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A COLUMN FOR MINERS.

Collieries Opened and Others Closed in This Region.

MARKLE & CO.'S NEW WORKINGS AT PINK ASH AND HIGHLAND—COKE BROS. SHUT DOWN NO. 5 ECKLEY—MINING NOTES, ETC.

Markle & Co.'s slope at their new colliery, No. 5 Pink Ash, will be completed in about two months. It will be one of the deepest in this section, going down over fourteen hundred feet. The contract is in the hands of Thomas Elliott, of Freeland, who has three shifts working on it every day. This slope will be a valuable one to the company, as the quantity and quality of coal that it will produce is of the very best. It is connected with the old Pink Ash mine, which has been idle and filled with water for several years. This water is held in check by a thick wall of masonry, and the employees are so much afraid that when operations are commenced there will be great danger of its breaking through. Markle & Co., however, propose to tap it when the Jeddo tunnel is finished, and after it is dried out a large body of coal in the old slope can be reached. Work on the breaker for the new opening was begun recently and part of the plane had been erected, but there will be nothing further done on the structure until after the new year. The coal will be shipped over the D. S. & S.

The same company this week temporarily closed their new slope, No. 3 Highland, until after January 1. The amount of coal accumulated at the top became too large, and as the locie road from No. 2 breaker will not be finished for some time the men working in No. 3 were assigned to other slopes. The coal will be hauled over the surface and run through No. 2 breaker.

COLLIERIES CLOSED AT ECKLEY.

Coke Bros. & Co. closed their colliery at No. 5 Eckley on Saturday. The employees there had been expecting it, as the amount of coal being produced was not sufficient to keep the slope and breaker running on full time. There were about sixty men working inside, and these, with the employees of the breaker, have been distributed among the Eckley and Drifton collieries. In order to give work to all a miners' train was put on the D. S. & S. from Eckley to Oneida, and this carries nearly fifty workmen, principally slate pickers, to the latter place every day.

It is expected that No. 5 will be closed about four months, by which time the company will have arrangements completed to run the coal yet remaining there to No. 2 Eckley breaker. It was the intention at first to build a branch from the new railroad to the breaker, but the plan was abandoned when it was learned that the mine could not furnish enough coal to operate the place steadily. The breaker, which was built by Eckley & Co. when that firm had Eckley leased, will be torn down.

SOME LOCAL HISTORY.

Mr. and Mrs. John Markle were in Philadelphia this week, and the *Times* published the following: The name Markle stands high in the list of remaining individual coal operators of this State and in the territory as yet exempt from corporation control. Luzerne County, with the Andenried end of the Lehigh, comprise the territory in question. In this limited reserve Eckley B. Cox, Ario and Calvin Pardee, Linderman, Skeer & Co., John Markle, J. C. Haydon & Co., and a few more control the famous Lehigh output. It is a wild country, first occupied by Ario Pardee when a surveyor more than half a century ago. The late Judge Broadhead began the town of Beaver Meadow before Pardee offered the town to the miners, and the late John B. Markle followed Pardee in investments at Highland, Jeddo and Japan, mining communities just around the mountain by a turn of the road from Drifton and Freeland, where the Cox properties lay in part.

It was through the foresight of the late Judge Trench Cox that thousands of acres were bought in at treasurer's sale just as the century began, and these are now made up of wonderful mines to the owners. Mr. Markle says very truly that the Lehigh coal field is an interesting study, presenting life pictures of rare merit.

THIS YEAR BEATS THE RECORD.

The output of anthracite for the latest week reported was 900,000 tons, but last week the Reading Company's collieries began to operate on the usual winter schedule time, which should curtail the production materially. The Reading and Lehigh Valley Companies closed their fiscal years on the 30th ult., and the coal tonnage of both companies for the year is the largest they have ever carried to market.

The total amount of anthracite coal sent to market for the week ending November 28, as reported by the several carrying companies, was 901,807 tons, compared with 808,318 tons in the corresponding week last year, an increase of 93,489 tons. The total amount of anthracite mined thus far in the year 1891 was 36,029,771 tons, compared with 32,789,967 tons for the same period last year, an increase of 3,239,804 tons.— *Ledger*.

VIEWERS APPOINTED.

The case of Bernard Gallagher, of Sandy Valley, against M. S. Kemmerer & Co., operators of the Sandy Run colliery, will be tried again. It will be remembered that Gallagher obtained a verdict against the company for damages to his land by culm from the company's collieries washing over it. The Supreme Court reversed the decision of the lower court. A jury has been appointed to view the alleged damaged property, after which the trial will be resumed. The result of the trial will be anxiously awaited by many land-owners who have similar complaints.

LEHIGH VALLEY VS. COKE CASE.

