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ELECTRIC ROAD FIGHT.

THE BATTLE FOR THE RIGHT OF WAY IS GETTING HOTTER.

Charters, Applications and Yards of Legal Documents Are Presented to Freeland's Council—A Great Struggle for Possession of the Borough Streets.

That Freeland has a good thing which is wanted very much by some one else was demonstrated at a special meeting of the borough council on Friday evening, when the representatives of the two electric road companies pleaded hard for the right of way through the town. That the borough has a council which will guard well the interests of the citizens was also shown by the refusal of the members to act hastily in granting such a valuable franchise without giving the matter good consideration and placing upon the company that wins such restrictions as will be of advantage to the town.

All the members of council were present at the meeting, which was called to discuss the applications. The Union Passenger Street Railway Company presented its charter at Harrisburg on Thursday afternoon, and this was shown by D. J. McCarthy, together with the articles of association. G. E. Bedford, of Wilkes-Barre, presented the articles of association of the Hazleton and North Side Street Railway Company, the charter for which was granted September 14, 1892.

The capital stock of the Union is placed at \$18,000, and the charter provides for the building of three miles of track in Foster township and Freeland borough. The directors are H. E. Sweeney, Drifton, president; C. W. Whiteman, W. H. Jessup jr., treasurer; F. W. Bleckley, H. E. Hand, all of Scranton. Each of the above own seventy-two shares of stock.

The North Side's capital stock is \$75,000 divided into 1500 shares at \$50 each. It is to build twelve and one-half miles of track in Hazle and Foster townships, Freeland borough and Hazleton. Its incorporators are as follows, with the number of shares each have taken: Alvin Markle, president, Hazleton, 700; F. J. Ferguson, Shenandoah, 300; A. P. Bakoskie, Delano, 300; N. C. Yost, Hazleton, treasurer, 100, and C. W. Kline, Hazleton, 100.

President Doors asked the representatives of both companies if they had anything to say. Mr. Whiteman, of Scranton, stated that the parties comprising the Union were engaged in building electric railways a number of years and understood the business thoroughly. They came here in good faith to build a road and would guarantee it to be equipped as well as any road in the country. He called attention to the railway system in Cleveland, O., owned by Al. Johnson, and promised this would be as nearly similar to that as they could make it. It would be a local enterprise in every sense of the word. The plan would be here, Freeland capital could be invested in it and this town would be the centre of the system. They would begin operations as soon as the ground is soft, and would complete the line in two or three months, providing there was no delay in procuring cars, etc. The Union would also form a company to furnish electric light here.

Mr. Bedford, of Wilkes-Barre, stated that the North Side would give Freeland capital all the chance it wanted to invest. He thought they should be given the right of way, as they asked for it first. The Union's application at the last meeting was void because they had no charter back of them. They are ready to build through the borough as soon as the privilege is granted, and their sincerity is shown by the material that is on the ground now near the borough limits. They intend to build a system of twenty miles, while their opponents have only three. On this side they will make Freeland the central point, and bring the cars from our suburbs here before going to Hazleton. The North Side will give employment to more Freeland labor than the Union ever can, and the council might as well let them run through the borough as to come to the limits at Centre and South streets. They intend to build that far whether the council grants any further privilege or not, unless the Union can prevent them. Until the question of who has the right in Foster is settled Mr. Bedford thought it would be useless to grant anything to the Union, as they could not go outside the borough.

D. J. McCarthy said he did not believe in this town playing second fiddle to Hazleton while we have a company here that will work solely for Freeland's interest. He produced the right of way through Foster, signed by the supervisors on the 3d inst., granting that to H. E. Sweeney for the Union. The North Side since then obtained the supervisors' signature to a right of way petition, but no men could give away a thing twice, and as the Union has first claim in Foster they will fight it in the courts as soon as the North Side men put a pick in the ground. One of the ablest lawyers in the state, he said, guaranteed the validity of the Union's right. The material here now was brought to make an effect upon the council, as it was ordered for use in Hazleton. He said the North Side would not give us the accommodation that the Union will, but would endeavor to make Freeland a suburb of Hazleton and try to take our trade away. We have ten trains a day to Hazleton, and that is sufficient without an electric road. He asked the council to look to Freeland's interest first, as both companies were here only to make money out of the town. The Hazleton people are making lots of nice promises, but these would be easily broken if they are not put down on paper and signed.

