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FROM SUBURBAN POINTS.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE OF NEIGHBORING TOWNS.

A Mutual Death Benefit Fund Organized at Highland—The Plan Adopted Not Satisfactory to All, but Better Than None—Scale Siding and Eckley News.

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HIGHLAND DOTS.

On Friday evening the workmen of this place met at the school house for the purpose of organizing a mutual death benefit fund for miners, mine workers and other employes who work in or about the Highland collieries. Two propositions were placed before the meeting. The first was: That each employe contribute one half a shift in case of accidental death while at work at the collieries here. The second: That each employe pay one dollar in case of death from accident while at work.

The latter one was adopted and a committee was appointed to confer with Mr. Markle. The plan adopted does not give entire satisfaction and the merits of the two propositions are being warmly debated throughout the works.

Investigation into the working of these funds at other collieries and in speaking to men who have debated this question, before it went into operation, leaves an impression that the one adopted is unjust to the outside employes, as all insurance funds are regulated according to the amount of danger or risk of the insured. Many reasons are given in favor of both propositions, but the former seems to have the most friends.

At Upper Lehigh and Sandy Run a fund of this kind is in operation and seems to give general satisfaction. It is said, however, that the employes of these companies were divided on the plan to be adopted and not until it was made a rule by the companies did they accept it. Either of the two plans is much better than going around with a book soliciting, and if Mr. Markle will make one of them a rule, all who are objecting, one way or the other, will find it more convenient to abide by the rule than to move.

James Oliver left here on Friday for Wilkes-Barre, where he has secured employment.

No. 2 slope had to suspend work on Friday owing to too much water. A few of the inside workings are still flooded, but will be in running order by next week if no more rain comes.

Lewis Blazing, formerly of Jeddo, but now of Philadelphia, spent Sunday in town among friends and relatives.

A Hungarian laborer was slightly injured in No. 2 slope on Friday.

Miss A. Bushon, of Freeland, spent Sunday with her parents here.

The great piles of snow which adorned our streets are gradually disappearing.

Mrs. John Harvey and her son-in-law, Samuel Jenkins, were here on Tuesday on a visit from Wanamie.

Michael Munday, of Green Mountain, moved his family to this place on Tuesday.

John and Thomas McNelis spent a few days among their numerous friends at Lansford last week.

Mrs. Thomas Dougherty is among those who are sick in this place.

It is expected the collieries will be idle here tomorrow.

A young son of Mr. Singer in some manner procured a bottle of whiskey last week and drank so much of it that it took all the medical skill in the neighborhood to save his life.

Mrs. Williams, an old and respected lady of this place, is lying dangerously ill from the effects of paralytic stroke received last week. This is the second one she has had.

SCALE SIDING TOPICS.

A farewell party was held at the residence of John Freese last week in honor of Miss Mary Simpson, who left for her home at Lansford on Monday. A large number of ladies and gentlemen were present, and a very pleasant time was had. Singing, recitations, dialogues and other amusements were indulged in until a late hour, when the guests partook of a grand supper and left for their homes, well satisfied with their evening's pleasure. Graham's orchestra rendered the music.

Miss Annie Bonner, who is spending the winter with her parents here, is engaged in painting a picture of the famous Golden Gate. The work is spoken of by parties who have seen it as one of the finest pieces of art they ever had the pleasure of viewing.

Several of our young men are becoming experts in the line of boxing and wrestling. Scale Siding may yet turn out a champion or two who will try to clip Corbett's wings.

Miss Annie Christy is home on an short vacation from Kingston.

William Aker, one of our prominent young men, has accepted a position in D. Solomon's store.

Miss Annie Kennedy is visiting friends in Hazleton.

Tax Collector Givens, of Woodside, made a business trip to this place last week.

Charles Solomon is around again after being confined to his home for a week from injuries received while cutting down a tree, which had fallen upon him.

Miss Ella Campbell was visiting in Freeland for the past few days.