The case of Coke Bros. & Co. against the Lehigh Valley Railroad for discriminating in favor of itself as a producer and shipper against the firm was reopened on Tuesday, when the Interstate Commerce Commission made a motion in the United States Circuit Court at Philadelphia to compel the railroad company to obey its order, which called upon the defendant to cease the discrimination complained of. The answer set up denied the constitutionality of the act of Congress on the subject, because it illegally interfered with the common law

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because it violated their charters; because Congress has no power to fix rates to be charged by common carriers chartered by States, and, if Congress had that power, it could not delegate it to others. The company also alleged that it made no charges not authorized by its charter. Argument was heard on both sides and the court held the matter under advisement. The case has been dragging along wearily for some time, but the decision of the Circuit Court will be final. Lawyers say the railroad company will probably win the suit.

SUSANNAH'S ESCAPE.

She Was Bound for Hungary and Got Caught at Mauch Chunk.

Mrs. Susannah Baron left town on Saturday afternoon with Hungary as her destination. Upon arriving at Mauch Chunk she concluded to remain over night, and her stay there, says the *Mauch Chunk Times*, was made compulsory, as shortly after reaching the station she was taken in custody by Officer Larrish on a telegram from Freeland, charging her with the larceny of \$90 from her husband. Mrs. Baron told her story to Justice Boyle. She said she was 58 years of age, and was fleeing to her native land in order to escape the cruel treatment of her first husband. She spent the night in jail, and Sunday morning was freed by her accuser.

Mrs. Baron had \$71.33 in her possession, and explained that she spent the balance of the \$90 for a ticket to New York, and in the purchase of necessary articles. The matter was compromised in jail by the husband allowing the woman to keep \$33. They then bid each other good-bye, and Tuesday morning Mrs. Baron left for New York, where she took a steamer for her native land.

MINERS DON'T WANT CHARITY.

Considerable indignation is expressed throughout Schuylkill County over the holding of a Charity Ball for the benefit of the Ashland Miners' Hospital on December 25. The miners of that region do not take kindly to the scheme, and prefer to see the building closed rather than enter it while the funds for its maintenance are derived by means of the proposed plan. The *Ashland Record* resents the movement, saying that "the hospital is not supported by charity and a Charity Ball should not be tolerated in connection with that noble institution. Let it once be known that this hospital derives its resources from the charitably disposed and the sturdy workmen will avoid it as they would a pestilence. As a State institution it is open to rich and poor alike, and no man needs cringe before its officials in accepting a beneficence which is his by right."

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING.

The Freeland school board met last evening, and there being no petition presented for night school in the borough it was decided not to open the same. This does not speak well for the parents of those boys who are compelled to work during the day, and it betrays a lack of interest in the education of their sons. The directors were in favor of providing school for them, and the fault of not opening them rests wholly with the parents. The board is determined to keep up with the increasing number of pupils, and has succeeded in purchasing from Mrs. A. Donop the two lots adjoining the school property on Washington Street. The price paid was \$850. The schools will close to-morrow and remain so until Monday, January 4.

A QUESTION OF THE FUTURE.

Hazleton wants to extend its city limits to Cranberry and Harleigh. No doubt it will be effected before long, and the northern line might be placed even farther in this direction. Some time during the next decade Freeland's limits will be stretched to the top of the mountain which divides us from Hazleton, and then will come the grand struggle of "dog eat dog." Will they swallow us or will we swallow them? Or perhaps the two great cities will live in harmony side by side. The year 1900 will settle it.

KESTER MURDERERS HELD.

Henry Higgins, Joseph Eveland, and James Gallagher, accused of murdering the Kester brothers, at Seybertsville, were giving a hearing on habeas corpus proceedings at Wilkes-Barre. After a number of witnesses had given evidence connecting them with the crime, they were committed to jail again without bail.

SICKNESS INCREASING.

"La grippe" made its appearance in town again this week, and new cases are being reported every day. The local physicians state that they never had so many patients as at present, and if the disease continues to increase they will be unable to attend all its victims.

TO REMIND HIM OF HIS CRIMES.

Matt Quay has copies of 174 different newspapers that published the Bardsley check fac-simile. The *Tribune* is on the list, being the third paper in the State to print the evidence of his participation in the huge steal.

THEY LEAD THE STATE.

The *Tribune* and the *Semi-Weekly Progress* are two of the best papers published in any Pennsylvania town the size of Freeland.—*Hazleton Plain Speaker*.

DEATHS.

MACO.—At Upper Lehigh, December 7, Charles, son of David and Caroline Maco, aged 7 months and 5 days. Interred yesterday at Upper Lehigh Cemetery.

MORGAN.—At Freeland, December 6, Mary, daughter of John and Lizzie Morgan, aged 27 days. Interred on Tuesday at Freeland Cemetery.

SMITH.—At Drifton, December 3, Mary, daughter of Sylvester and Lydia Sims, aged 1 year, 6 months and 18 days. Interred on Sunday at Drifton Cemetery.

