle & Co., Kemmerer & Co. and the other law-breakers of the anthracite coal region.

Freeland Folks at Jeannetteville.

The Jeannetteville Temperance Society celebrated its first anniversary with an entertainment Monday evening. In an account of it the *Spekter* says: "The lecturer of the evening, Rev. Father McNally, of Freeland, was then introduced. His subject was 'Irish Loyalty to the Stars and Stripes,' which was brief but very interesting, while his words on 'Temperance' were very encouraging to the society and instructive to the many young men among the audience. That this lecture was appreciated was shown by the applause which followed. After the conclusion of the address the program was continued. Miss Ella McLaughlin, of Freeland, gave a vocal solo. There were a number of Freeland people present.

Landmesser Lost.

Hazleton sportsmen came home from Morea on Saturday evening with heavy hearts and lighter pocket-books, the result of the shooting match between Fred Landmesser, of West Hazleton, and Broadbeck, of Morea. They shot at 14 birds each for \$100 a side. Landmesser was by far the best marksman but had a streak of unusually hard luck. He killed ten out of the fourteen, but four fell out of bounds. Broadbeck killed eight, all dropped within bounds. A large amount of money changed hands on the result. Landmesser's friends still believe him to be the best marksman and another match has been arranged between the men for \$150 a side.—*Standard*.

The Next Entertainment.

"The Danger Signal," which will be produced at the Opera House next Wednesday evening by the St. Ann's Dramatic Company, will be witnessed by a crowded house. Reserved seats have been selling rapidly and only a few more remain. Persons wishing to procure those can do so at Ferry & Christy's. The number of general admission tickets disposed of will place standing room at a premium. The company has been practicing steadily and all the members are proficient in the roles they will take. The admission is 25 and 35 cents, and the proceeds are for the St. Patrick's Beneficial Society.

The Discrimination Case.

The Cox Bros. & Co., Lehigh Valley case received several adjournments during the past ten days, and is now set for December—no date being specified—with the understanding that there will be a further adjournment. The rumor which gained currency this week to the effect that a contract for the transfer of a million tons of Cox Bros. & Co.'s tonnage to the Reading had fallen through, is pronounced by the Dorton operators to be groundless. The transfer will take place soon after November 15, after which date the Lehigh Valley will carry little, if any, of Cox's immense tonnage.

Can't Coxes Beat This Record?

The output of the Lehigh & Wilkes-Barre Coal Company's Nottingham mine in Plymouth has surpassed all previous records made by any colliery in the world. In the month of October the Nottingham mine worked twenty-four and one-half days, ten hours per day, and hoisted a daily average of 1,318 cars per day, a total of 7,015,216 tons, being an increase of 10,000 tons over last year. The Nottingham mine is one of the most remarkable coal producers on record.

Card of Thanks.

I hereby return my sincere thanks to the members of the Freeland Citizens' Hose Co., and to all other citizens so ably and willingly assisted in putting out the fire that started in my building on Thursday evening. Mrs. ANN QUINN.

Announcement of Coming Events.

"The Danger Signal," by St. Ann's Dramatic Company, benefit of St. Patrick's Beneficial Society, Opera House, November 11.

Ball of K. of L. Assemblies of Freeland and vicinity, Opera House, November 13.

Lecture by Hon. Daniel Dougherty, entitled "The American Colonies," Hazleton Opera House, November 20.

Ball of Jeddoo Progressive Literary Club, Opera House, November 25.

Fair and festival of the Welsh Baptist Church, Freeland Rink, December 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 and 26.

Kemmerer Wants a Fortune.

When the coal operators stoop to recognize the law they generally go into it pretty deep, as is instanced in the case of Kemmerer & Co. against Markle & Co., which was entered at Wilkes-Barre on Monday, when M. S. Kemmerer, doing business as Kemmerer & Co., began suit in trespass for \$200,000 against G. B. Markle & Co., who are designated as William Lilly, E. P. Wilcox, G. B. Markle, Clara Markle, John Markle, Al-

van Markle and Ida Markle. Markle & Co. own the Okadale collieries and a short distance below is the Harleigh mine, the property of Kemmerer & Co. About five years ago Markle began emptying culm and mine water into a creek which runs past both company's works. This was done to such an extent that it overflowed and flooded the Harleigh mine, stopping all work, which has since been recommenced. The plaintiffs are represented by G. H. Halsey and S. P. Wolverton.

DECISION REVERSED.

The Supreme Court Does Not Agree With a Luzerne Jury's Verdict.

