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CHRISTMAS SERVICES.

How the Day Will be Observed in the Churches.

FREELAND PASTORS HAVE ARRANGED APPROPRIATE CELEBRATIONS—SUNDAY SCHOOLS WILL BE REMEMBERED AS USUAL.

Christmas Day is one of the principal of all the holidays on the calendar for church-going people. His observance is not confined to any certain denomination, but is universal throughout the Christian world. Appropriate services will be held in nearly all the churches of Freeland, and in many the Sunday Schools will also have a special time. The distribution of gifts and presents will form a leading feature in making the day one of rejoicing for the children. These will be held in the majority of the churches this evening, and the programmes of the entertainments are very interesting. The time and character of the services for to-morrow in some of the churches is as follows:

At St. Kasimer's Polish Catholic Church on Ridge Street, below Luzerne, mass will be read by the pastor, Rev. Jos. Mazotas, at 6 and 8 o'clock.

Rev. E. D. Miller, pastor of St. John's Reformed Church, Washington and Chestnut Streets, will preach in German at 10 A. M. The Sunday School will have exercises this evening at 7 o'clock.

St. James' Protestant Episcopal Church, Washington and South Streets, will hold its Christmas services at 7 P. M., under the direction of Rev. J. W. Burras. Sunday School festival this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Owing to the congregation of St. Peter and Paul's Hungarian Lutheran Church, Washington Street, being unable to secure a pastor there will be no services at that church to-morrow.

Preaching in German at 10 A. M. by the pastor, Rev. A. Biemler, is the order at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Washington and Main Streets. Exercises for the Sunday School at 7 P. M.

At St. Ann's Catholic Church mass will be read by Rev. M. J. Fallbein at 6:30 and 8 A. M., and high mass at 10 A. M. with Rev. F. P. McNally as celebrant.

Rev. C. A. Spalding, of Bethel Baptist Church, announces there will be no services for his congregation until Sunday, when gospel singing will be held at 3 P. M. and preaching at 6 P. M. Sunday School at 10 A. M.

Unclaimed Land in Luzerne.

During the twelve months ending December 31 there were filed with the Secretary of Internal Affairs some very important claims for land, said to have been hitherto unsurveyed and unsold by the Commonwealth. There were seventy-eight of these applications, and the amount of property to which they lay claim aggregated 6217 acres. Some of the land is valuable, being situated in coal regions or along great commercial highways. These claims are heard and adjudicated by the Board of Property. Some applications have been refused on account of land being found to have been previously appropriated, while a large number of the applications are still pending. Luzerne County is well represented on the list, having nine applications which call for 387 acres.

Sullivan at the Capital.

The Washington Star of October 27, 1891, says: There was fun galore at the Bijou Theatre last night and Joseph J. Sullivan, that side-splitting Irish comedian, kept the audience in one continual laugh. The play presented was a musical comedy-drama, entitled "Black Thorn," and from the applause that followed each act it was plain to see that the audience appreciated the performance. The play abounds in startling situations and realistic tableaux. As *Denny Dolan*, the whole souled Irishman, Joseph Sullivan shared the honors of the evening with little Helen Martell, a child actress of considerable ability. The performance is interspersed with songs and dances. The remainder of the company was good and the scenery excellent and extensive.

Hazleton's Blaze.

About 4 o'clock Tuesday morning a fire broke out in the building occupied by Platt & Co. on Broad Street, Hazleton, and it was three hours before the flames were under control. A high wind was blowing and for some time there was danger of the flames spreading over the whole block, owing to the scarcity of water. The stock of Platt & Co. was totally destroyed and the First National Bank building damaged. There was no insurance on the building, which was owned by Charles Brill, the night watchman of the bank. The losses are: Platt & Co., \$20,000, insurance, \$17,000; First National Bank, furniture and fixtures, \$3000, insured; Charles Brill, building, \$22,000, no insurance. The bank has opened an office on Wyoming Street.

Fair and Festival.

