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BLAINE'S END IS NEAR.

IT IS REPORTED THAT HE MAY DIE ANY DAY.

His Family and Physicians Now Admit That the Very Worst is to Be Feared and the Famous Statesman May Never Leave His Bed Alive.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—All day long Sunday the life of James G. Blaine hung trembling in the balance. For more than an hour in the forenoon hope was abandoned, and the end was momentarily expected by physicians, family and friends. All stimulation was thrown aside in the apparent imminent presence of death, and the suppressed facts of his illness—the long denied but now admitted Bright's disease, the occasional intervals of delirium, the long hours when he lay incapable of speech or motion—these and other distressing features of his illness, all incidental to the one overpowering organic trouble, were admitted. His family were hastily called round the bedside. The distinguished patient lay unconscious and to all appearances dying until 1 p. m., when a slight rally set in. His pulse, which had almost ceased to beat, became again perceptible and partial consciousness was restored. At 2 p. m. his physicians, Drs. W. W. Johnson and Hyatt, considered him so much improved as to render their constant presence at the bedside unnecessary.

An Ill Fated Mission.

All day representatives of the press patrolled Madison place and carefully watched the old red mansion, which has become celebrated for its historical associations and the fatality with which misfortune has followed its occupants. From the Sickles-Kays tragedy, which occurred more than a third of a century ago, followed by the attempted assassination of Secretary Seward during the last year of the civil war, down to the present time, the pall of ill fate has hung over the mansion.

During the less than four years' occupancy of this house by the Blaine family the ex-secretary's daughter, the wife of Colonel Coppinger and Walker and Edmund Blaine, the ex-secretary's promising sons, have died.

President Harrison, accompanied by his private secretary, Mr. Halford, walked over from the White House to the ex-secretary's residence in the evening to personally inquire as to his condition, and expressed relief and gratification at being informed that there had been some abatement of the more alarming symptoms. The excitement throughout the city was intense as the news of Mr. Blaine's condition spread, and, Sunday though it was, the newspapers issued extras, which found a rapid sale.

Mr. Blaine's Heroism.

Of late Mr. Blaine's physical condition has been such that he has at times given way to despondency. While manifesting no fear of death, Mr. Blaine has often said that he did not want to die. "In fact," says an intimate friend of the family, "Mr. Blaine has a death wish, with a sublime heroism. The world knows how ambitious he was and also knows how much he accomplished in the pursuit of his ambition. And yet he is a disappointed and, I was about to say, a heartbroken man, but that would perhaps be putting it too strong. I once heard him say that, after all, ambition was an ignis fatuus and that all the world was hollow outside of one's family."

At a Late Hour Drs. Johnston and Hyatt saw Mr. Blaine and gave out for publication the following statement:

"Mr. Blaine seems to have rallied entirely from his weakness of the morning, and appears to be as well as at any time within the past week. While it is not possible to say what changes may take place in his condition, he can be said to be in no immediate danger."

No Change for the Worse.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—There has been some improvement in Mr. Blaine's condition since Sunday. The reports given out from the red house where the patient lies were more cheerful. He slept well and naturally, and as a result substantial change for the better was noticed. The malady is organic, however, and in the nature of things must grow worse with time. No one sees Mr. Blaine but his wife, the nurses and the physicians. Mr. Blaine is conscious and appears somewhat cheerful. He is very weak, but takes nourishment regularly.

To a reporter Mr. J. G. Blaine, Jr., said his father seemed to be holding his own, and the family hopes that he may yet survive Christmas and even a longer period. Dr. Johnston is not so sanguine as the members of the family, but declines to indulge in speculation as to when the end may come. He does not anticipate any immediate collapse, though he admits that Mr. Blaine may be attacked by heart failure at any moment.

There is still a mystery surrounding the disease from which Mr. Blaine is suffering, and none of the doctors interested in the case can be induced to disclose the secret. It is said that if it were made public it would open a large field for discussion that would be intensely disagreeable to his family and friends. The opinion has been gaining ground steadily that there is something more the matter than Bright's disease or consumption.

