

DON'T WANT TO ANNEX.

A Property Owner of the Points Criticises the Move.

HE DOES NOT WANT THE POINTS TO COME INTO THE BOROUGH—THINKS OUR SCHOOL TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS ARE NOT QUITE RIGHT.

The following communication from a resident of the Points may prove of interest, as the question of annexation is now being discussed in both parts of the town:

EDITOR TRIBUNE.—In your last issue there was an article on annexation of the Points to the Borough. It is not my intention to address any few remarks to the TRIBUNE, but to the many others in the borough who are clamoring for annexation and can give no good reasons for doing so. For six years I have lived in the Points and for five years have been a property holder. Since this question has been a year or two going, plenty time has been given to consider the subject.

It is true that we are at a disadvantage in regard to a fire company and some other minor things, but allowing the people of the borough everything which they may claim is an advantage over us, I believe we are as well off as the people in the borough. Whenever you meet a citizen of the borough and talk with him on this subject, the first thing he will say is "that the saloon men are preventing the Points from annexing." Now, while they may not be in favor of such a move, I claim they are not so much to blame as the authorities in the borough. Living in the borough cannot be all sunshine any more than it is in the Points. The abuse of public power in the borough is about as disgraceful as can be found anywhere. Investigation will show that the way taxes are heaped upon the laboring man who happens to own a little property is an outrage.

The law says that thirteen mills is the limit to be levied for school purposes. Then why are the citizens of the borough compelled to pay twenty-six mills? There has been no new schools built in the borough for several years. Is this not an abuse that should be corrected? To ask the Points to annex to any place where this state of affairs exists is ridiculous.

But this is not all. How about the method of assessment in the borough? Is it not disgraceful also? Citizens who are living on the back streets are assessed nearly twice as much as some who are not a stone's throw from the middle of Centre Street, in the heart of the borough. Scarcely any person is assessed in accordance with their calling or profession, excepting the poor laborer or miner. If these things are true, or I claim they are, is it any wonder we don't want to annex?

It may be said that streets, sidewalks, police protection and sewerage would be of great benefit to us down here. As for the streets, I must say that they are kept in repair about the same way in the borough as they are here, namely, dig a cellar and haul the clay on them. Then when the wet seasons come, the streets in the borough are muddy and in the Points muddy.

The sewers I am willing to admit would be of untold benefit to us, but if all the councilmen would be as generous as some were last year, we are in plenty time to annex for five years to come. They were so generous and had everything so nice and conveniently arranged that they did everything they could, in sewer line, but take them to be along.

Now, as I have already trespassed on your valuable space, I am ready and anxious at any time to advocate annexation, providing the above mentioned abuses are remedied or that it is proven they do not exist. FIVE POINTS.

within any reasonable length of time, unless many of these places are divided into two or more districts.

The fact that the next contest will be the Presidential election is a guarantee that the vote will be considerably increased at every poll. When the borough voters turn out their full force the number is far above 400, and the Points, by November, will not be many less than this figure. If the proposed annexation of the Points, Bivanton and South Heberton should be consummated before the election, it would give the borough nearly 1000 voters. The new election law does not designate how many voters each district shall have, but it calls for a booth for every 500 votes. Several citizens who have served on election boards have been studying the new law, and they claim that 100 votes is a sufficient number for each poll.

In order to facilitate the count it will be necessary to divide both the borough and Points, and many think it would be wise to postpone the redistricting until the annexation scheme is carried. If this course is pursued it would result in a more equitable distribution of the votes at the several polls, and by next election the town would have at least eight or ten districts, instead of three. Freeland would then, with its 1000 voters, have an important figure in the legislative and county elections.

Time Table Changes.

Changes were made this week in the running of the trains on the Lehigh Valley. The train leaving here at 8:45 A. M. now makes connection for Philadelphia, but not for New York. The 4:30 and 6:56 P. M. trains from Philadelphia, New York and all points east are discontinued, which makes communication with these places very inconvenient. The policy of the Reading management is now one of economy and retrenchment, but the lessening of Freeland's previous good railroad facilities is not going to place the combine any higher in the estimation of the people here.

The next turn of the machine will probably result in an advance of the passenger and freight rates. There is nothing to prevent Mr. McLeod from doing this if he wishes to do so, but it should spur the business men and people hereabouts to offer a cordial invitation to the Pennsylvania Railroad to come through Freeland.

