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NEWS OF THE SUBURBS.

OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENTS SEND IN BRIGHT LETTERS.

The Happenings of Surrounding Towns

Gathered for "Tribune" Readers—All the Local News and Personal of Drifton, Jeddo and Upper Lehigh.

Special and regular correspondence from the surrounding towns is solicited by the TRIBUNE. All writers will please send their names to this office with communications intended for publication, in order that the editor may know from whom the correspondence comes.

DRIFTON ITEMS.

Politics are beginning to assume a business-like appearance in this end of the township than it has for some years past. As far as our local affairs are concerned, good generalship, with all the strategem of an Indian combined, will be necessary if we want to have any of our residents' names to appear on the official records of the township after the February election. As a matter of fact we comprise but a small portion of this large township, but still it is of such importance that it cannot be overlooked, even by the most popular men when they want office. The citizens of the various other communities claim that it is unjust for our residents to be continually howling for office, and at the same time, nothing less than supervisor or tax collector will in any manner appease our political ambition, and that the old saying, "half a loaf is better than no bread," is unknown here. To the voters who are in the habit of giving this out for political gossip, we would say that our residents are of a high-spirited nature, and if they must eat bread that is donated to them, as it were, it must be a whole loaf or they will eat their own.

On Saturday morning a wreck occurred on the D. S. and S., near the bridge which crosses the L. V. R. R. tracks at this place, and the works were thrown idle for the remainder of the day.

Eight degrees below zero was what the thermometer registered on Saturday morning, and a great many of our residents are complaining from the effects of it.

Frank Brogan, a student at the Westchester normal school, is at home spending the holidays with his parents.

Joseph Kennedy returned on Saturday evening after spending a few days with friends in Lackawanna county.

Mrs. Richards, one of our highly esteemed residents, is lying very ill at her home.

Miss Hannah Boyle is enjoying a visit among friends in Philadelphia.

Notices are up to the effect that the store will be closed from Saturday until Tuesday afternoon. The object is to balance accounts and square up the business of the present year.

All work is suspended here today so as to give the employes a chance to have all the pleasure they can out of Christmas.

Raffles are very numerous in this vicinity for several weeks past.

The ice pond has not been inspected by the skaters. It has been inspected almost hourly since the cold wave arrived.

Miss Maggie Carr, of West Chester normal school, is home on a short vacation.

John M. Carr has arrived from the county seat to spend a few days with his parents.

Miss Mary Sweeney, of Kutztown normal school, is at home until after the holidays.

Edward Brogan, of Wilkes-Barre, is among the many who came to spend a week at the old home.

It is whispered that arrangements are being made by a few of our sportsmen to have another go in the pit with game birds in the near future.

Edward and Martin Roberts, two young men who formerly resided here, but now of New Buck Mountain, spent yesterday with friends here.

Patrick O'Donnell, of Philadelphia, is home on a visit to his parents.

The Christmas tree celebration which was held here on Friday evening by the Coxie ladies was a very pleasing affair, and nothing but unbounded praise can be heard since for these good ladies, all of which they justly deserve. Unlike a great many affairs of this kind it is not gotten up for cheap notoriety by making a big fuss over it and then giving the little ones five cents' worth of candy. On the contrary, the presents are all valuable and in some manner will be useful to those who received them. At all the colliers owned by this company presents have been distributed without any distinction whatever by these ladies to the children whose ages range from five to sixteen years.

JEDDO NEWS.

Michael Marley removed his family from Silver Brook to this place last week.

The M. E. Sunday school of this place will have their Christmas celebration this evening.

William McLean, of Summit Hill, was on a business trip through this section last week.

Anthony McNelis, a former resident but now of Wilkes-Barre, is spending the holidays here with his friends. "Tuckers" stay with us again. The boys, the girls and the neighborhood in general miss you while away.

Misses Gillespie and Furey, our popular lady teachers, attended county institute last week and received many complimentary notices from the press of the county seat during their short stay there.

The recent gathering of school teachers at Wilkes-Barre has caused quite a

difference of opinion among some of our young men who are in the habit of discussing events as they occur. Enough ground has not yet been covered by the debaters to form a conclusion on the subject, but it will be done later on.