Whatever it may be, it is admitted that the disease has made such inroads upon his constitution that there can be but the very slightest thread from which to hang any hope of his living for even a short space of time.

Fleeced by Green Goods Men.

CARLISLE, Pa., Dec. 21.—Ephraim Royer, of Mount Holly Springs, and his uncle, Samuel Royer, went to New Jersey and paid \$500 for green goods. When they opened the box they found it contained strips of paper.

Against the Death Penalty.

ALBANY, Dec. 19.—A determined effort will be made this winter to have the legislature abolish capital punishment and substitute life imprisonment.

The best creamery butter is kept at Campbell's store.

AT THE INSTITUTE.

The Teachers Are Having an Enjoyable Time at the County Seat.

Over 600 teachers are attending the Luzerne county institute at Wilkes-Barre this week. The teachers are receiving considerable instruction from the numerous lectures which are given at every session.

The following are some of the notes about lower end teachers, taken from the *New Leader*:

Foster and Freeland can well feel proud of their lady teachers, for they stand well in the foreground both in regard to ability and beauty.

Hugh Gallagher and J. C. Simmons are without doubt the tallest teachers in the lower end.

Rachel James and Ella Campbell, the only resident teachers of Eckley, continually wear a smile. Why is this, they ask?

Miss Quirk and Miss Kate Cannon, of Hazle township, are ardent admirers of Prof. Nelson.

The ladies think Mr. Hanlon, of Freeland is quite nice.

George T. Brown, one of Foster's most successful teachers, is one of the most attentive listeners at the institute.

Miss Bella McGill, of Highland, was an attentive listener, unconscious of the many admiring glances cast at her.

Miss Susie Gallagher, of Freeland, used up several note books.

Miss Cassie Furey, of Jeddo, exchanged penmanship with several gentlemen friends.

John Turnbach, of Hazleton, was the recipient of many scented notes.

Mr. Costello was the recipient of a Christmas present. It is a boy.

Miss Nellie Christy, of Ebervale, adorns the institute with her presence.

Prof. John D. Herron and John T. Brady, of Freeland, were seen on the streets inquiring for Wonderland after the afternoon session.

Miss Maggie Lawlor was even more popular than last year.

Judging from the number of pages Prof. McNulty tore from his note book he must be very popular.

Prof. Frank Dever has become a benedict since last year.

There are some very pretty teachers from the lower end, and as they all keep together they attract a great deal of attention.

Last year John M. Carr thought that Ella Quinn and Agnes Monahan, of Avoca, were the two most attractive teachers at the institute. He has changed his opinion.

If comparing notes is any evidence Prof. Gough, of Hazleton, was deeply interested.

Miss Maggie Lockman, of Hazle township, occupies a seat in the rear.

Ed. Byrnes, of Hazleton, is taking dancing lessons at the Bristol House after the lectures.

We heard a young lady remark that Mr. Dwyer, of Hazleton, was real cute.

The two Miss Lindsays and Miss Gallagher, of Freeland, are on hand.

Miss Maggie Lockman lost her purse during Tuesday's morning session. It was returned to her.

Contractor and Money Gone.

William Walker, a stripping contractor at Milnesville, went to Hazleton on Monday and drew \$1000 from a bank to pay his employees. A few hours later he rushed back to town and told a sensational story of being held up and robbed by six men between Harleigh and Milnesville.

His story was of such a suspicious nature that all to whom he told it doubted its truthfulness. Several officers started in pursuit of the supposed robbers, and during the excitement Walker disappeared and nothing more has been heard of him.

It is now believed that he gave the money to a partner of his, a woman residing at Harleigh, with whom he had matters arranged to meet him elsewhere.

Besides the laborer's wages he owed a considerable amount through Hazleton. Undertaker Phil Boyle had a bill against him for over \$100, the expenses of the funeral of his brother, who was killed last week in the Milnesville explosion.

An attachment was issued upon the contractor's property, and four horses and harness were secured by Mr. Boyle.

The workmen, who are nearly all Italians, are very angry over the loss of their pay, and will make short work of Walker if they find him.