The fair and festival at the rink building, under the auspices of the Welsh Baptist Church, opened on Monday, and has been well patronized during the week. It will continue until Saturday evening. Tickets are sold at twenty-five cents each, and the holders can have either oysters or supper. Give them a call to-morrow.

Railroad Official Dead.

Conrad Koehler, an old resident of Delano, died on Sunday, aged 73 years. He was one of the officials of the Lehigh Valley Railroad, and was superintendent of the Mahanoy, Hazleton and Pottsville divisions of that road. Mr. Koehler was a native of Carbon County, and married Miss Catherine Wassor, of White Haven.

Bishop O'Hara's Anniversary.

Rev. William O'Hara, Bishop of the Scranton Diocese, quietly departed on Monday the forty-ninth anniversary of his ordination as a priest. He was born in County Derry, Ireland, in 1816, and came to Philadelphia when four years of age. He was educated at the Georgetown College, and afterwards studied eleven years at Rome. He was ordained on December 21, 1842, and appointed pastor of St. Patrick's Church,

ROOSTERS IN THE RING.

The \$200 Prize Won After a Hard-fought Main.

EACH SIDE TOOK TWO STRAIGHT BATTLES, BUT UPPER LEHIGH CAPTURED THE LAST—LIVELY BETTING AND A LARGE CROWD.

Over two hundred prominent sporting men of Luzerne and Carbon Counties paid twenty-five cents each last night to witness the battle between Upper Lehigh and Drifton birds. The main was held in the dance hall of a saloon near town, and consisted of five battles. Delegations were present from Lansford, Nesquehoning, Summit Hill, White Haven, Hazleton and all the smaller towns around Freeland. The contest was held without the slightest friction of any kind and passed off without the wrangling and hard feeling that usually occur at such scenes.

ASSESSMENT RATES.

Valuations Increased and Real Estate Rated Nearer Its Value.

The triennial assessment which will be made next month as the basis upon which taxes will be levied for the next three years will differ considerably from any in the past. Valuations on occupations will be increased and real estate rated at more nearly its value. The tax rates will, however, be lowered, so that the amount of tax paid will not be more than heretofore. Following is the official schedule of valuations:

1st.—Coal operators, \$1000.

2d.—Wholesale merchants, \$450.

3d.—Railroad and mine superintendents, and professors, \$300.

4th.—Hotel keepers, saloon keepers, lawyers, physicians, druggists, bankers, bank cashiers, assistant superintendents of mines and railroads and retail merchants, \$250.

5th.—Editors, newspaper conductors (first class), locomotive engineers, assistant professors, clergyman and mine, shop and railroad foremen, \$200.

6th.—Freight and ticket agents and contractors, \$175.

7th.—Justices of the peace, fire bosses, passenger conductors (second class), and gentlemen, \$150.

8th.—Clerks, shop-keepers, book-keepers, freight conductors, firemen, boss mechanics and telegraph operators, \$125.

9th.—Farmers and rolling mill men, livermen, machinists, carpenters, printers, teachers, butchers, pessenger brakemen, stationary engineers, hucksters, painters, miners, blacksmiths, shoemakers, linemen, tailors, bakers, moulders, millers and all other mechanics not enumerated, \$100.

10th.—Brakemen, car greasers and car repairers, \$80.

11th.—Constables, \$75.

12th.—Laborers and boatmen, \$65.

13th.—Students, \$49.

14th.—Cripples, without occupation, \$30.

Real estate is to be estimated at full cash value and assessed at one-third value. Horses and cows at full value and assessed at one-third value. Stages, omnibuses and all vehicles for hire are liable for a license as well as State tax. No changes whatever to be made on valuation on which to base State tax after the regular appeal day.

Accident on the Lehigh Valley.