Took the White Veil.

Five young ladies took the white veil in the chapel of St. Mary's Convent, Wilkes-Barre, on Monday. Bishop O'Hara presided, assisted by a number of priests. The following are the names of the ladies who received the white veil: Miss Katie Kernan, Wilkes-Barre, name in religion, Sister Gertrude; Miss Katie Feldman, formerly of Drifton, name in religion, Sister Liguori; Miss Mary Gillespie, name in religion, Sister Raphael; Miss Kate Connors, name in religion, Sister Amelia; Miss Kate O'Neill, name in religion, Sister Basil. At the conclusion of the ceremony Bishop O'Hara addressed the postulants at length.—*Newsdealer.*

At St. John's Church.

Rev. E. D. Miller, pastor of St. John's Reformed Church, confirmed a class of young people, seventeen in number, on Palm and Easter Sundays. The Lord's Supper was also administered, of which nearly 150 persons partook. The church was nicely decorated with laurel, evergreens and flowers. The attendance on both occasions was very large and attentive. Services were held every evening during Passion week, excepting Monday. Rev. L. M. Keischner, of New Lima, O., Rev. T. A. Huber, of Hazleton, and Dr. Wm. M. Reilly, of Allentown, gave excellent aid in carrying out the services. Four persons besides the catechist class were received.

Change in Business.

The storeroom of Jos. P. McDonald has been closed this week in order to allow the proprietor to have it remodeled and fitted up with a new stock of goods. Mr. McDonald has disposed of his groceries, and in the future will handle dry goods, boots and shoes, furniture and notions. He will reopen about Saturday with a complete stock of the above-named goods, and will be pleased to meet all his former customers and friends.

The Band Ball.

The St. Patrick's Cornet Band held another of its usual successful balls on Monday evening. The march contained nearly one hundred couples, and was led by Edward J. Gaffney and Miss Susie Gallagher, a number of visitors from Hazleton and towns on the South Side were present, and the people from that section were unanimous in their praise of Freeland's balls. The band cleared over \$125 on the affair.

Old Fellows' Day.

April 20 will be the seventy-third anniversary of the introduction of Odd Fellowship into America, and in honor of the event the day will be celebrated on an extensive scale. The day will be observed on an elaborate scale at Hazleton, and many lodges of Luzerne, Carbon and Schuylkill Counties will attend. Mt. Horeb and Drifton Lodges, accompanied by the P. O. S. of A. Band, will be there.

Marriage Licenses.

The Register of Wills has granted licenses for the marriage of the following persons: Andrew Palak, of Muncy, Pa., and Mary Knies of Drifton. Henry Wald and Louisa Becker, both of Eckley. Eugene S. Horn, of West Hazleton, and Della M. Whitebread, of Upper Lehigh.

MAY GET THE PENNSY.

The Reading's Rival is Looking for an Opening.

RUMORS ARE CURRENT THAT THE PENNSYLVANIA WILL MAKE A STRONG BID FOR THE PATRONAGE OF LEHIGH REGION OPERATORS.

That the Pennsylvania Railroad Company is not allowing the Reading combine to frighten it into submission may be seen in the former's recent moves in the Lehigh region. The Pennsy has obtained control of the output of the Milesville collieries, and while this in itself is not a great deal it indicates that the Reading Company will have to fight hard to hold the supremacy it has secured by leasing the Lehigh Valley. The proprietors of the Milesville collieries are A. S. Van Winkle & Co., of New York, and the head of this firm, Mr. Van Winkle, is a son-in-law of the late Ario Pardee. This relationship has been mentioned in the past, and it is now being made public. The announcement yesterday of the Pennsy's reduction in coal rates to tide-water from \$1.70 to \$1.44 would seem that the conference ended favorably to both operators and the railroad company.

A gentleman who holds an important position under Cox Bros. & Co. informed the TRIBUNE that the relations existing between the Drifton collieries and President McLeod have become so strained within the past two weeks and are liable to result in an open rupture at any time. Eckley B. Cox is a man who cannot rest as the subordinate of any person, and the present system of the Reading in riding cars in such allotments as to curtail production is very unsatisfactory to the great operator. Mr. Cox built the D. S. & S. for the sole purpose of giving the collieries such railroad facilities as would allow them to work without interruption, and it is safe to say that there was not an individual more surprised than Mr. Cox when the deal was announced.