At His Old Tricks Again.

"Lark" Sweeney, who on several occasions victimized a number of our citizens, was at his old tricks again on Monday night. At a late hour he went to the hotel of Otto Brien and represented himself as a brother of P. F. Boyle, who lives just across from Brien's.

He told Brien that he had not seen his brother (Boyle) for sixteen years, having followed the business of stock-raising in the far West, and that he had just arrived with a car load of horses which he had in keeping at Thomas' stable.

He paid for a night's lodging, but yesterday is when he got in his big time. He ordered drinks by the dozen and then refused to pay for them. Brien began to become suspicious and made inquiry, when he found the fellow an impostor, and demanded his money. "Lark" escaped.—Standard.

PLEASURE CALENDAR.

December 30—Eleventh annual ball of St. Ann's T. A. B. Pioneer Corps at Freeland opera house. Admission, 50 cents.

January 6—First Slavonian masquerade ball, at Freeland opera house. Admission, 50 cents.

January 21—Ball of Assembly No. 5, National Slavonian Society, at Freeland opera house. Admission, 25 cents.

January 23—Fourth annual ball of the Tigers Athletic Club, at Freeland opera house. Admission, 50 cents.

January 25 and 26—Tea party and oyster supper, under the auspices of Owena Council, No. 47, Degree of Pocahontas, at Cottage hotel hall. Tickets, 25 cents.

HIGHLAND DOTS.

The attempt made to murder Steve Shandock on Saturday evening, while on his way home from Freeland, is the whole topic of conversation here and has caused no end of excitement.

For several months past quite a number of our residents have been beaten and relieved of their money on this road and none of them can give any clue to the parties who commit these deeds. This is the case with Shandock, who is foreman at the stripping here, and it is thought that the plot originated from this source, as he is not very well liked by many of the men over whom he has charge, and several times violent threats have been made against him by these men.

However, none of them were carried into effect until Saturday evening when Shandock, in company with his stepbrother, Lassie Jerry, and another relative, John Uhas, were coming home from Freeland. Near the Sanly Run cross road they met four men who began talking to Shandock and went with him down the path which leads to the lower end of town.

There is a cavein on this path which is about twenty feet deep. Here they stopped. Jerry and Uhas, who were ahead, went on toward home. One of the party asked Shandock if he was the stripping boss. He said he was. Then he was knocked down and beaten brutally, and when they thought he was about dead they threw him down the cavein.

John T. Lenahan, of Wilkes-Barre, chairman of the banquet, will introduce Cardinal Gibbons, who will respond to the toast, "His Holiness, Leo XIII."

Governor Pattison will respond to the sentiment, "The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania."

Archbishop Ryan, of Philadelphia, will speak on "Golden and Silver Jubilees."

Bishop John J. Kenne, president of the Catholic university of America at Washington, will respond to "The United States of America."

Bishop Ignatius Horstman, of Cleveland, will speak on "The Catholic Church of America."

Hon. John Lynch, judge of Luzerne county, will have the toast, "The Judiciary."

Dr. John Bennett is to speak on "Medicine and Theology."

T. V. Powderly will respond to the toast "Columbus."

"Luzerne, the Mother of Lackawanna," will be treated by C. F. Bohan, of Pittston.

J. J. O'Neill, of Carbondale, will respond to the toast, "Lackawanna, the Daughter of Luzerne."

Rev. Thos. Brehony, of Eckley, and Rev. F. P. McNally, of Freeland, are attending the exercises.

Officers Elected.

The Garibaldi Beneficial Society has elected the following officers:

President—R. F. DePiero.
First vice president—Giuseppe Pescina.
Second vice president—Darante Palumbo.

Secretary—Vincenzo Petrilli.
Treasurer—Salvatore DePiero.
Trustees—John Yannes, Gennaro Bonomo, G. Paternostro.

Executive committee—Nazaro DeBlasi, Raffael Bonomo, Raffael DePiero, V. LoBosco, Pietro Scalsese.
Sergeant-at-arms—F. P. Iovenio.
Color bearers—G. Genovese, Salvatore Lasco.