H. E. Sweeney called the attention of the council to the fact that, notwithstanding the statements made by the North Side men at the last meeting, the Union is chartered to run on Centre and other streets, something which the other side had claimed could not be done.

TEMPERANCE MEN MEET.

QUARTERLY CONVENTION OF C. T. A. SOCIETIES HELD HERE.

Delegates Discuss the Questions of Fines, Signing Liquor License Bonds, Prohibition and Other Matters Relating to the Cause of Father Mathew Men.

The third quarterly convention of the C. T. A. societies of the fourth district was held at the hall of the Young Men's Society, Freeland, yesterday. President Costello being absent, Condy O'Donnell, of Drifton, was elected chairman. The following societies were represented: St. Ann's T. A. B., St. Ann's Cadets, St. Ann's Pioneer Corps and Young Men's, Freeland; St. Mary's T. A. B. and St. Mary's Cadets, Eckley; St. Gabriel's, Hazleton, and St. Aloysius, White Haven. Secretary E. F. Hanlon, of Freeland, read the minutes of the White Haven convention, which were approved.

The question, "Has fining a good effect upon societies?" was submitted to the convention and discussed at length by Delegate Malloy, of the Young Men's, Freeland, who was in favor of abolishing the fine. Delegate Boyle, of Hazleton, expressed himself as against the imposing of fines in cases of violation, but favored having restrictions of some kind on members.

Delegate McNeilis, of the Freeland Pioneers, stated the fine had been abolished entirely in that society and they found doing so was a benefit. Delegate Carr, of Eckley, said St. Mary's Society decided at a special meeting held to discuss the matter that the imposing of fines was a benefit to them.

"What organized efforts to join the temperance movement?" was spoken upon by Mr. Malloy, of Freeland, who believed in societies appointing committees in each village of the parish to work among the young men and induce them to join our societies. Several delegates expressed themselves in favor of different methods. M. J. Gough, of Hazleton, spoke very forcibly upon the powerful effects and the good accomplished by having lecturers appointed to keep the benefits of the cause constantly before the people. He was liberally applauded.

The next question, "Is the signing of a liquor bond a violation of the pledge?" aroused much interest, and an earnest discussion followed. National Organizer James F. Judge, of Scranton, gave it as his opinion that such an act was a violation, and quoted several authorities to support his views. Mr. Gough felt that the signing of a bond was not a violation, and that temperance men should be temperate in their views upon matters of this kind.

D. J. McCarthy, of Freeland, who was among the large audience, was requested to give his opinion on the subject. He immediately entered the controversy in a vigorous style. He thought it was a disgrace to hear the representative men of the temperance movement advocating the formation of saloons by signing their bonds. He felt that it is a violation of the pledge—a direct violation. The system of men treating one another was denounced by the speaker as nefarious and improper, and he looked upon it as something that should be strictly prohibited.

It was decided to instruct the officers of the convention to confer with the diocesan union officials in reference to procuring speakers to come to this district and expound the principles of total abstinence.

Organizer Judge's suggestion to appoint an executive board for the district was acted upon favorably. The committee is to draft a constitution, prepare work for the convention and to secure a lecturer. It has also the power to submit amendments to the diocesan union, and will be composed of the president, secretary and three delegates. A number of suggestions were offered for the committee's consideration.

"Prohibition" was a subject that received considerable attention. Messrs. Judge and McCarthy defended it in strong terms, while Delegate Corrigan, of Hazleton, took the stand for high license. The audience was given much information during this debate, and at its close at 6:25 p. m. the delegates adjourned one hour for supper.

The members of the convention were taken in charge by a committee of the Young Men and their lady friends and conducted to the large hall adjoining the society's room, where a number of tables were prepared for them. After partaking of the excellent repast set before them the delegates returned and the evening session opened.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Beaver Meadow at 10 a. m. on April 23. Jas. F. Sweeney, of Drifton, and Organizer Judge spoke on the temperance question in general for some time, after which the convention was entertained with a number of songs, recitations, etc.

The following resolutions were passed and the meeting adjourned:

Resolved, That we tender our most sincere thanks to the Young Men's T. A. B. Society, and especially the auxiliary committee of ladies in charge of the banquet, for the cordial reception and sumptuous repast accorded the delegates.