General Assistant William A. Patton, of the Pennsylvania Railroad, in speaking of the matter said that since the consummation of the Reading deal the Pennsylvania had handled practically none of the coal from the Lehigh region, because all of that tonnage is being delivered to them by the Lehigh Valley, now goes over the Reading. As the Pennsylvania Company has no line direct to the coal breakers, it is without means of gaining any of the patronage. "But," he added, "we have only to make a few short extensions—practically all sidings—in order to reach these points. Already the line for such an extension has been surveyed from Tomhicken through Hazleton to Port Jervis, N. Y. The owners of collieries will be glad for us to make the extensions, for it will afford them better facilities for the delivery of the product of the mines, as many of their largest customers are on our lines."

With the three largest mining companies of this vicinity favorably inclined to the Pennsylvania it is not surprising that the air should be filled with rumors that the lines of this company will be extended here this summer. The building of the proposed extension to Port Jervis would, according to the last survey made, enable the company to touch every colliery on the North Side. It would also, to a great extent, open competition with the Reading system, which has the whole region now at its mercy. Freeland can easily find room for another railroad, and since the popular Lehigh Valley has been swallowed up by the combine the town is ready to welcome any other, but would prefer the Pennsylvania.

Freeland's Electric Road.

It is now reasonably certain that the capitalists at Freeland will build an electric road to connect Upper Lehigh, Drifton, Jeddo, Sandy Run and Eckley with Freeland. The building of this road will assure to the merchants of that town quite an increase of trade that is now going elsewhere, and take away from Hazleton, at least some of the patronage that it now receives from these towns. This is to be sorely regretted, as far as it concerns Hazleton, and is only another of the many reasons why the electric road should be built here to connect with some of the adjacent towns and bring to the city the trade sufficient to counterbalance that which it will lose by the building of the Freeland road. We hope to be able to say to our readers shortly, "Hazleton will have an electric railroad." The electric road at Shenandoah has proved a boon to the merchants of that town for the short time it has been in existence, bringing to the town the patronage of hundreds of people from the adjacent villages that they never received before.—*Standard.*

Opened Their Restaurant.

DePiero Bros. threw open the doors of their new three-story restaurant on Monday evening, and presented for the inspection of the public one of the handsomest places of its kind in the region. The barroom alone has been fitted up at a cost of over \$2000. The opening was attended by the P. O. S. of A. Band.

Firemen's Meeting.

The members of the Freeland Citizens' Hose Company met in regular session last evening, and after transacting routine business, the question of improving the park was taken up. A resolution was passed authorizing the directors to examine the park and report what improvements are necessary for the picnic grounds and platform.

LIGHT SURELY COMING.

Several More Shares Sold by the New Company.

AN ENTIRE NEW PLAN TO BE ERECTED—THE MOVEMENT ENCOURAGED BY THE BUSINESS MEN AND CITIZENS.

The meeting on Monday evening of those interested in the new electric light company was well attended, and the stockholders were as enthusiastic as when the movement first began. The committee on location reported in favor of erecting the plant near the water works or at the old Lehigh Valley station. The committee also stated they had viewed the plant of the old company on Washington Street, but would not report in favor of buying it.

A communication from Samuel B. Cressman, of Danville, was read, in which he offered to place the plant in good condition and sell it to the new company for \$2000. The question of accepting the offer of Cressman, and it was finally decided that they would not purchase, as the proprietor seems to have different prices.

Philip Geritz, J. J. Powers and Charles Dusbeck were appointed to find out the cost of a first-class new plant, and to make an investigation of which is the best system of lighting. The following amount of stock was disposed of since the last meeting, bringing the total up to \$11,200:

P. Horlacher.....	\$1000	Mrs. H. McGroarty	50
F. Timony.....	300	M. Wargo.....	50
H. C. Wagoner.....	50	Mrs. James Edgar.....	50
Mrs. James Edgar.....	100	John Wargo.....	50
Jas. Crawford.....	100	M. Pasienka.....	50
J. Zacharias.....	100	Wm. Wodnicki.....	50
J. J. Powers.....	50	M. P. Kugler.....	25
Peter Maganoy.....	50		
P. J. Malloy.....	50	Total.....	\$5225

The next meeting will be held at Zeman's Hall on Monday evening, and the members were instructed to dispose of as much stock as they possible could in the meantime. At the next meeting a permanent organization will be made, after which a charter will be applied for.