ECKLEY CLIPPINGS.

Charles Harvey and his brother, James, took a hunting tour throughout the Beaver Meadow swamp on Saturday and returned with considerable game.

Miss Hattie McHugh is suffering with an attack of quinsy.

Mrs. Patrick Ward, of Freeland, spent Monday among friends here.

Charles White, of Silver Brook, shook hands with friends in town on Sunday.

Patrick Gallagher has received a handsome full-bred shepherd dog from a friend in Silver Brook.

Quite a number of our young men are suffering from toothache for the past week. If they would eat less sweets they would have less pain.

John O'Donnell purchased a handsome Kellmergan yesterday.

John Davis, Sr., is off from work with an injured hand.

The Cox ladies, of Drifton, will give presents to the children here on Christmas Eve in No. 2 school house.

The colliers are working full time at present.

Cattle are getting cheap here. A goat can be purchased at the stock farm from \$1.50 to \$8.00. This is the best opportunity we had in a long time to obtain such a valuable animal for half nothing.

One of our residents has something to boast of. Being scarce of matches on last payday night he pulled a five dollar bill from his pocket and lit his pipe. This is something that even coal kings can't boast of. Isn't it, old man?

Freely without pain, which I had not done in seven weeks I am now cured and have no pain since.

Yours truly,
GEORGE PETROUSE.

Veno's electric fluid will certainly cure rheumatism, sciatic pains, lame back, neuralgia and tightness of the chest. Veno's curative syrup is the quickest cure in the world for nervousness, dyspepsia, liver complaint, kidney disease, impure blood and female weakness. Sold at the Freeland drug stores, 50 cents per bottle. Ask for Veno's and take no other.

Card of Thanks.

FREELAND, December 20, 1892.
We, the undersigned, desire to return our sincere thanks to the brothers of Freeland and Upper Lehigh for their kindness in coming out so nobly to help us in making our Christmas offering to the dear children at the Odd Fellows' Home. Trusting it will be the means of binding us more closely together, we remain,
Yours in F. L. T.,
DRESILLA LODGE, No. 152.

THE BISHOP'S JUBILEE.

People Paying Tribute to the Head of the Catholic Church in This Diocese.

At St. Peter's cathedral, Scranton, on Tuesday evening, began the opening observance of the twenty-first anniversary of Bishop O'Hara's elevation to that title and also the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination as priest. The bishop gave a reception to the children and socialites of the city, fully 6000 of the little ones being present.

On Wednesday morning the bishop celebrated pontifical mass, assisted by Cardinal Gibbons, of Baltimore; Archbishop Ryan, of Philadelphia; Archbishop Corrigan, of New York; Archbishop Williams, of Boston; Bishop Keane, of the Catholic university at Washington; Bishop Horstman, of Cleveland; Bishop McQuade, of Rochester, and Bishop McGovern, of Harrisburg. Archbishop Ryan preached the jubilee sermon.

Today the grand parade of the societies and parishoners of the diocese will take place. It will be reviewed by the visiting church dignitaries and also by Governor Pattison and his staff.

Owing to the excessive railroad rates charged to Scranton none of the societies from the Lehigh region attended the parade. Several had decided to go if reduced fare could be obtained, but this was refused by the Reading system.

Tonight at 8 o'clock the laymen of the diocese will tender a banquet to the bishop.

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BRIEF ITEMS OF NEWS.

PARAGRAPHS GATHERED FROM ALL PARTS OF THE REGION.

Little Ones of Interest About People You Know and Things You Wish to Hear About—What the Folks of This and Other Towns Are Doing.

"Christmas at Black Eagle Colliery," an interesting story, will be found on the third page.

Allison's iron works at Minersville have been secured by the Reading Company, which will use them for a repair shop.

The Pioneer Corps is arranging everything on a large scale for its seventeenth annual ball on Friday evening of next week.

Matthew Denison, of the Points, announces himself as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for supervisor in Foster.

Saturday evening will close the P. O. S. of A. fair at this place, and those at Eckley and St. Ann's church will open that evening.

