

STATE NEWS.

On June 25 the borough of Bethlehem will celebrate its 250th anniversary in great style.

The P. O. S. of A. Camp at Conyngham has purchased a plot of ground and will erect a hall this summer.

The miners around Shenandoah, where three days a week is the working limit, have sent \$450 to the Russian Relief Fund.

The Pennys is buying all the coal land it can purchase in the Wyoming region, and on Monday paid \$400,000 for a tract at Avoca.

The supreme court decided that the Baker ballot law was constitutional, and dismissed the appeals taken by the Prohibition party.

A committee of doctors has been appointed to investigate the Danville Insane Asylum, where 1,200 patients are crowded in space needed for 900.

The P. O. S. of A. of Lackawanna County has obtained permission from the commissioners to erect a statue to Washington in front of the courthouse at Scranton.

A Lehigh contractor had orders for to build six new houses, but the parties cancelled them, on account of the uncertainty of the outcome of the Reading deal.

Arrangements are being made for a grand demonstration of lodges of the Junior Order United American Mechanics at Scranton on May 17. It is to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the order.

T. F. Quigley, a well known Democratic politician of Miners Mills, has been selected as an aid on the staff of the commander for the parade at Washington by the G. A. R. in October next.

The Greek priest of Hazleton is having considerable trouble with his congregation. Three of his parishioners were arrested for tearing down a part of the church property. They don't like the pastor.

James O'Brien, who has been in the employ of the Lehigh Valley Railroad for the past sixteen years, has resigned. In company with Deputy United States Marshall Barringer, he will open a detective agency in Wilkes-Barre.

The annual session of the Grand Castle of Pennsylvania, Knights of the Golden Eagle, will be held at Chambersburg, commencing May 10. It promises to be the largest ever held in the State, as each of the 48 castles will send a representative.

While cutting timber in a field John Faber, of Tamaqua, was bitten by a copperhead snake. He was in the act of picking up what he supposed to be a stick when the reptile suddenly coiled itself and bit him. He is in a very critical condition.

It has been decided by murderer Kock's counsel not to take the case to the board of pardons. A strict watch is being kept over Kock, as he insists that he will not die on the gallows. His victims are given to him cut up and he eats with a spoon.

An unsuccessful attempt was made to resume operations at the Acme Hosiery Mill of White Haven, which has been idle on account of the proprietors failing to secure enough help. The mill employs sixty girls, and less than thirty is all they can obtain.

Several of the Weatherly shop hands were suspended since the Reading deal, and the young men are leaving the town to seek work somewhere outside of Weatherly's domain. The town, however, is procuring new industries and hopes to boom greater than ever this summer.

John Darby, of Bethlehem, was thrown from a freight car and two wheels of a heavy gondola passed over his body at the thigh. An ambulance was summoned, but the surgeon found that besides a few slight bruises there was no injury at all. Mr. Darby then walked down town.

A young Polish woman of Shenandoah, named Maria Kishlaw, after sending her husband and boarders off to work in the mines, packed up and took the morning train for parts unknown, taking with her \$95, a number of watches and other small sums of money found in the boarders' clothes.

Peter Doran, a shoemaker of Allentown, while dancing with Miss Annie Landenslager at a ball a few nights ago, kissed her. Annie objected to that manner of Doran's showing his affection, and brought suit against the affectionate shoemaker, and he was obliged to pay her \$10 damages.

General Gregg formally took charge of the Auditor General's Department yesterday morning. Mr. McCannan, retiring. The incoming official found everything in readiness. The affairs of the office were in good condition, and he was soon installed in the private office attending to business.

The Plymouth clergymen are trying to have a more rigid enforcement of the laws regulating business on Sunday. A delegation from the Pastors' Union was before the borough council in regard to Sunday newspaper selling, the blowing on Sunday of the steamboat whistles and the Sunday back door of the saloon.

A number of the railroad companies owned, leased or controlled by the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company held their annual meetings and elected officers on Monday. A. A. McLeod was elected president of ten corporations, and obtained a directorship or some other high office in half a dozen more.

Fully 700 carpenters struck at Scranton Tuesday morning; 300 stone masons joined them, and the plasterers quit because they were asked to work with non-union men. Fifteen hundred men are now idle, and this number will be augmented by several hundred during the remainder of the week. They want a nine-hour day.

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THE COAL TRADE.

The Effects of the Deal as Viewed by Two Prominent Papers.

The Philadelphia Ledger, which is one of the supporters of McLeod and the Reading combination, pictures a rosy future for all interested in coal. Its predictions look nice on paper, which is about as far as they will go.