The members soliciting subscriptions report having received several applications for shares since Monday evening, and during their canvass of the town have been encouraged in every quarter. Many who are unable to take stock at present are working for the introduction of the light, knowing that it will be of inestimable benefit to the town.

Sunday Amusement Near Hazleton.

The *Sentinel* of Monday evening contained the following accounts of how Easter Sunday was observed by the people residing near that "city":

One man was killed yesterday at Stockton in a brawl. Another was stabbed. The house of Steve Takatah at No. 4 Stockton is run on the Hungarian plan. It has been estimated by observers that one carload of beer went to No. 4 patch on Saturday, and there was a dance and a scrap in every boarding house.

On Saturday "scuttled" with the grocery man and the latter sent his compliments in the shape of a keg of beer. Other dealers sent more beer and whiskey and, all told, there were seven kegs of beer and twenty-eight bottles of "white" whiskey or "cheap rats."

At 3 o'clock the harmony that prevailed was broken for a row broke out among the drunken boarders and the end of it all was that John Takatah had a butcher knife run into his lungs and when he fell to the floor one of his drunken assailants picked up an axe and with the blunt end battered out what little life remained.

Andrew Varygy was stabbed in two places with another butcher knife and lost three wash buckets of blood and may die. He was badly battered around the head and legs by a club.

Takatah's dead body was a horrible sight to the reporter, even though that individual had looked upon many a mangled body. The head was crushed into a soft mass. The man who had been stabbed was lying on a dirty bed tick soaked through and through with his life blood. He could barely talk and it was learned, with much difficulty, however, that the men responsible for the murder were four Hungarians known as Joseph Midlow, Joseph Gusie, John Rapshaw and Joseph Gidash.

The Coal and Iron Police were notified Chief Hampton, accompanied by Officers Cook and Wersinger, went down to Stockton, but the men had escaped. It was impossible to find any trace of them, but the search will be continued vigorously by Chief Hampton.

To Keep the Streets Clear.

Burgess Gallagher has issued notices to the public that the streets and sidewalks of the borough must be kept clear, and hereafter corner loading will have to be done in the Points, as the police have orders to strictly enforce the ordinance relating to this matter. The fine ranges from \$2 to \$5.

High Constable Daubert has also notified the owners of cattle, cows, horses and all other animals that the same must be kept off the streets. Any animals found running at large will be placed in the borough pound, and the owners will be fined from \$2 to \$5.

Trinity M. E. Church.

Preaching will take place at Trinity M. E. Church on Sunday evening instead of the morning, as there is an interesting meeting in progress. The meetings will be throughout the week, except Friday night, and will be continued all next week. All are invited to attend. The first quarterly conference of the Freeland M. E. Circuit will be held at Jeddo, Tuesday evening, April 26. All official members are expected to be present. On Sunday, May 1, communion services will be held there in the morning.

Lower End Trials.

The trial of Joseph Horworth, charged with selling to minors and running a gambling house in the Points, is set down for trial to-day. The trials of Tax Collectors Fox and Ferry will come off on May 2, and James Hallsinger, Jos. Eveland and Henry Higgins will be tried for the Kester murder on May 3.

Announcement of Coming Events.

Ball of St. Ann's Pioneer Corps, Opera House, May 27.
Picnic of Robert Emmet Social Club, Firemen's Park, May 28.
Picnic of Tigers Athletic Association, Firemen's Park, May 30.

CHURCH DIRECTORY.

BETHEL BAPTIST.

(Landsay's Hall)
Front and Washington Streets.
Rev. C. A. Spaulding, Pastor.
Sunday School..... 10:00 A. M.
Gospel Temperance..... 2:30 P. M.
Preaching..... 6:00 P. M.

HEAVENLY RECRUITS.

Centre Street, above Chestnut.
Rev. Charles Brown, Pastor.
Morning Service..... 10:00 A. M.
Sunday School..... 2:00 P. M.
Love Feast..... 3:15 P. M.
Preaching..... 7:30 P. M.

ST. ANN'S ROMAN CATHOLIC.

Centre Street, above Chestnut.
Rev. M. J. Fallhee, Pastor.
Rev. F. P. McNally, Curate.
Low Mass..... 8:00 A. M.
High Mass..... 10:30 A. M.
Sunday School..... 2:00 P. M.
Vespers..... 4:00 P. M.