WALLACE.—At Upper Lehigh, December 4, William Wallace, aged 37 years, 3 months and 4 days. Interred on Sunday at Upper Lehigh Cemetery.

CAMPBELL.—At Hazle Brook, December 8, Daniel Campbell, aged 51 years. Funeral will arrive in Freeland by train at 1.15 to-day. Interment at St. Ann's Cemetery. Brislin, undertaker.

MEETING OF COUNCIL.

Defective Sidewalks Must be Properly Repaired.

SOME HEAVY BILLS DRAWN UPON THE BOROUGHS TREASURY—MORE STREET LIGHTS ORDERED—SEWER SOON TO BE FINISHED.

The Freeland Council met in regular session on Monday evening, there being present Messrs. Bachman, Goepfert, Doors, Rutter and Williamson. The minutes of the previous meetings were read and approved. The following bills were ordered paid:

M. Halpin, repairs.....	\$ 19 40
Wm. Williamson, supplies.....	4 12
Coke Bros. & Co., powder, etc.....	4 90
F. Mackl, specifications.....	6 25
T. A. Buckley, expenses going for pipe.....	4 77
<i>Tribune</i> , publishing sale of bonds 1 50	
Laurens, publishing sale of bonds 1 50	
John Burton, sewer expense.....	129 37
Daniel Danber, janitor.....	8 00
Penn'a Globe Gaslight Co.....	39 00
Wyoming Sewer Pipe Co.....	508 19

OFFICERS' REPORTS.

The burgess reported having received as fees, \$8.00; commission, \$2.20; balance due the borough, \$5.80, which was paid to the treasurer.

Treasurer Davis reported as follows: Balance at last report.....\$1281 15
Received from Burgess Powell.....28 70
Sale of bonds.....2600 00
Premiums.....4 55

Balance.....\$3914 40
Paid out on orders.....3028 03
Balance.....\$ 886 37
The report was accepted and ordered filed.

MORE LIGHT NEEDED.

A petition from citizens on the lower end of Front Street was read, requesting council to place a lamp at the end of the borough line on that street. A motion was agreed to that an extra lamp be ordered for that street. The street commissioner was instructed to remove the lamp on Johnson Street to the north side of the street and to have it done as soon as possible.

SIDEWALKS AND SEWERS.

The council took up the question of defective sidewalks, and the burgess was instructed to notify owners of the properties to have them repaired; if not done inside of the proper time to have them done at the expense of the borough. The members spoke of sewers and Mr. Burton stated that the Walnut Street section was finished, but that it would require probably a week's time to finish the main sewer. It was agreed that Councilmen Bachman, Goepfert and Rutter visit the portion of the main sewer and see that the same is properly covered.

THE SECRETARY READ A STATEMENT SHOWING THE EXPENSE OF MAKING THE WALNUT STREET SEWER, AS ALSO THE COST OF HANDLING PIPE. HE WAS INSTRUCTED TO HAVE ALL ACCOUNTS PERTAINING TO THE TWO SECTIONS PROPERLY ITEMIZED AND FILED FOR REFERENCE.

CITY OF HAZLETON.

Governor Pattison gladdened the hearts of 12,000 Hazletonians by deciding in favor of granting them a city charter. The opponents of progress in that borough fought bitterly to the end, alleging that the school property on Washington Street. The price paid was \$850. The schools will close to-morrow and remain so until Monday, January 4.

Elements of Good Citizenship.

The Italian Catholics of this city, says the *Hazleton Sentinel*, are to build a new and handsome church. Nothing will please the people of this town better than to see them place part of their money in a good substantial church. It is a sign that they mean to stay and become American and Hazletonians and this town is the larger for it. We hope, to offer a welcome to any man who comes here with the intention of becoming a good citizen, and when he puts a portion of his money, be it ever so small, in a church building, it is a sure sign that he has at least one of the elements of good citizenship in him.

In Its Thirteenth Year.

The *White Haven Journal* entered upon its thirteenth year last Saturday. The *Journal* is of the conservative class of newspapers, and under Editor Feist's guidance has become one of the institutions of our neighboring town. It is the most reliable paper in many respects of the *Tribune's* exchanges, and if the town keeps pace with the *Journal's* prosperity White Haven is bound to boom.

Wait for the Big Show.

A manager who expends thousands of dollars in order that nothing will be neglected that might add to the enjoyment of his patron, certainly deserves success, and, as a rule, he generally gets it, if the public would endeavor to discriminate between responsible companies and those who possess no stability.

There are plenty of good shows, but unfortunately, there are hundreds which are utterly devoid of merit. Now, any one can tell at a glance if they see a magnificent new store with massive plate glass windows, that it necessarily calls for a great outlay of money to construct, and the stock in such a store is generally of the finest. The same line of reasoning to theatrical enterprises; for instance: when you see a show billed in the lavish and expensive manner that characterizes "She Couldn't Marry Three" company

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Thursday, Dec. 10.

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