A Lehigh Valley express train from New York and Philadelphia, due in Wilkes-Barre at 1 A. M., ran into a land slide at the east end of Rockport Monday morning. Michael Lavelle, a Central Railroad engineer, who was in the cab, was crushed to death and his body afterward roasted. He lived in Easton and leaves a large family. Frank Neer, the fireman, was slightly injured. The engineer in charge, Henry Cook, escaped unhurt. The slide was at a point where hillsides were apparently stable and had considerable of a slope, and there was a siding between it and the main track, on which the train was running. Two passenger, one baggage and two express cars were thrown from the track, but not wrecked, though the platforms of both express cars were broken. The passenger cars were not materially injured, and their occupants, though badly frightened, escaped unhurt.

Announcement of Coming Events.

"Black Thorn," by Joseph J. Sullivan, Opera House, December 24.

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

Concert by DeMoss Family, benefit of English Baptist Church, Donop's Hall, December 24.

Ball of St. Ann's Pioneer Corps Opera House, New Year's Eve, December 31.

Entertainment and ball of St. Aloysius T. A. B. Society, Odd Fellows' Hall, Beaver Meadow, December 31.

Festival of Owens Council, No. 47, Degree of Pochontas, Freeland Rink, January 18 and 19.

Ball of Local Assembly No. 335, K. of L., Opera House, January 22.

Philadelphia Praise.

Joseph J. Sullivan and his company began an engagement yesterday before a large audience in the familiar comedy-drama, "Black Thorn." Mr. Sullivan played *Denny Dolan*, the true-hearted Irishman, and introduced songs and specialties which were evidently much enjoyed. There was plenty of singing in the performance, by the way, and the star was efficiently supported by Yankee Moore, Miss Dudley, Miss Vivian, Miss Peasley and others, including little Helen, a bright child actress.—*Ledger*, October 13, 1891.

New Year's Eve at Beaver Meadow.

The people of Beaver Meadow will usher in the New Year next Thursday evening with a grand entertainment and ball at Odd Fellows' Hall, the occasion being the second annual celebration of the St. Aloysius T. A. B. Society of Beaver Meadow. They extend an invitation to their friends of this section, and promise a first-class time to their guests. The well-known hospitality of the South Side will be on tap that evening for the benefit of visitors.

Stabbed With a Stiletto.

Andrea Duresko, a boarding house boss of Milnesville, was found by one of his boarders a short distance from his home in the woods Sunday night, suffering from eight deep stiletto wounds. Duresko's condition is critical. He does not know his assailants, but thinks they were Italians.

Postoffice Regulations.

To-morrow being a legal holiday the postoffice will be open only during the hours herein named: 8:30 to 10:15 A. M., 1:30 to 3:30 P. M. and 6:30 to 8:00 P. M. No money orders or postal notes will be issued or paid.

THE ICE BROKE.

An Upper Lehigh Lad Meets Death in a Deep Mine Hole.

The first skating accident of the season in this section took place on Tuesday morning at Upper Lehigh, and resulted in the death of a young boy, Harry Edwards, the eleven-year-old son of Harry Edwards. In company with a number of boys Tommy went skating, and in the absence of a pond or river the crowd repaired to the mine holes near No. 7 slope. These sometimes furnish good skating, but on Tuesday the ice was treacherous and unable to bear the weight of the skaters. The boy had scarcely stepped upon it when he sank through and out of sight of his companions.

Don't Like the New Law.

The State Prohibitionists will test the constitutionality of the Baker ballot law. They are determined to put the matter to an early decision, and at a meeting of the State Executive Committee, at Harrisburg, a committee of lawyers was appointed to take the initial steps and report at an early date. A resolution was also adopted counselling Prohibitionists not to be intimidated by the law, and strongly urging the members of the party in every section of the State the advisability of prompt measures looking to the placing of candidates when nominated in the position necessary to secure official recognition. Chairman Patton reported interest in the work, and declared the indifference which kept so many Prohibitionists from the polls at the last election. The next State convention will be held at Scranton June 1. This was agreed to after considerable discussion.

Another Church Coming.