The Quickstep club is arranging its team for the coming base ball season, and Manager Campbell will accept all

challenges as soon as the weather makes playing possible.

ECKLEY CLIPPINGS.

According to their annual custom the Catholic societies will celebrate St. Patrick's Day here in the following manner: The societies will meet at the basement of the church and at 8 o'clock attend mass, which will be read by Rev. Thos. Brehony. After mass they will form, headed by the drum corps of town, and parade the principal streets. Those that will take part are the St. Mary's T. A. B. Society, St. Mary's T. A. B. Cadets, Division 20, A. O. H., and St. John's Hungarian Society. In the afternoon they will go to Freeland and participate in the parade there, and in the evening a ball will be held by St. Mary's Society in No. 1 school building. The last feature of the day will be a grand one. Excellent music will be on hand, and every person attending the ball will be presented with a pretty programme. Charles Harvey has been selected as master of ceremonies and will lead the grand march, but his lady assistant is yet unknown.

Matthew Murphy, who was injured here some time ago, is recovering nicely at the miners' hospital.

Misses Mamie McGroarty, of Freeland, and Maggie Burke, of Wilkes-Barre, spent a few days in town last week.

Adam Mills is confined to his bed with an attack of diphtheria.

Mrs. James Farrell, of Freeland, spent Monday in town.

Clark Winters arrived from Canada and smiled on friends in town on Monday.

The patent boilers at No. 6 were lit again on Monday.

Thomas Heaney, of Hazleton, and Miss Ella McCauley drove to town on Sunday.

A child belonging to John Bollock died last week with diphtheria.

The addition which is being built to the No. 10 breaker is nearly completed, and its not known what day orders will be received to shut down in order to put the machinery in the new addition.

John Davis placed a handsome organ in his parlor on Monday.

John Dennison made a business trip to Hazleton on Saturday.

Miss Fannie Trimble came home to spend St. Patrick's Day with her parents.

E. M. Porter called on friends at Hazleton Saturday evening.

Joseph Smith, who was injured at No. 10 slope last week, is much improved.

Frank Sweeney, an old and respected citizen of this place, was taken suddenly ill while at work on Tuesday on No. 10 breaker and at this writing is in a poor way of recovering.

Miss Annie McHugh returned home from Philadelphia, where she resided for the past year.

Mrs. John Gallagher, of Wilkes-Barre, spent Sunday with John Heaney and wife.

William Hayes, who has been book-keeper in the company store here for the past six years, has resigned and accepted a similar position for King & Co. at Ebervale.

Mrs. James O'Donnell, who had been ill for the past week, is recovering.

Mr. and Mrs. James Moore, of Freeland, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. James McDermott on Sunday.

Once more the drum corps is heard on our street—the first time in six months.

Louis Wagner is lying sick.

Patrick O'Donnell, of Sandy Run, was a Sunday visitor here.

Miss Annie Kennedy, of Scale Siding, is on a visit to friends in town.

Tuesday was a gala day for visitors—pay day.

As soon as the good weather arrives King & Co. will open the stripping again.

B. J. Carr took in the sights at Freeland on Monday evening.

The fair at St. Mary's church will close on Saturday evening and all contests will be decided at the same time. The following are the contests that have attracted the attention of the public: For a flag, Division 20, A. O. H., and St. Mary's T. A. B. Society; a beautiful doll, Miss Jennie Trimble and Miss Maria Campbell, and a gold ring, Miss Mary Kennedy, of Silver Brook, and Miss Rose Campbell, of this place. The parties having the most money collected in each case will be awarded the prize. A number of articles will also be chance off at the fair.

MARY ANN.

Junior Mechanics Endorse Bills.

The state legislative committee of the Junior Order United American Mechanics met at Harrisburg on Tuesday. The committee is composed of Charles N. Raymond, state councillor; William T. Kerr, state vice-councillor; H. A. Heisler, junior past state councillor; H. D. Wilkin, O. K. Brightbill and Hon. H. Wells Buser.

