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FROM SUBURBAN POINTS.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE OF NEIGHBORING TOWNS.

Highland Wants Better Streets Through the Town—A Few New County Paragraphs on Drifton, and a Freeland Special on the Same Subject.

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.

HIGHLAND DOTS.

We always take pride in speaking of this place and its residents and it gives us pleasure to note the needed improvements on the houses that are being made at present, but when we compare our streets with those of other towns we're not in it. The large piles of ashes or heaps of coal near the gate are safe land-marks for many to find their homes on a dark night, while others know the house by a few slabs standing on their ends which was at one time meant for a fence. If the company would only give a little attention to this when the houses are finished, and give us streets as good as in other villages, we would have the pleasure of living in the finest town in the region.

Mrs. Michael Murrin is slowly recovering from a severe illness.

James Kendrick removed his family from here to Rock Glen last week.

Frank Winters, who was severely injured by being caught between cars on the railroad at this place about a month ago, was discharged from the hospital on Monday.

Michael Munday removed his family on Tuesday to Freeland, where he has secured a position.

Edw. Fisher has a young son lying very sick for several days past.

Mrs. Williams is still lying very low and unless a change for the better comes she cannot last many days longer.

A. E. Seitz and wife spent Sunday at Sandy Sun among friends.

Charles Brease and wife, of Hazleton, were here on Sunday among friends.

John McGill returned to Bloomsburg on Monday to resume his studies.

Mrs. Thomas Jones is on the sick list this week.

If the weather continues to improve preparations will soon be made to work the stripping again. Some of the necessary machinery has already arrived, and the material with which the rest is done is always at hand.

The benefit fund movement is on a standstill on account of Mr. Markle's absence. It is said he will not return for several weeks yet.

George Harvey moved his family from South Heberton to this place on Monday.

The tramps who alight here from the passing trains for the past week are of the kind we do not recall. They are the toughest looking specimens we have seen during the winter, and are badly in need of a little water and soap with a suit of clothes thrown in.

Subscribers can procure their papers at 1 p. m. every Monday and Thursday at the office at No. 1 breaker. Those living here who are now on the Freeland and Jeddo lists will be changed to Highland after today, unless they prefer to get their mail at the former place. In the latter case they will please notify the **TRIBUNE** to make no change.

DRIFTON ITEMS.

The admirers of the new county scheme in this locality are very much pleased at the progress which is being made with the bill in the legislature. The usual amount of talk and bluster which accompanies this good feeling, as is generally the case in moments of pleasure, is conspicuously absent, and it is claimed that on account of certain conditions having been imposed upon those who favor the scheme, it is not wise to comment on the question, and that silence is considered a jewel.

In other words, it is said, the gag has applied so effectively that the stoutest hearts quail at the thoughts of removing it. To be consigned to martyrdom in this manner, with as much intelligence as the average man possesses and in a free country, is not a very pleasant thing to behold.

But we always had several martyrs for some cause or other, and when the whole truth was found out some were only suffering for some fancied grievance, not for the public's sake, for we have but few of that description in this town. Even under the coercion act, as some term it, the question is occasionally debated in a cautious manner, but before it reaches the real point, the foundation of its whole structure—the West Hazleton Land Company's boom to sell lots—it is side tracked. However, should the new county ever become a reality, the clamor for office that will go up from the martyrs of Drifton will be loud, loud and terrible.

The collieries here stopped at noon yesterday owing to a scarcity of railroad cars. It is reported that there will be no more work here this week after today.

Yesterday was pay day here and the majority of our people are smiling.

John Collins is lying very sick at his residence in No. 2.

Miss May Probst, who has been in New York city for several months, is at home spending a few days with her parents.

Virginia Yannes, a miner in No. 1 slope, was slightly injured last week by coal falling on him.

I was reported last night that John L. Davis, a former resident of Drifton, but who has been living at Plymouth for some time past, died at the latter

place on Tuesday. The remains will be interred at Jeunesville tomorrow afternoon.

Frank Brogan, of Beaver Meadow, spent a few hours in town last week. Frank Probst resigned his position at the office to accept another on the D. S. & S.

ECKLEY CLIPPINGS.