If Freeland had nothing else upon which to base its claim for being famous, it could go before the State with its record as a church building community. The latest denomination to prepare to build is the English Baptist, the congregation having purchased from Mathias Schwabe, lot at Ridge and Walnut Streets, formerly part of the Donop Estate. In spring the spires of a church will rise skyward at that point. In addition to this proposed edifice preparations are being made for the erection of three more, each having been secured on Washington Street above Chestnut by the Italian Catholics, at Washington and Chestnut by the Trinity M. E. Church and at Ridge and Luzerne by the Hungarian Catholics. When these are completed Freeland will have thirteen churches. The surrounding towns are also well supplied.

Cruelty to a Mule.

Ephraim Brown, of Pittston, was employed as a driver for the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Company, and his mule became stubborn and refusing to go, the young man fastened a strap to the animal's tongue and pulled it at by the bit. The mule, in its agony, had a warrant issued for the boy's arrest, and he was placed under \$1000 bail to appear at court. The Society for the prevention of Cruelty to Animals will prosecute the case.

Concert at Donop's Hall.

A grand concert will be given by the DeMoss Family at Donop's Hall on Thursday evening, December 31. The programme comprises some very fine selections, and lovers of music, both vocal and instrumental, will be given an opportunity to hear something excellent in that line. The proceeds of the concert for the benefit of the English Baptist Church. Admission, 25 cents; reserved seats, 25 cents; children, 10 cents.

For Township Treasurer.

Patrick Rogan, of the Potts, will be a candidate before the Pote Democratic Convention for the nomination of township treasurer. Mr. Rogan belongs to Democracy's Old Guard in this region, and his friends claim he is entitled to some recognition for his past services. As yet there has been no opposition announced and his prospects of success seem good.

State of the Coal Trade.

The coal trade has not improved within the past week. There is too much coal in the market pressing for sale, and it is the opinion of well-informed shippers that, unless there is enforced a greater restriction of the output, the market will become more demoralized at an early date. The Eastern trade is very quiet, but the producing companies have plenty of coal stocked at their distributing ports to supply any unexpected demand that may arise from colder weather. The Western markets show no encouraging signs at present. The total amount of anthracite coal sold to market for the week ending December 12, as reported by the several carrying companies, was 842,478 tons, compared with 794,194 tons in the corresponding week last year, an increase of 138,284 tons. The total amount of anthracite mined thus far in the year 1891 was 38,352,037 tons, compared with 31,174,160 tons for the same period last year, an increase of 4,177,877 tons.—*Ledger*.

SHORT LOCAL ITEMS.

Paragraphs From Freeland and Other Towns.

NOTES ABOUT PEOPLE YOU KNOW AND THINGS YOU WISH TO HEAR ABOUT WRITTEN UP CAREFULLY IN A FEW BRIEF LINES.

Merry Christmas to all. Considerable sickness still prevails. For nice Christmas cards and toys go to A. Bachman's.

The express business at Freeland is unusually heavy this week.

An entertainment will be held at Eckley Catholic Church to-morrow evening.

Upper Lehigh Lodge of Good Templars held a successful social last evening.

Don't suffer with indigestion, use Baxter's Mandrake Bitters. Sold by Dr. Schlicher.

Lower end jury men claim that it costs more than the pay they receive to spend a week at the county seat.

If you have pictures to frame examine A. A. Bachman's stock. Fifty different styles of moulding to select from.

Gilbert Smith, the accommodating driver for the Adams Express Company, is laid up this week with the grip.

Note Meyer's, the jeweler's, fancy windows. Everything for Xmas presents to be had at the lowest prices.

Rev. J. Malloy, of Washington Street, has received a fine specimen of the pug dog species from a Philadelphia friend yesterday by express.

The last day before Christmas! Yes, and the last day to procure goods at reduced prices at Meyer's jewelry store. Everything must go.

Work is being pushed night and day by the managers of the P. O. S. of A. Hall, in order to have it ready for occupancy by January 1.