It endorses the Farr compulsory education and free text book bills, and the Nickel bill, which prevents the employment of any but American citizens on any buildings or institutions to which state funds are appropriated. The committee has strong hopes of the bills all passing.

PLEASURE CALENDAR.

March 16—"Under a Ban," comedy-drama, at Freeland opera house. Admission 25 and 35 cents.

March 17—Ball of St. Patrick's Beneficial Society, at Freeland opera house. Admission, 50 cents.

March 17—Ball of St. Mary's T. A. B. Society, at Eckley. Admission, 50 cents.

March 17—Fair by St. John's Slavonian church congregation, in church basement, Ridge and Luzerne streets.

April 3—Ball of St. Patrick's cornet band, at Freeland opera house. Admission, 50 cents.

COUNCIL MEETING.

A Special Session Held and Routine Business Transacted.

The borough council met on Monday evening with all the members present. The bond of Treasurer Henry Smith was accepted. It is for \$10,000, and the bondsmen are H. C. Koons, Adam Sachs, Owen Fritzing and himself. The bond of Street Commissioner Frank McGettrick for \$500 was also accepted, and his bondsmen are William Johnson and himself.

The secretary was instructed to receive proposals up to April 6 for a janitor, and in conjunction with the lockup committee to prepare a contract governing the duties of the position. The lockup committee was also empowered to have a water closet placed in the Citizens' Hose Company's room for the use of the members of the fire company and council.

It was decided to pay the same rate of wages for work on the streets as last year, viz., commissioner, \$1.50 per day; laborers, \$1.25; with drivers, \$4.00. A motion that none but American citizens be employed on the streets was carried unanimously.

For borough surveyor Mr. Fritzinger preferred the name of P. M. Boyle, of Duffton, and he was elected to the position. Mr. Boyle is to appear at the next regular meeting to receive instructions regarding the surveying of the unfinished part of the sewer.

Ex-Street Commissioner Boyle's bill for work done, which was laid over at the last meeting, was taken up and ordered paid, together with the amount claimed as extra pay for laying sewers.

The secretary, however, was instructed to withhold the order until the list of sewer connections be turned over to the council.

Complaint was made that the gutter along the Dever property, on Centre between Walnut and Chestnut streets, was not kept down, and the secretary was ordered to notify Mr. Dever to have it done within the time specified by the borough ordinance.

After instructing the street commissioner to have the streets clear of all snow and ice for the parade tomorrow the council adjourned to meet on April 3, when the extension of the sewer question will be discussed.

Coal Prices Coming Down.

The price of stove and chestnut sizes of coal was reduced at a meeting of the anthracite coal sales agents held in New York on Tuesday from \$4.75 to \$4.15, a drop of 60 cents a ton. This move was unexpected, as at the meeting held last month, at which the regular spring reduction usually is made, there was no change, and it was thought no reduction would be made at this time.

Since the cold weather the railroad companies have been accumulating large stocks of coal at their yards until the demand. The circular price was stiffly maintained, although the stock at tide-water kept on increasing. As small buyers could not afford to pay an exorbitant figure they began to look for other fuel, and rather than lose the trade the reduction was made by the coal companies.

The advent of warm weather was also somewhat of a factor in the reduction of prices. Every year there is a lowering of prices in the spring. The one that agreed to is to take effect April 1. Last year the prices were lower than the reduction made on Tuesday. The prices in March, 1892, were: Stove, \$3.90; present city price, \$4.75; chestnut, \$3.65; present price, \$4.50, and other sizes in the same ratio.

It is also very likely that the reduction will effect the price of coke and the average cost of a full ton is \$3.50, a rate on all proportion to the cost of mining and delivering it.

"Under a Ban" Tonight.

"Under a Ban," it can be said, will be staged more elaborately than any play that has yet come to the opera house. The fine special scenes painted for it by the author have received the highest praise from critics who are competent judges of such work, and these, with the new drop curtain put up this week, will make the scenic portion of the drama alone worth more than the admission fee.