One evening last week several of our play-goers were in Hazleton, as a committee, to size up the abilities of Andrew Mack as a comedian. They have made no report yet.

The Progressive Club of town presented the managers of St. Ann's fair with a handsome lounge. The boys who compose this club are as progressive in principle as the club-name indicates.

Politics have been lost sight of since the holidays began.

James Ferry, of Silver Brook, is spending a few days here this week.

Domnick Timony, our popular school director, attended a general meeting of county directors at Wilkes-Barre last week.

It is a source of some regret to quite a number of our residents that they did not learn to skate in their boyhood days. Now when they get skates on they fall.

UPPER LEHIGH NOTES.

Daniel J. Ferry and family are spending their Christmas at the residence of Mrs. John McCauley, Eckley.

John Sweeney, of Spring street, had a very fine turkey stolen from his residence last week.

Ernest Drawheim, of Silver Brook, is spending a few days with his mother.

William Stoker and family are visiting his parents at Wanamie, this county.

It is said that James Burns and Patrick Ferry have leased certain sections in the Young Men's T. A. B. parlors and will have all the games and amusements under their control hereafter. In other words, they have formed a syndicate on a small scale.

James Welsh, Jr., of Midvalley, is spending the holidays with his parents.

Condy Murray, who formerly resided at No. 3, but now of Providence, Lackawanna county, is here on a visit among friends.

All work has been suspended here today and Christmas was observed in a proper manner.

The cold wave which struck here on Friday night was keenly felt, and some difficulty was experienced with frozen water pipes.

Frank McBierty and wife of White Haven, are visiting his parents here.

The clerks of the company store presented the superintendent, S. S. Hoover, with a valuable Christmas present.

William Wilmot and wife, of Midvalley, are spending the holidays here among relatives.

Misses Jennett Keenan and Maggie McBierty were soliciting for the fair at Woodside last week.

We are of the opinion that if some of our grown-up folks would drink more goat milk, which is very strengthening, measles would not be so prevalent. However, Prof. H— says the effect will be the same, as he has made a diagnosis of a case which occurred here recently.

It is said that several of our citizens were out one night recently with a lantern and a pitchfork hunting the TRINITY MAN.

Clarence Collins is visiting his parents at Mauch Chunk.

Robert Sward and daughter Nettie, and Miss Jennie Lyon, of Lansford, are the guests of Miss Jennett Keenan.

George Bachman had a narrow escape last Sunday while out driving. His horse became frightened at something and ran away, but luckily George escaped unhurt.

Close of the Institute.

The Luzerne school teachers on Friday closed one of the most successful institutes ever held in this county. Officers were elected for the ensuing year, and chairmen selected for the district institutes. H. L. Edmunds, principal of Feeland schools, is chairman of the seventh district, and Prof. Jones, of Hazle township, is chairman of the eighth.

Resolutions were passed recommending the adoption of free text books throughout the whole county, and that the increased state appropriations be used to advance teachers' salaries and furnish schools with necessary appliances.

The Schuylkill teachers' institute also recommended that the free text-book system be adopted and that the minimum school term be fixed at eight months.

Universal Market for Coal.

A thorough effort will be made by the Reading Company to introduce anthracite coal abroad. To do this Captain John A. Schweers, of Pottsville, who has been selected to go to Europe as the Reading's agent, will take with him 2000 tons of coal, all securely tied up in sacks to facilitate handling. He will also take seventeen stoves of various kinds, so as to illustrate practically the advantages of hard coal.

PLEASURE CALENDAR.

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

December 31—Ball of Kosciusko Beneficial Society, at Freeland opera house. Music by Polish orchestra. 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 Pocohontas, at Cottage hotel hall. Tickets, 25 cents.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC.

VAST SUMS SPENT ON THE CAROLING PROCESSIONS LONG AGO.

In Italy the Calabrian Shepherds Come Down from the Mountains to Greet the Child Jesus with Soft, Sweet Notes, Queer Music of the Puritans.