All members of Garfield Commandery, No. 8, A. O. K. of M., are requested to attend the meeting on Monday evening, December 28, to make arrangements to go to Hazleton.

R. E. Meyer, the leading jeweler, proposes to celebrate Xmas by dividing profits with his customers on this the last day before grand old holiday. Give him a call.

The reason why Arnica & Oil Liniment is so popular with the ladies is because it not only is very healing and soothing but its odor is not at all offensive. Dr. Schlicher sells it.

Owing to the Opera House being engaged for fairs and balls there will be no more plays here until after the middle of January. See Sullivan to-night in the "Black Thorn."

The State Horticultural Society has by a majority of one vote selected golden rod as the national flower. Many bitterly denounced it as an obnoxious weed and favored the rose.

Sylvester Bristol, ex-Associate Judge of Luzerne County, and for twenty years proprietor of the Bristol and Luzerne Hotels, Wilkes-Barre, died after a long illness. He was well known throughout the State.

It is claimed the Susquehanna Coal Company's new breaker (No. 7) at Nanticoke, which will begin operation in a few weeks, will be the banner breaker of the world. It is built on an entirely new system and a capacity of 1500 tons a day is claimed for it.

Past Sarchem Thomas Evans, chief of records of Macheleck Tribe, 221, Freeland, spent four days in this city this week. He came to attend the teachers' institute. Brodery Evans is one of the principal teachers in Freeland, where he has resided for many years.—*W. B. Record*.

Prof. Barret of St. Lawrence county, N. Y., speaking of pulmonary diseases, says: Not one death occurs now where twenty died before Downs' Elixir was known. Over fifty years of constant success places Downs' Elixir at the head of the long list of cough remedies. For sale by Dr. Schlicher.

DEATHS.

Beck.—At Highland, December 16, Caroline Beck, aged 65 years. Interred at Freeland Cemetery on Friday.

FUREY.—At Freeland, December 21, Mrs. Margaret Furey, mother of D. A. Furey, aged 110 years. Interred at St. Ann's Cemetery on Wednesday. Brian, undertaker.

SLATTERY.—At Freeland, December 22, William Slattery, aged 60 years. Interred at St. Ann's Cemetery this morning with requiem mass at 9:30. McNally, undertaker.

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I, J. In the Court of Common Pleas of said County, do hereby certify that John C. Moyer v. Emma Moyer. The alias subpoena in the above case having been returned at the last term of said Court, January 11, 1892, at 10 o'clock A. M., in said court, to answer the complaint filed in this case.

JOHN D. HAYES, R. P. ROBINSON, Solicitor, Sheriff.

PROPOSALS.

Sealed proposals will be received by the Pottsville Township School Board up to 7 o'clock P. M., on Saturday, December 26, 1891, for building two school houses. One at Hiramton, near Freeland, size 20x32 feet, eight feet from floor to ceiling, with an anteroom or porch 8x10 feet, also coal shed and outhouse.

One at Pottsville, near Eckley, size 24x30 feet, 13 feet high from floor to ceiling, with porch 8x10 feet, also coal shed and outhouse. Plans and specifications can be seen by calling on the Secretary at his residence, Highland, on and after Tuesday, December 8, 1891.

Proposals can be sent to the Secretary, Robert Oliver, Freeland P. O., Luzerne County, Pa. or to any member of the board.

Foster Township, December 3, 1891.

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NOTICE

is hereby given that an application will be made to the Court of Common Pleas of Luzerne County, or one of the judges thereof, on Monday, 28th day of December, A. D. 1891, at 10 o'clock A. M., under the Act of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain corporations," approved April 23, 1874, and the supplements thereto, for the chartering of an intended corporation to be called "Washington Camp Hall Association of the Patriotic Order Sons of America, Freeland, Pennsylvania," the character and object of which is the erection of a hall to be used for the public and private purposes of the said Washington Camp Hall Association and for these purposes to have, possess and enjoy all the rights, benefits and privileges of the said Act of Assembly and its supplements.

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