The company has finished its rehearsals, and the persons in the cast are familiar with their lines and have a proper conception of the characters they intend to portray. The specialties are also very good, and with the aid of Carr and Jenkins, late of Tony Pastor's New York company, the public can rest assured they will receive the worth of their money. DePierro's complete orchestra will furnish the musical portion of the programme. Following is the cast:

James Stanley.....Thomas Ashman
Percy Lester.....Chas. F. Haganey
Harry Lorraine.....Chas. F. Haganey
James Halston.....Chas. F. Haganey
Bob Hale.....James Mellon
Dennis O'Brien.....W. C. Miller
Sam White.....Calvin Connors
Mrs. Stanley.....Miss Catherine Davis
Bridget.....Miss Marie Timney
Lillian.....Miss Clara Troell

The Ball Tomorrow Evening.

The usual custom of celebrating the evening of St. Patrick's Day with a ball will be followed out this year by the St. Patrick's Beneficial Society, and the members propose to give a hearty welcome and an enjoyable evening to all who attend. The dancing music will be furnished by Gillespie's orchestra, and a neat souvenir programme, prepared especially for the occasion, will be given to every lady at the ball.

The sole objects of this society and the union with which it is connected are charity and benevolence, not only to ward its own members but to all who may be in distress or trouble, and for nineteen years these principles have been carried out and thousands of dollars have been expended in this vicinity by the society among those in need.

Its record in this respect is one that cannot be equalled by many societies,

and those who attend its ball tomorrow evening will have the satisfaction of knowing that they will receive in pleasure the full value of their money and that whatever is spent goes for a charitable purpose.

THE REDUCTION ACCEPTED.

Lehigh Valley Directors Assist the P. & E. in Cheating Its Own Stockholders.

The directors of the Lehigh Valley Railroad on Tuesday set at rest all doubts as to their relations with the Reading by accepting a proposition of the latter company to scale down the dividend from 7 to 5 per cent, and by urging its acceptance upon the stockholders. This action was taken at the regular monthly meeting of the board, when the matter was decided by the declaration of a quarterly dividend of 1 1/2 per cent, due April 1, making the annual rate 5 per cent. From their statement it will be seen that the reduction, so they say, is to last for only two years when the dividends are to be restored to the 7 per cent. agreed upon when the deal was made.

The reasons set forth by the directors for the action in assisting the Reading to buy back Lehigh Valley stockholders are given in a statement, in which they quote several honeyed and get-rich-quick promises from a new agreement supplementary to the lease of February, 1892. In this new agreement, which the Reading can change as easily as the other, it is provided that after two years the 7 per cent. dividend is to go into effect again, and if, during the two years, the earnings of the Lehigh Valley exceed 10 per cent. the Reading is to pay it the surplus earnings up to 14 per cent. Above that figure the two companies are to share the surplus equally, but it is a well-known fact that the surplus will hardly ever touch that figure.

This action of the Lehigh Valley directors may be accepted as final, and as nothing can be expected from a road that is part of the Reading system it is time that the citizens and business men of Freeland are getting to work in earnest to find out what prospects there are to bring the Central here. The receivers of the Reading and the directors of the Lehigh Valley, by the latter's methods used in cheating the latter's stockholders, have proven themselves unworthy of any respect or consideration, and Freeland should not be content to have its railroad facilities at the mercy of men whose words and agreements are so unreliable. Give them our opposition by inducing the Central to come into town.

Switching Over the Cascades.

The switchback, by means of which the Great Northern railway crosses the Cascade mountains in Washington, is a wonderful piece of engineering. When Jim Hill, the president of the Great Northern, decided to push his road from Spokane to Puget sound, he had comparatively a fair field at all points save one. At that point he was confronted by a solid mass of granite which blocked his line for about three miles. It was determined to tunnel the mountain, but as the excavation would be nearly three miles in length and take three years to complete it was decided to build a temporary road over the mountain in order to open through connection with the coast as soon as possible.