To review even briefly the wonderful Christmas singing and playing in the Thirteenth, Fourteenth and Fifteenth centuries is beyond our limits; yet what scenes, splendid, romantic and glowing with life, form and color, mention of those old pageants can summon up! Account books of the day, preserved in the British museum, show what vast sums were spent upon them. Cheapside Tower hill, Southwark, even forlorn and fallen Whitechapel, were scenes of such festivities. They wake to life as we read of the caroling processions of the olden time; yet, as may well be imagined, such redundant doings led to excesses, and then authority had to step in. Ministers and priests forbade much that had been customary, while with the Puritans came an absolute law against even the singing of carols.

Queer droning music, tuneless and depressing, was that of Cromwell's choice, yet here and there, in the homes of the better classes, voices were not to be silenced. Had they not the precedent of the angels? As Jeremy Taylor says of that first Christmas music, "As soon as those blessed choristers had sung their Christmas carol, and taught the church a hymn to put into her offices forever on the anniversary of this festivity, the angels returned to heaven;" their earthly message sung for all a waking Christian world. Meantime in other lands the people had caught up the song of the nativity.

In Italy the music of Christmas day for centuries was famous, the Sistine chapel being historic for its work of praise that great day, and from the sweep of the "Benedictus" and "Magnificat" we reach the sweet soft notes of those Calabrian shepherds, called Pifferari, who come down from the mountains to sing Christmas hymns from place to place, visiting chiefly stables where they have a tradition the Child Jesus has passed by.

To dictate precisely what should and what should not constitute good Christmas music is not possible, but of course there are, as in every branch of the divine art, certain guiding rules, the first one being that all music appropriate for the day should be joyous and expressive of thanks to God, while there are solemn parts of every service of such thanksgiving, of course, as with every deep joy is the "stillness" in heart and voice and utterance. No home but should have its own festival of rejoicing, and let those who seek for home harmonies search only the novelists or carols of France, or the hymns of those English writers who had vast cathedral aisles to fill, yet contrived to preserve an exquisite simplicity in all their work.

We need to preserve every Christian tradition dearly. If the yule log cannot be lighted, yet from year to year we can surely keep a fire of good will and cheer, and rekindle the old flame, as they who have the yule are wont to do. In the old times, after the Christmas dinner had been enjoyed, the loving cup was passed around, doors at one end of the hall were thrown open, and there entered a company of perhaps fifty persons—guests of the host, humble men and women and children, invited from far and wide. After a word of welcome all arose, and as with one voice sang that most perfect of old Christmas hymns, "With Hearts Truly Grateful."

Centuries ago other carols were sung there, and, as now, a feast provided for one and all, while the question of rank was for that day forgotten. Later, in the orchards, the songs of the season were sung—a tradition prevailing that this insures a good crop for all during the coming year.

Our theme is endless, yet it is embodied in one dominant idea. Whether the notes of a great organ fill a cathedral, whether the humblest little band of "waifs" go from door to door, there should be one thought uppermost—we sing the message of the angels, we praise God, and our hearts should remember that peace on earth is the glory of the day.—Lucy C. Lillie in Harper's Bazar.

Boiled Turkey and Oyster Sauce.

Boiled turkey should be fixed exactly like roast turkey, except that after being trussed it is bound in a white cloth and boiled continuously for from one hour and a quarter to one and a half, according as its weight varies from six to ten pounds. It is usually dished with oyster sauce. To make oyster sauce, save all the juice in opening the oysters; cut off the beards and put them to boil in the liquor, with a bit of mace and lemon peel; put the oysters into cold water and drain them; strain the liquor; add to it the oysters just drained from the cold water, with a lump of butter rubbed in a little flour and enough milk to make the amount of sauce required. Put on the fire and let it boil a few moments stirring constantly. Serve at once. A little squeeze of lemon is an improvement.—Philadelphia Record.

All kinds of sulphured jewelry, very pretty designs, at R. E. Meyers' store. Also a nice line of musical instruments. Complete stock of watches, clocks etc.

Lane's Medicine Moves the Bowels Each Day. In order to be healthy this is necessary.

Walters' Appointments.