ST. JAMES' EPISCOPAL.

South and Washington Streets.
Rev. J. W. Burras, Rector.
Sunday School..... 1:30 P. M.
Prayer and Sermon..... 7:00 P. M.

ST. JOHN'S REFORMED.

Walnut and Washington Streets.
Rev. E. D. Miller, Pastor.
Sunday School..... 9:00 A. M.
German Service..... 10:30 A. M.
Praise Meeting..... 7:00 P. M.
English Sermon..... 7:30 P. M.
Prayer and teachers' meeting every Saturday evening at 7:45 o'clock.

ST. KASIMER'S POLISH CATHOLIC.

Ridge Street, above Carbon.
Rev. Joseph Mazotas, Pastor.
Mass..... 11:00 A. M.

ST. LUKE'S GERMAN LUTHERAN.

Main and Washington Streets.
Rev. A. Behmler, Pastor.
Sunday School..... 9:00 A. M.
German Service..... 10:30 A. M.
Catechist Instruction..... 5:00 P. M.

ST. MARY'S GREEK CATHOLIC.

Front and Fern Streets.
Rev. Cyril Gulovich, Pastor.
Low Mass..... 8:00 A. M.
High Mass..... 10:30 A. M.
Vespers..... 2:00 P. M.

WELSH BAPTIST.

(Donor's Hall)
Walnut and Ridge Streets.
Services by Allen J. Morton, of Kingston.
Sunday School..... 10:30 A. M.
Welsh Preaching..... 2:00 P. M.
English Preaching..... 6:00 P. M.

READING RAILROAD SYSTEM.

LEHIGH VALLEY DIVISION.

ARRANGEMENT OF PASSENGER TRAINS.
APRIL 3, 1892.

LEAVE FREELAND.

6:10, 8:45, 9:45, 10:35 A. M., 12:25, 1:50, 2:45, 3:50, 5:15, 6:35, 7:30, 8:47 P. M., for Drifton, Jeddo, Lumber Yard, Stockton and Hazleton.
6:10, 9:45 A. M., 1:30, 3:50 P. M., for Mauch Chunk, Allentown, Bethlehem, Phila., Easton and New York. (9:45 has no connection for New York.)
8:40 A. M. for Bethlehem, Easton and Philadelphia.
2:50 A. M. and 3:25 P. M. from Hazleton, Lumber Yard, Stockton and Hazleton.
3:45 P. M. for Delano, Mahanoy City, Shenandoah, New York and Philadelphia.
ARRIVE AT FREELAND.

5:50, 6:52, 7:30, 9:15, 10:55 A. M., 12:10, 1:15, 2:33, 4:30, 6:56 and 8:37 P. M. from Hazleton, Stockton, Lumber Yard, Jeddo and Drifton.
7:25, 8:15, 10:55 A. M., 12:10, 2:35, 4:30, 6:56 P. M. from Delano, Mahanoy City and Shenandoah (via New Boston Branch).
1:10 and 3:37 P. M. from New York, Easton, Philadelphia, Bethlehem, Allentown and Mauch Chunk.
9:15 and 10:55 A. M. from Easton, Philadelphia, Bethlehem and Mauch Chunk.
9:15, 10:35 A. M., 2:45, 6:35 P. M. from White Haven, Glen Summit, Wilkes-Barre, Pittston and L. and B. Junction (via Highland Branch).

SUNDAY TRAINS.

11:16 A. M. and 3:25 P. M. from Hazleton, Lumber Yard, Jeddo and Drifton.
11:16 A. M. from Delano, Hazleton, Philadelphia and Easton.
3:25 P. M. from Pottsville and Delano.
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DISOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership lately subsisting between Pius Hoffmeier and Frank O'Donnell of Foster Township, Luzerne County, Pa., trading under the firm name of Hoffmeier & O'Donnell, Ivery men, has this day been dissolved by mutual consent. All debts owing to the said partnership are to be paid to the said Frank O'Donnell, and all debts or demands owing by the said partnership are to be presented to him for payment.
PIUS HOFFMEIER.
FRANK O'DONNELL.

Freeland, April 1, 1892.
The undersigned will continue the business, and solicits a share of the public patronage.
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