Resolved, That this resolution be placed upon the minutes and given out for publication to the press.

Died This Morning.

Charlotte, the wife of Milton Heller, died at her residence on Pine street at 7 a. m. this morning of consumption. Besides her husband she leaves three children, two girls and a boy. She was a daughter of Mrs. Jessie Sneddon, of South Hazleton. She was a sister of Mrs. Thomas Birkbeck, of Eckley, and also of John C. Sneddon, of Eckley, and Richard and William Sneddon, who are in the West.

The funeral will take place at 2 p. m. on Thursday. Services will be held at Trinity M. E. church, after which the remains will be interred at Freeland.

Auditors' Signature Not Required.

Frank P. Sharkey, Esq., the solicitor for the commissioners of Carbon county, has expressed the opinion that the facsimile of the signatures of the borough and township auditor is not required on the ballot for the spring election, says the Mauch Chunk Gazette. This opinion is not official, but he says that he would not hesitate a moment to decide it in this way if at any time he should be officially called upon for an opinion.

This will settle the matter at least as far as Carbon county is concerned, and the auditors can now proceed to place their orders with the printers for the ballots without putting the county to the expense of paying for the signatures.

There is only one place in the new ballot law in which this matter is directly referred to—the last paragraph of section 15—and it reads as follows:

"On the back of each ballot, or on the right hand side of the back, if the ballot is printed in two columns, there shall be printed as a caption, 'official ballot for' followed by the designation of the voting place for which the ballot is prepared the date of election and a facsimile of the signatures of the county commissioners of the respective counties who have caused the ballots to be printed by township or borough auditors."

That is all the law has to say on the subject. If it was the intention of the framers of the law that the signatures of the auditors should be added to the ballots for township and borough offices, how easy it would have been to add a few more words to the law. But, aside from the law, where is the necessity for the case of county commissioners who send their ballots to remote districts, a facsimile of their signatures as a guard against fraudulent ballots, but there is no room for a fraudulent ballot in townships or boroughs where the ballots pass only from the auditors to the election officers.

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Oswald sells imported Swiss and limburger cheese. This is the genuine. Call and try it.

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A Monument of Coal.

The Lehigh Valley Coal Company has received a contract from the World's fair commission for the construction of an anthracite coal monument fifty feet high, ten feet square at the base and from three to four feet at the top. It will be built in sections of sixteen feet in length and so shipped from their collieries, Nos. 3, 4 and 5, at Shenandoah, to the exposition.

In selecting the material for the monument care will be taken to cut out pieces that will present to view when they are placed in the monument all the connecting mineral that are found. In some parts the coal will be left in its raw state, while in others it will be polished and suitably inscribed.

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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 P. O. S. of A. cornet band will attend St. Ann's fair on Saturday evening.

John M. Powell, of Walnut street, is doing jury duty this week at Wilkes-Barre.

St. Ann's Pioneer Corps has closed its reading room for the remainder of the winter.

Seventeen sleighing parties made Freeland their headquarters on Friday afternoon and evening.

The executive committee of the P. O. T. A. will meet in special session at Berwick on Wednesday.

The net proceeds of the ball held by the Tigers Athletic Club last Monday evening were \$126.47.

The ball of the Fernouts Athletic Association on Friday evening will be the next at the opera house.

Owing to the average attendance falling below the required number, the borough night school has been closed.

Coxe Bros. & Co.'s collieries at Beaver Meadow, which have been idle for nearly three months, will resume shortly.

Fred Horlacher and wife will celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of their wedding this evening at Slatings-ton.

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Overcoats at Half Price.

Men's Chinchilla Ulsters, \$3.90; former price, \$8.00.

Men's good strong pantaloons, 79 cts; former price, \$1.50.

A few men's suits left at 3.90; former price, \$6.00.

Good heavy merino shirts and drawers, 31 cents each; former price, 50 cents.

Red flannel shirts and drawers, 79 cents each; former price, \$1.00.

Fine camel hair shirts, 69 cents; former price, \$1.00.

All-wool overshirts, 49 cts; former price, 75 cents.

Canton flannel shirts and drawers, 24 cents; former price, 50 cents.

Boys' woolen mits, 21 cents per pair; former price 35 cents.

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