The temporary road crosses the crest of the range through Stevens pass at an elevation of 4,068 feet, and the different altitudes are reached by a system of nine switchbacks. The road at one place returns three times to within 500 feet of its former line, only a little higher up the mountain side, but it thus covers a distance of four miles in curves. It starts from Tunnel City on the east side of the mountain and runs to Stevens City on the west side. Both of these places are the points which the tunnel will connect when finished, and they are 2 1/2 miles apart, yet to reach them over the switchback a distance of 15 miles must be traversed.

There are five switchbacks on the western side of the pass and four on the eastern side, while the heaviest grade is 2 1/2 feet to the mile. The survey was begun last July, and when completed a force of 700 men were put to work and the road rapidly pushed forward. The tracks were connected Jan. 14, at which time the first train went over the road. Two freight trains a week are now being run over it, but it will not be opened for passenger traffic until April.—San Francisco Chronicle.

No More Finery Allowed.

The board of trustees of the Bloomsburg state normal school have decided that hereafter no young lady will be allowed to graduate in an elaborate and costly dress such as is often seen on graduating occasions. The board believes that many young ladies expend more money on dress than they can afford to, and that often the \$50 received from the state at graduation is used for finery.

When the decision of the trustees was announced to the students of the school it was met with round after round of applause.

A Piece of Advice to Matt.

Matt Long still continues to unbottle himself on the new coin issue. Just now he is aggrieved because Eckley B. Cox is using every effort to defeat his pet project. Mr. Long forgets that the constitution gives to Mr. Cox the same right to object that it gives Mr. Long for favoring. Both sides will do all they can for or against the new currency, and they are justified in doing so.—Newsdealer.

DEATHS.

HUGHES.—At Freeland, March 11, Morgan Hughes, aged 69 years, 4 months and 9 days. Interred on Tuesday at Slatington.

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.

"Under a Ban" at the opera house this evening.

There will be mass at St. Ann's church tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

A cooking main for a large stake will come off near Hazleton on Saturday evening.

If you want fresh candies go to Fackler's confectionery for them. "We make our own."

Go to Neuberger's on St. Patrick's Day and get one of the shamrocks they are giving away free.

B. F. Davis sells the renowned Washburn brand of flour. It exceeds everything in the market. Try it.

All persons who had licenses granted through Attorney John D. Hayes can call at his office and get them.

The Hazleton board of health has issued an order that all the school children of that city must be vaccinated.

I will have twenty head of good Ohio horses at the Central hotel on March 22, which will be sold to the highest bidder. M. Schwabe.

The accounts of the Miners' Bank of Summit Hill, which failed over twenty years ago, were settled up at Mauch Chunk on Tuesday.

Rev. E. M. Chilcoat is attending the annual conference of the Central Pennsylvania Methodist Episcopal church at Bellefonte this week.

The Foster auditors have been at work this week upon the accounts of the township officers, and the audit will be completed in a short time.

It is reported that Alex. Petrie, a former proprietor of the Valley hotel here, died at Patterson, N. J., on Monday. He was 50 years of age.

A steam pipe burst at No. 2 boiler house, Duffton, yesterday, and a Hungarian named John Adams was severely scalded. He was taken to Hazleton hospital.

The condition of John D. Hayes, Esq., becomes more encouraging every day. He is now considered out of danger and will soon recover, unless another relapse should set in.

All members of Loyal Castle, No. 77, Knights of the Mystic Chain, are notified to attend the meeting at their hall on Saturday at 7 p. m. Very important business will be discussed.

B. F. Dille, a former prominent resident of the upper part of this county, and who was placed in New York state prison at Auburn a few weeks ago, died in that institution on Tuesday.

The St. Patrick's cornet band will leave this evening for Beaver Meadow, and will play for the St. Aloysius T. A. B. Society of that place in the parades at Beaver Meadow and Hazleton tomorrow morning.