Sheriff-elect Walters, says the *New-Dealer*, took the official oath on Thursday and left for home. While he has not officially announced who the deputies are that will serve under him, it is no secret who the men will be. The following is the list: Chief deputy, Henry Brenner; deputies, John Dwyer, C. E. Sutton; driver of the van, A. D. Staeger; assistant, Peter Kleeman. The selection of Mr. Brenner as chief deputy is in the nature of a surprise. He had been slated, as previously mentioned, for a place, but the fact of his getting the best place will not only gratify to his friends, but it will also assure to the sheriff the services of a competent and qualified man on whom he can rely.

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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.

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

The miners' hospital at Hazleton has twenty-four patients.

Dr. Murray left on Saturday for a two weeks trip to New York and Canada.

Mrs. Slattery has been granted a pension of \$8 per month and \$69 arrearages.

W. H. Vanhorn has disposed his meat market to E. H. Dickinson, of Sandy Run.

The weather bureau reports that yesterday was the coldest Christmas since 1872.

A number of very pretty Christmas trees can be seen in several residences.

Dr. Thos. M. Powell, of the Philadelphia Medical college, is home for the holidays.

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

Patrick Ferry, of Williamstown, Dauphin county, arrived home on Saturday on a short visit.

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

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Vorsteg and daughter, May, are visiting the former's parents at Baltimore, Md.

By an explosion of dynamite in Burnside colliery, near Shamokin, Joseph Scott was terribly injured.

District Attorney Garman received a gold-headed cane as a Christmas present from the employes of his office.

Miss Mary Malloy, who has been in Philadelphia for some time past, is on a visit to her brother, James J., on Washington street.

P. P. Smith, of Scranton, was appointed by Governor Pattison on Saturday to succeed the late Judge Connolly on the Lackawanna county bench.

The Democratic poor district committee will meet at the Gilbert House, Weatherly, at 2 o'clock today, to make arrangements for the poor convention.

The tax duplicate for the special road tax has been placed in the hand of Supervisor Patrick McFadden, of the Points, and he will commence receiving payments on Wednesday.

The Eastern Free Press says the Pennsylvania Company has leased the Lehigh and Susquehanna Railroad, and that the announcement will soon be made public by both companies.

The report published in a Hazleton paper that Benj. Shelhamer intends removing to White Haven is denied by that gentleman, who says he has no intention of leaving Freeland.

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

The game season is rapidly drawing to a close, and our sportsmen are making the most of the few remaining days. After Saturday it will be unlawful to go gunning for any kind of game.

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

The fair at Eckley Catholic church opened on Saturday evening. The neat basement is filled with all kinds of goods and they make a pretty display. The pastor, Father Brehony, extends an invitation to all to call and spend a few hours at the fair.

Augustus Haas, of Bethlehem, died on Friday night of convulsions, caused by eating a large pot of sour kraut and drinking seventeen glasses of beer. After this astonishing meal he and his brothers "rushed the growler" until Haas took sick. He succumbed in great agony.

Prof. Barre 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." Sold by Dr. Schlicher.

COUGHING LEADS TO CONSUMPTION. Kemp's Balsam stops the cough at once. Subscribe for the TRIBUNE.

FOR SALE—One house, 24x34 feet; stable, 20x20 feet; lot, 25 feet front; also good will and fixtures of saloon. Michael Welsh, Five Points, Freeland.

FOR SALE—Two lots situated on east side of Washington street, between Luzerne and Carbon streets, Five Points. Apply to Patrick McFadden, Eckley, or T. A. Buckley, Freeland.

FOR SALE—A two-story frame shingle-roof dwelling house on Burton's Hill, lately occupied by Jenkin Giles; the lot is 65 feet wide 150 feet deep; it is all improved and has many fine fruit trees growing thereon. Also a lot 31x130 feet on the west side of Centre street, above Chestnut. Titles guaranteed. Apply to John D. Hayes, attorney-at-law.

CALL at florist's store for cut roses, carnations and lilies. Funeral designs put up on short notice. Palms, ferns, etc., for parlor and church decorations. Grasses, wheat sheaves, fancy baskets—a fine assortment. Evergreen wreaths and holy wreaths. Greenhouses full of plants at low rates. UNION HALL, HAZLETON.

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

Silk Handkerchiefs, } cents up.

Fine Kid Gloves. } Underwear.

Hosiery. } Fine Silk Suspenders.

All the Latest Style Hats.</