The residents of town received quite a shock on Sunday evening about 9:30 o'clock. A number of poles residing on Main street, it is said, procured a stick of dynamite powder and placed it in an empty beer keg. It was then touched off, and the keg was blown to pieces and a part of it went through one of the neighbor's window sashes, completely destroying it. If such a thing was to happen one of these people the report of the explosion would not be gone before they would be knocking at one of the bosses' doors demanding an investigation. But of course when they are the instigators of any depredation nothing is heard of it from headquarters—first they are the people nowadays and must be handled with care.

Miss Bridget Maloney is circulating among Weatherly friends.

John Heeney and Mrs. Patrick and Conday McDermott left on Monday for Troy, N. Y., to attend the funeral of their sister, who died there on Saturday.

John Campbell attended the funeral of the late James Duffly at Hazleton on Monday.

It is rumored that a fair will be opened at the Presbyterian church in the near future.

Thomas Boles is on the sick list for the past week.

John Null will remove his household effects to Reading on Saturday.

Miss Annie McHugh spent the forepart of the week among Silver Brook friends.

John, the youngest son of Frank McHugh, is lying seriously ill.

Everything is arranged for a social hop on Easter Monday—only waiting for the night to come.

Eight more of our favorites arrived in town with their baggage on Friday, accompanied by one female.

Michael Gallagher is on a visit to New York friends.

Miss Bridget Carey, of Freeland, is visiting relatives here.

Patrick Gibbons, of Lattimer, spent Sunday in town.

Misses Annie and Carrie Trimble spent Sunday among Freeland friends.

James Gibbons resumed work on Monday after an illness of two weeks.

Barney Morris was injured at No. 10 slope last week while in the act of barling down coal.

Dennis McHugh, of Blackwood, spent Sunday here with his brother Michael.

Rev. Father Brehony was unable to read mass on Sunday, owing to illness.

Mrs. Mary Howey, of Hazleton, is visiting the Aubrey family.

The young ladies of Big Bug Run had quite a time Monday evening at a carpet rag party.

A FEW STRAIGHT FACTS.

FREELAND, March 29, 1893.
EDITOR **TRIBUNE**.—While not claiming that the "new county" is properly an issue, yet I would like to enter my protest against the assumption of a writer in the *Plain Speaker* to the effect "that the people of the North Side are in favor of such legislation." I venture the prediction that not one citizen in twenty on this side see any virtue in the proposed scheme. And as far as increased taxes are concerned, no sane man can deny that the burden will be enormously increased. The stupidity of the man who would claim that the increased burden will be only for a short period—a few years for instance—is only equalled by his ignorance of law, lawyers, schemers and office-holders.

It is a matter of record that within the proposed limits of the "new county" the list of cases to claim the attention of a court is wonderfully small—only fourteen cases coming from this territory during 1892. Does this show the "absolute necessity" of a court in Hazleton and an army of court officials to fatten and feed at the public crib?

The claim that the courts of old Luzerne are pressed and crowded with cases for trial is used only among people who know little of court proceedings. The machinery of justice in this county is more than equal to the demand that is being made, as witnessed the greater part of the past year, when the courts adjourned on different occasions for lack of work to perform.

To claim that Freeland or the surrounding towns will be benefited by Hazleton's prosperity is to display the densest kind of ignorance; and to make the further claim that the difference in expense of travel, witness fees, etc., would be a saving to our people is the essence of imbecility, pure and simple.

How many hundreds are there in this locality who have never been to Wilkes-Barre in a matter of law? How many men are there here who from early youth to ripe old age have had any legal business with courts, lawyers or jails? It is a truth that only needs mention to become apparent to the dullest brain that more than nine-tenths of our people have no business with courts of law and no interest in them beyond their share of the debt they carry. And it is notorious that the wider the distance between the courts and the people the better the people live and the less they become entangled in legal strife.

Further, the bringing of a court to Hazleton and a legal body to dispense the law (not always justice) will be the means of creating work for these officials and the result will be far from encouraging. Mr. Editor, the miners and others who now feel the grasp of the tax-gatherer will be sadly pinched when the real estate speculators of Hazleton succeed in fastening the "new county" on us, if they ever should.

The breaker is one of the largest and

SEVEN INSTEAD OF SIX.

Luzerne Will Gain a Representative If the Apportionment Bill Is Passed.