Charles Dickenson, of Hazleton, who has ably filled the position of baggage master on the Lehigh Valley, has been promoted to conductor. His train runs through here between Wilkes-Barre and Hazleton.

Francis Brennan, of the Points, yesterday completed the work of drying his cellar, which contained five feet and four inches of water after the thaw of last week. Two handpumps were used at the work.

A. K. Burger denies the report circulated through town that he has ceased taking contracts for buildings, etc. He is still in the business and would be pleased to give estimates upon any kind of work in his line.

Richard Edwards, a well-known engineer for the Kingston Coal Company, and Mrs. Thos. Jones, of Edwardsville, with her two children, left on Friday night in each other's company, and nothing has been heard of them since.

C. B. Rosengrant, roadmaster of the L. & S. division of the Jersey Central Railroad, dropped dead at his home in Wilkes-Barre on Monday. He had eaten a hearty dinner and appeared in the best of health. A few minutes after he fell to the floor and was dead before medical assistance arrived. Heart disease was the cause.

The electric railway war for the right of way through Foster township between the Union and Hazleton companies commenced in earnest yesterday, when arguments were heard upon the injunction by Judge Woodward. It is expected that an appeal will be made to the state supreme court how no matter how it is decided in Luzerne county court.

The proprietor of a Philadelphia shoe factory, which employs over 100 hands, is desirous of locating at Freeland, providing sufficient inducements are made. It is an old-established firm and has a good trade with shoe dealers. An effort is being made to have the proprietor come here some day next week when a meeting of the citizens will be held to discuss the matter.

FOR SALE.—New Marion safe for sale cheap. C. O. Strub.

FOR RENT OR SALE.—A store and dwelling on Front street; dwelling contains eight rooms. For terms apply to Mrs. Evans, Front street.

FOR SALE.—A horse, truck wagon and buckboard; also one heavy and one light set of harness. Apply to John J. Gallagher, Five Points, Freeland.

FOR RENT.—The saloon and dwelling house owned by Mrs. James Cartwright, on the South Hoberton road. The house is licensed. Possession to be given on April 1. For further information and terms apply to Mrs. James Cartwright, on the premises.

Great Closing Out Sale of Winter Goods.

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.

Same Reduction on all Winter Goods.

Fine Tailoring Our Specialty.

Suits to order, \$13.00 up.

Pants to order, \$4.00 up.

Jacobs & Barasch, 37 Centre Street, Freeland.

GREAT BARGAINS IN Dry Goods, Groceries, Provisions,

Notions, Boots and Shoes, Wood and Willowware, Table and Floor Oil Cloth, Rag Carpet, Flour and Feed, Tin and Queensware, Tobacco, Cigars, Etc., Etc.

A celebrated brand of XX flour always in stock.

Fresh Roll Butter and Fresh Eggs a Specialty.

My motto is small profits and quick sales. I always have fresh goods and am turning my stock every month. Therefore every article is guaranteed.

AMANDUS OSWALD, Northwest Corner Centre and Front Streets, Freeland.

A. W. WASHBURN, Builder of Light and Heavy Wagons. REPAIRING OF EVERY DESCRIPTION. PINE AND JOHNSON STS., FREELAND.

FREELAND OPERA HOUSE.

Thursday, March 16.

FIRST APPEARANCE of W. C. Miller's GRAND SCENIC PLAY,

"Under a Ban," with a MONSTER AMOUNT OF BEAUTIFUL SPECIAL SCENERY, painted by the author, insuring a perfect scenic interpretation.

SCENES: The great prison exterior. The realistic asylum interior. Monster ship scene. Immense stair and pantry scenes.

SPECIAL ENGAGEMENT of Carl & Jenkins, the celebrated GUITAR SOLOISTS and sketch team (late of Tony Pastor's).

Admission, - - - 25 Cents. Reserved Seats, - 35 Cents. Reserved Seats at Evans' cigar store.

JOHN D. HAYES,

Attorney-at-Law and Notary Public.

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

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