The anthracite coal trade begins its spring business in better shape than for many years past. The surplus accumulations of coal in all quarters has been reduced to a minimum, if not disposed of altogether. The weekly output of coal is being strictly confined to the actual market requirements.

The profits from anthracite mining will hereafter be made not only by selling the coal at a reasonable advance upon the actual cost of production but by the use of modern economies in its mining and preparation for market. Any advance on price must be shared by the sellers, who are paid on a sliding scale that is based upon the actual selling price for the coal.

All the coal that can be sold will be mined. The markets will be fully and freely supplied with coal, but there will accumulate and be stocked at tidewater and interior points until the surplus is so great that auction sales must be held to dispose of the piles of coal at a loss. Larger cars, stronger motive power and longer trains are to be used in transporting the coals from the breakers to market, and modern labor-saving machinery is to be used in loading and discharging cars and vessels.

Much good material which formerly, until a few years ago, went into culm banks at the mines is being utilized for steam purposes, enabling the anthracite producers to compete more successfully with bituminous coal, and the culm banks at various places are being worked over to reclaim the good fuel.

The total amount of anthracite coal sent to market for the week ending April 23, as reported by the several carrying companies, was 663,734 tons, compared with 649,976 tons in the corresponding week last year, an increase of 13,758 tons.

Here is how that faithful defender of the people's rights, the New York World, looks upon the subject. The World does not have to bow and cringe before monopoly's throne, and its fight against the combine since the very beginning is in marked contrast to the excuses and apologies for the deal given by the Philadelphia papers.

A little while ago Mr. McLeod was impressive in his assurances that there would be no advance in the price of coal. The advance has already been made, and is to be increased. The conspiracy was formed to reduce production and increase price, and it is doing both. It was intended to cut down the work and wages of workmen and to exact an unearned tribute from all consumers, and it is doing both.

The thing is both lawless and inimical to the public welfare, but the conspiracy is so entrenched in various ways that there seems no prospect of serious or determined resistance anywhere. The Attorney-General of Pennsylvania has brought one action against it where he has brought half a score. He has instituted slow chancery proceedings where he ought to have invoked the most summary methods known to the law.

Worse still, the conspiracy is in flagrant violation of a United States statute which peremptorily requires the Attorney-General, through his District-Attorneys, to institute criminal proceedings against the offenders. But the Attorney-General has given no orders and the District-Attorneys have done nothing.

Since everything in the coal regions, life, labor, capital and the coal trade depend on Mr. McLeod, let us pray that he doesn't get the spring fever and go on a six days loaf or the Lord only knows what will become of us.

PERSONAL.

Among the citizens doing jury duty this week are Hugh McGeehan, Adam Sachs, Freeland; Christian Miller, Foster, and Robert Boyle, Jeddo.

Capt. James Collins has been in town for a few days this week. Miss Thresa Carr, of Wilkes-Barre, is spending a few days here among friends.

John Shigo, Jr., is in Scranton attending the first annual convention of the Catholic Slavonian Union. He is the delegate from St. John's Beneficial Society.

Chas. McGill, of Highland, has accepted a position with Ferry & Christy. John M. Powell, 2d, is on a business trip through the Western States.

George Chestnut made a business trip to Philadelphia on Tuesday. Jacob Falk, of Wilkes-Barre, spent Sunday with his friend, Joe Neuburger. Willie Heiney, of Allentown, has been visiting here this week.

Miss Nellie Campbell, of Eckley, spent Saturday with relatives in town. John Muldowney, of Carbondale, spent a few hours here yesterday.

Joseph Gallagher, of the Philadelphia Medical College, is home on his summer vacation. Andrew Pfaff, book-keeper for J. P. McDonald, has resigned his position and returned to Philadelphia, where his wife and family reside.

Chas. L. Fowler, of the Shamokin Drift office, spent a few days this week with relatives in town. David T. Richards and family have removed to Wyoming, this county.

Does any one remember Byron's famous plum pudding story? If so, the Nikita plum pudding story may strike them as somewhat of a parallel. When staying at St. Petersburg for Christmas, some English friends of the young singer, thinking to please her and regardless of the effects on her voice, sent her a monster plum pudding as a surprise.

Patrick Marley, of Silver Brook, was here visiting on Sunday. There must be an attraction for some of our young men in Freeland. They get there pretty often. This place was somewhat livelier on Thursday than usual. A Hungarian wedding was the cause. Beer was plenty on every side and all enjoyed themselves.