Joseph Phillian, one of the best known miners in the Womung Valley, was instantly killed at Plymouth on Tuesday by a fall of top coal.

Frank Orwitz, a prominent Hungarian of Hazleton, is suing one of his countrymen, George Meagher, for slander. He wants \$10,000 damages.

Venders of papers, novels and candies on the Reading system are prohibited from placing their wares in the seats or on the laps of passengers.

On Monday evening the children of Bethel Baptist Sunday school will have their Christmas tree in the basement of the church, Ridge and Walnut streets.

Washburn's celebrated flour is the finest in the world. You can buy it at B. F. Davis' store.

"Underground" plays at Hazleton tonight, and after this week the company will make a tour of the country, going south as far as New Orleans and west to Kansas City.

The citizens of Mahanoy City held a special election on Tuesday and decided that the borough should run its own water-works. The plans submitted call for an outlay of \$98,000.

The trial of Constable Martin Ziegler for the murder of William Kiepler, which last evening days, closed at Pottsville on Tuesday. The jury brought in a verdict of murder in the second degree.

"Quick sales and small profits" is Philip Gertz's business motto. He has always the largest and best assorted stock of watches, clocks, rings and jewelry of all kinds. Splurged jewelry a specialty.

The committee appointed by the Citizens' Loan Company to secure a ball date selected January 27, and at a meeting of the company last evening they approved the date and increased the number on the committee.

The clerk of the county commissioners has completed his report for the year 1892, and finds that the total amount of the state tax collected in Luzerne county is \$27,809.45. Of this the county gets three-fourths, or \$20,924.58.

Charles Kleeman, a track walker on the Central Railroad, was repairing a pulley on the Ashley planes, a truck coming down the track struck him, knocked him under the wheels and cut off his right leg and arm. He died from loss of blood.

At St. Ann's church on Sunday masses will be read at 6.30, 8.00 and 10.30 A. M. Also three more at irregular intervals between these hours. Christmas is the only day each year on which a priest is allowed to read more than two masses, and Fathers Falliee and McNally will take advantage of this privilege by reading three each.

Announce the Fact.

If you are going to be candidate for office at the February election let it be known. Publish your card in the *Tribune* now, and let your friends know who you want.

Don't wait till some other fellow comes out secretly and secures the promise of support from your best friends, who perhaps, did not know that you wanted the office.

Put your card in the *TRIBUNE* and everybody will read it.

HOLIDAY PRESENTS.

In giving a Christmas Present why not give a SENSIBLE ONE.

We have a large variety of useful gifts such as:

Nobby Neckwear, from 25 to 50 cents.

Open Front Dress Shirts, 99 cents.

Silk Mufflers, from 60 cents up.

Silk Handkerchiefs, from 60 cents up.

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GRAND FAIR

at Eckley Catholic Church, commencing on Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24, 1892.

Everybody is respectfully invited to attend the fair, the proceeds of which will be used in clearing off the debt contracted by recent repairs and the steam heating plant of the church.

Donations for the fair will be thankfully received at the residence of the pastor, Rev. Thos. Brehony, Eckley.

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Finest and Best Beer in the Country. Satisfaction GUARANTEED.

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NOTICE—Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the court of common pleas of Luzerne county, or one of the law judges thereof, on Saturday, December 24, A. D. 1892, at 10 o'clock A. M., under the act of assembly of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain corporations," approved April 29, 1874, and the supplements thereto, for a charter of an intended corporation to be called "Bethel Baptist Church of Freeland, Pa.," the character and object whereof is the support of public worship of Almighty God according to the faith, doctrines, discipline and usages of the English Baptist church of America, and for these purposes to have, possess and enjoy all the rights, benefits and privileges of said act of assembly and its supplements. Frank H. Bailey, Solicitor.

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POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

FOR TAX-COLLECTOR—PATK J. GALLAGHER, of Highland.

Subject to the decision of the Democratic nominating convention of Foster township.

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JOHN D. HAYES, Attorney-at-Law and Notary Public.

Legal business of all kinds promptly attended. Room 3, 2d Floor, Birkbeck Brick.