The census of 1890 entitled Luzerne to an additional legislative district and this will be given it if the bill now before the legislature is passed. The districts are arranged as follows:

First—City of Wilkes-Barre.
Second—Dallas, Exeter, Forty Fort, Luzerne, New Columbus, Shickshinny, West Pittston, Wyoming and Dallas boroughs, and Exeter, Franklin, Fairmount, Hunlock, Huntington, Jackson, Kingston, Lake, Lehman, Ross and Union townships.

Third—Dorrancton, Kingston, Edwardsville and Plymouth boroughs and Plymouth township.

Fourth—Freeland borough, Hazleton city, Jeddo borough, West Hazleton borough and Foster and Hazle townships.

Fifth—Avoca, Hughestown, Ladin, Pittston and Yatesville boroughs, and Pittston, Jenkins and Marcy townships.

Sixth—Laurel Run, Miners' Mills, Parsons, Plains and White Haven boroughs, and Bear Creek, Black Creek, Buck, Butler, Denison, Dorrancton, Fairview, Nescopeck, Plains, Salem, Sugarloaf, Wilkes-Barre and Wright townships.

Seventh—Ashley, Nanticoke and Sugar Notch boroughs, and Conynham, Hanover, Hollenback, Newport and Slocum townships.

In the new apportionment it will be seen that the first and fourth districts are unchanged. All the others are cut down or enlarged according to whatever way it will best serve the purposes of the Republican party. The sixth, especially, is the finest specimen of gerrymandering that could be made. Commencing by the Susquehanna river at Plains township, twelve or fifteen miles above Wilkes-Barre, the boundary line goes southeast until it reaches the Lackawanna line, then south along the Monroe and Carbon lines. After taking in White Haven it passes through the Oley valley, along the northern boundary of the fourth district, and around into Butler. It takes in Sugarloaf and Bear Creek, runs along the Schuylkill and Columbia county lines and crosses the Susquehanna again at Nescopeck, then up into the wilds of Salem township.

By following the boundaries of the new sixth district on a Luzerne county map the injustice of this apportionment can be seen at a glance. It touches six different counties and also each of the six other districts in this county.

Four Mining Institutes.

The house committee on appropriations will soon begin reporting on the bill to appropriate \$100,000 for the erection of four mining institutes in the anthracite regions to impart elementary mining instruction to men about the mines.

Freeland has an institute of this description already started in the act of being placed on the agenda of the legislature to erect one of the buildings here. There is no better location in the anthracite coal fields than Freeland for a state mining institute, and should the bill be reported favorably the people of town can depend upon Representative Jeffrey to present Freeland's claims in a proper light.

Death of Mr. Boyle.

A few minutes after 5 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon Bridget, the wife of James K. Boyle, died at her residence on Centre street. She had been ill for the past few months, and on Monday an operation was performed in the hopes of relieving her, but she gradually became worse and expired at the above time. Mrs. Boyle leaves a husband and three small children.

She was a daughter of John Brennan, of the Points, and a sister of Mrs. Daniel Boyle, Mrs. Thomas Elliott and Miss Kate Brennan, of Freeland, and James, John, Joseph and Bernard Brennan, of Wilkes-Barre. The funeral will take place tomorrow at 2 o'clock, interment at St. Ann's cemetery.

Getting Down to Work.

A number of the persons interested in the movement to start a factory on Tuesday evening met at Zeman's hall on Tuesday evening, and a temporary organization was effected by the election of D. J. McCarthy as chairman and John R. Wagner as secretary. After several suggestions had been made it was thought that about the best factory that could be started now would be one to manufacture overalls, and a subscription list was opened. The shares will be sold at \$25 each, and the capital stock will be decided upon later. Another meeting will be held on Tuesday evening at the same place.

Sold by Dr. Schieher.

That old established cheap remedy, Downs' Elixir, still more than holds its own in the public estimation, despite sharp and active competition. It is a "home remedy," and in this locality there is no word of protest from us, so well and favorably known it is.

It is the standard remedy for coughs, colds and all throat troubles, with great numbers of our people, and their continued use and unsolicited recommendation, it speaks volumes in its favor.—*Burlington, Vt., Free Press, January 26, 1882.*

Found With a Broken Leg.