Miners, Keep Away From Idaho. BURKE, Idaho, April 29. EDITOR TRIBUNE.—Believing that it would interest the miners of the East to hear something from this part of the country I send to you a brief account of the troubles now existing between the mine owners and the Miners' Union of this State.

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A stock company in Vienna is about to begin building a unique theater in one of the recently annexed districts. The cost is to be \$200,000 or \$300,000. The roof is to be a great rolling iron curtain, after the style of iron curtains now used before shop windows, and on hot summer nights it is to be drawn aside so that the audience may be refreshed.

When I was in Germany a few years ago I was shown a street pavement that had been laid which was made of rubber. It was almost noiseless, and some went so far as to say that if it proved successful otherwise it would do away with vehicle springs. The only objection made to the pavement was that it was feared it would be affected by the change of temperature.

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DRIFTON ITEMS.

Two ladies and the driver of a rig who were on their way home to Audenried, on Sunday evening, were left sitting on the roadside badly frightened and crying bitterly, although they were not hurt but they had a narrow escape. They collided with another carriage going to Freeland, completely smashing their own. The driver went to Freeland where he procured another rig and started for home swearing vengeance.

David Lloyd, of No. 2, contemplates moving to Freeland this week. Mrs. Henry Miller paid a visit to friends in Weatherly on Monday.

Andrew O'Donnell is suffering from a severe attack of the measles. John Kelley left here and went to Wilkes-Barre, where he has secured work.

Harry Davis, who left here a short time ago to work for the Standard Oil Company, in Philadelphia, resigned his position there. He has accepted a position on the D. S. & S.

Patrick McElwee and Thomas Gould, miners in No. 2 slope, had a narrow escape from death on Monday.

William Gillespie is taking advantage of year and in a few weeks will try his fortune in married life. Many young men of this place could follow suit and not hurt their growth any.

JEDDO NEWS.

Miss Mary Dugan left here last week for Bristol, where she intends to make her future home. Miss Kate Harkins was here visiting. She has returned to Hazleton.

Miss Ellie Mulligan, formerly of Hazleton, but now of Philadelphia, is visiting friends. Patrick Marley, of Silver Brook, was here visiting on Sunday.

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BASE BALL.

To the general public it would seem that Freeland's Club would not be in it this season, but such is not the case. Very little is heard of it at present, but the manager will surprise the base ball people here when he announces who will wear the uniforms. The difficulty at present is in selecting the proper men from the forty applicants who are desirous of playing here. Letters have been received from parties as far west as Canton, Ohio, and from Danbury, Conn., in the east, asking Manager Hanlon to sign the writers. From Philadelphia there are a dozen applications, and as many more from schuykill towns. Scranton, Wilkes-Barre and Allentown have men who want to wear the brown, and three of the famous Cuban Giants have asked what prospects there are "to catch on in the best town we ever struck."

Some of the applicants want exorbitant salaries, but the majority seem only anxious to get here. It will be impossible to state who will constitute the team until the manager hears from those to whom he has sent terms and contracts. Cutler is with Catasauqua again. The club has new suits, consisting of light gray pants, dark shirts, maroon belt and stockings and gray cap.

Hazleton's Y. M. C. A. Club has reorganized for this season. Phil Bachman, of Freeland, has signed to play third. The Soopies are now ready to meet all comers. They will play this year on the South Heberton grounds.

The Upper Lehigh Association is clearing off the diamond and improving the outfield of its grounds. It intends to open the season shortly, having received several challenges. The club practices every evening. There is some talk of organizing a junior league in this vicinity, to consist of Upper Lehigh, Sandy Run, Soopies, of South Heberton; Fearnots of Drifton, and the Tigers, of Freeland. To this could be added Eckley or Jeddo, and as these clubs are about evenly balanced the league would be a success from the start.

The State Base Ball League is practically assured. At a meeting of representatives from the cities of Harrisburg, Altoona, Pittsburg, Johnstown, Allentown, Lebanon and Reading, the principal business was the selection of an eight club from the following applicants: York, Danville, Meadville, Erie and East Liverpool, Ohio. It was finally decided to admit York. All the clubs in the league are well backed financially and there is good promise of success. Randall, of Reading; Mishler, Altoona, and Farrington, Harrisburg, were appointed a schedule committee and it was decided to purchase the National Protection without the reservation clause. Douglass, of Allentown, resigned as President of the league, and J. M. Kreiter, of Harrisburg, formerly manager of the York team, was chosen his successor.

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