The Supreme Court of Pennsylvania last week reversed the decision of the Luzerne County Court in the case of Bernard Gallagher vs. M. S. Kemmerer & Co., operators of the Sandy Run colliery. Mr. Gallagher, says the *White Haven Journal*, brought suit some time ago against Kemmerer & Co. for damages caused to his lands by the deposit of culm and dirt into the Sandy Run Creek, by which he claimed that his cattle were unable to drink the water, and his land was covered with culm, that his farm was therefore valueless. The Luzerne jury gave Gallagher a verdict of \$1000. Kemmerer & Co. appealed to the Supreme Court, and, as above stated, this verdict was reversed.

Gallagher was represented by Judge Lynch, and Kemmerer & Co. by G. L. Halsey. It was the general opinion of lawyers that Gallagher would win again, as the line of precedents already established by the courts tended rather in favor of Gallagher than against him. But Mr. Halsey's points were new and original, and his arguments forceful and convincing, resulting in a victory for his clients and himself.

This case of Gallagher was but one of many others of the same character that would have been brought against Kemmerer & Co. by others in Sandy Valley had Gallagher been successful. The opinion of the Supreme Court is therefore of great importance, as it establishes a precedent and rule of law that affects every coal operator in the State.

The decision was not hastily arrived at. It was the first Luzerne case argued in the new Supreme Court room, last March, and was decided this week. The case was heard later, and was disposed of earlier than this one, showing that our highest court was impressed with the arguments advanced, and took ample time to consider them and render its decision accordingly.

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All the Candidates Elected and the Democrats Are Happy.



At 11 o'clock this morning all but three districts had reported to the Prothonotary's office in Wilkes-Barre. The total vote of each candidate and the majorities of the victors are as follows:

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in the last few days of the contest by the Republican leaders and candidates. They based their claims on nationality, religion or any other issue that would bring them votes. Bogus tickets were everywhere, but they have availed their authors nothing. The last cards, the boodlers, the false rumors and the hundreds of other schemes with which the Democrats had to contend will be charitably forgotten in rejoicing over the great victory.

The Tribune congratulates the successful candidates and is happy to have aided in their election.

IN OTHER STATES.

New York, Massachusetts, Iowa and Maryland are O. K.

In New York Roswell P. Flower, Democratic candidate for Governor, has a tremendous majority over Fassett, Republican. The Republicans were positive of success. Their candidate was an unusually strong one, both in character and in personal popularity. The issue of the platform was the tariff.

In Massachusetts the Democrats achieved a glorious victory on the platform issue of antagonism to the McKinley tariff. They were largely helped by the popularity of their candidate for Governor, William Russell, who is the present incumbent of that office, and whose administration has given general satisfaction. That the tariff question had something to do with Republican defeat must be recognized in view of the fact that the issue was made conspicuously prominent throughout the entire campaign in both the discussions in the newspapers and on the stump. The Republican candidate for Governor, Charles H. Allen, is a citizen of high character, competent and unexceptionable. He was in common esteem, ability and reputation the peer of his adversary, and it is evident that the tariff issue alone turned the scale against him.

Horace Boies, who three years ago was an unknown lawyer, is to-day one of the rising young political stars of the West, and his re-election as the Governor of Iowa places him prominently before the country as the Democratic nominee for Vice President. Two years ago he was the first Democrat to be elected Governor of that State in thirty-eight years. His views on the tariff are all right, and he defeated Wheeler on Tuesday by making that issue the foremost in the contest.

Many who were again faithful to Democratic principles, electing Mr. Frank Brown over William J. Vannot, the Republican candidate for Governor.

In Ohio, generally a sure Republican State, where the issues where those of the tariff and free silver, the Republican candidate for Governor, Major McKinley, has been elected and the Republicans have chosen the Legislature. In no State of the Union was the canvass carried on with so much spirit, but the overwhelming majority of the Republicans was too much for Campbell to overcome.

Pennsylvania's Poor Showing.

In this State Gregg and Morrison, Republican candidates for Auditor General and State Treasurer, are elected by about 50,000 majority. The result is not entirely unexpected, but it was hoped the majority would be kept below these figures. Many Republicans who wished to administer rebuke to Governor Bardsley refrained from doing so, fearing that the election of the Democratic nominees would place Pennsylvania in the doubtful column next year.

Wright handicapped the party by his record as a corporation lawyer, and Tilden also failed to attract the farmers' vote in such numbers as was anticipated. The call for a constitutional convention is reported to be overwhelmingly defeated, but no figures are obtainable. In the county counties the call received a majority of the votes, Luzerne alone giving over 8500 majority for it.

Lackawanna elected its Democratic ticket, as did Schuylkill. The latter county, however, lost its nominee for Judge, Wallinger, who is defeated by Green, Rep.

Carbon was carried by a small majority for the State ticket. The factional fights between Esserites and their opponents gave the office of Sheriff and Prothonotary to Webb and Watkins, Republicans. Old reliable Monroe stood solid like Luzerne and gave nearly 2000 majority.

Who Owns the Baby?

The leading characters of the following, which is taken from the *Nanticoke News*, resided in Freeland some years ago, the husband being engaged in the jewelry business here.

At the Pennsylvania passenger station in this town on Saturday evening, those waiting for the 7:32 train were startled by the cries of a woman with a babe in her arms, who screamed with all her vocal powers:

"This is my child!"

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And she repeated the claim with increased vigor and desperation every moment.

She was Mrs. F. C. Forschner, and her husband was endeavoring to wrest the babe from her arms. But the woman held on with the grip of frenzy, and all the while screaming at the top of her voice:

"This is my child!"

Of course the sympathy of every bystander was with the woman, but not one had the courage to interfere, until she seemed to think she was about to have her child taken from her, she screamed:

"What! Are you all cowards? Help! Help!"

At this, a big hard-handed son of toil, with determination blended with benevolence in every feature, approached the pair and in a firm voice said:

"Whose child is this?"

"It's mine," said the man.

"I'm its mother," said the woman.

And with this the questioner grasped the husband by the neck and tore him away from the wife, and she at once boarded the train which was just starting for Wilkes-Barre.

It is said that Forschner and his wife, have been living unhappily together for some time.

When the woman arrived in Wilkes-Barre it was discovered that her brother was with her, and they lost no time in boarding the first train for the home of her parents in a small town in New York State.

A Drunken Row.

A fight took place at Spring Garden, near Pottsville, about one o'clock Sunday morning, between twenty Poles and Huns. The participants were drunk, and knives and clubs were used. About midnight the fight was started. Steve Balco, a big blunderer, was the instigator of it, which lasted for some time. The friends of Balco came to his aid, and those of Mike Stabell, who had tried in vain to quell the disturbance, opposed them very stubbornly.

The fight went on until Balco and his friends were the stronger party, and eight or ten persons were injured, among whom was Steve Balco, who received a heavy blow on the head and was knocked senseless. He was also badly bruised about the body by being trampled on by Mike Luka, who was stabbed several times in the right shoulder, arm and back with a knife in the hands of a Pole, whose name has not been ascertained. He is dangerously hurt. Mike Seabole was struck upon the head with a club and badly injured. He also had two of his toes smashed by some heavy object falling upon them during the fight. The police are now searching for the man who stabbed Luka.

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BONDS WILL BE SOLD.

Freeland Council Offers Thirty to the Highest Bidder.

SOME IMPORTANT BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS AT THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING.

The regular monthly meeting of the borough council was held Monday evening, with Messrs. Bachman, Doors, Goepfert, Rutter and Williamson present. The minutes of the last regular and special meetings were approved, and the following bills ordered paid:

Wm. Williamson, supplies.	\$ 20 55
J. W. Raedler, printing bonds.	20 00
Penna. Globe Gaslight Co.	39 00
Daniel Daubert, janitor.	8 00
Freeland Water Co.	56 25
Wyoming Pipe Works, sewer pipe.	1856 57

The report of the street commissioner on Front Street was \$11,189, incurred in handling sewer pipe and supplies. It was accepted and ordered paid. The burgess presented his monthly report as follows: Amount received from fines, etc., \$36,000; commission, \$7,300; balance due the borough, \$28,700. The following amounts were ordered to be paid for police service: Charles Sheperly, \$4.00; Owen Doubt, \$3.00; B. F. Bate, \$3.00; Evan Woodring, \$4.00. Total, \$14.00.

The treasurer's statement was:

Balance at last report.	\$1389 66
Received from Burgess Powell.	8 55
Received from Collector Moore.	650 00
Total.	\$2048 21
Expenditures.	767 06
Balance in treasury.	\$1281 15

The street committee stated they had visited the property of Joseph Johnson on Front Street and examined the sidewalk complained of at previous meetings. They recommended that nothing be done to it this year, as that street will soon be torn up by law sewers. This report was also accepted.

The committee appointed to procure a site in the upper portion of the town for a new horse house reported progress and was continued.

Complaint was made that High Constable Binker had been negligent in his duty of late, and the council passed a resolution notifying his bondsmen that unless Robert attends to the duties of his position better in the future they will be held responsible for any neglect on his part.

Peter Carr, Sr., appeared before the council and claimed an exoneration for dog taxes assessed to Frank Gallagher. Upon making an affidavit that he did not own the dogs referred to he was exonerated.

The president and secretary of council and the borough treasurer were requested to meet at the council room on Monday evening next at 7:30 P. M., and offer for sale thirty of the sewer bonds to the highest bidder.

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