Gus Brozinski, of Sandy Run, was found yesterday morning in one of the collieries at that place suffering with a broken leg and other injuries. He was employed on the night shift, and went to work on Tuesday evening, but failed to return. A search was instituted and he was found lying on the ground unable to move. He was taken to Hazleton hospital yesterday.

Scout in Town.

Dr. Murray on Tuesday reported to Dr. McKnight, secretary of the board of health, that he had located a case of scarlet fever in a house on Chestnut street. The health officer was notified and placed a card on the door, which was torn down by the woman of the house. Another was put up last night, and steps taken to warn the public.

PLEASURE CALENDAR.

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

April 21—First annual ball of Division 20, A. O. H., of Eckley, at Freeland opera house. Admission, 50 cents.

COUGHING LEADS TO CONSUMPTION.

Kemp's Balsam stops the cough at once.

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

best equipped in the coal region, and the greater part of the costly machinery was considerably damaged. It is thought it will require at least a month or more to place it in running order again. The officials of the company are unable to discover the origin of the fire.

A PITSTON MURDER.

One Man Strikes Another With an Iron Bar and Causes His Death.

James Gilmartin, a resident of Pittston, received a wound from the hands of James McLaughlin on Sunday, which has proved fatal. The injury was a deep gash inflicted on his head, crushing the skull. The dispute between McLaughlin and Gilmartin took place in the former's restaurant. John Gowney, who accompanied Gilmartin, went out with him to the street, when the latter was struck with a heavy piece of iron by McLaughlin. After his injury was dressed he walked to his home with his companion. At first it was supposed the injury was not bad, but on examination it was discovered that the skull was fractured and part of it was removed.

McLaughlin was arrested on Monday and entered bail to the amount of \$2,000. Gilmartin died Monday evening a little after 8 o'clock. McLaughlin was re-arrested and taken before Squire Lyons. Charles Gilmartin, brother of deceased, was sworn and said that James Gilmartin had died from injuries inflicted by McLaughlin. Gowney was also sworn and said he was along with deceased when McLaughlin struck him with the iron. A complaint was made out for McLaughlin and the chief of police of Pittston took him to Wilkes-Barre.

McLaughlin had nothing to say during the hearing. He claims that Gilmartin and Gowney were in his saloon drinking on Saturday night and raised a rumpus of some kind; that he put them out shortly after midnight and they attempted to break down his side door to get in; that he opened the door a little ways, took the bar of iron in his hand and struck at them; that he struck one of the two; thought it was on the hands and was not aware that he had struck him on the head until next day.

Gilmartin leaves a wife and four children. He was aged 35 years and is said to have been always agreeable, full of fun and had a good word for all. He was a member of the National Guard and several other societies.

Coxe Bros.' Suit Revived.

Another hearing took place at Philadelphia on Tuesday in United States District Attorney Ingham's office in the case of Coxe Bros. & Co. against the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company. Our readers will remember that about three years ago Coxe Bros. complained to the Interstate Commerce Commission that the company was discriminating against them in their charges for carrying coal. The commission made an order against the railroad company regarding the prices, but it could not be enforced. The matter was taken to the circuit court, which heard argument in the dispute and referred the matter to Henry P. Brown to hear the testimony and report to the court. At Tuesday's hearing counsel for the commission offered in evidence the records of the case and the finding of the commission and rested. A two weeks' adjournment was then taken.

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The Elm Park Methodist Episcopal church at Soranton was destroyed by fire on Monday night. It is supposed to be of incendiary origin, as this is the second time it has been burned down. The loss is over \$100,000.

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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.

A number of raffles are booked for next month.

Book beer made its annual appearance in town this week.

Stephen H. Liebensberger, a well-known Hazletonian, died on Monday, aged 54 years.

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

The Easter services at nearly all the churches of town will be conducted in an elaborate manner.

Very little progress is being made against the fire that is raging in the Honey Brook colliery.

"Orange Blossom," the common-sense female remedy, is sold and recommended by all druggists.

The directors of the poor district will meet at Laurytown on Saturday and organize for the ensuing year.

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

Joseph Burshonky, an Austrian of Luzerne borough, blew out his brains on Monday because his health was poor.

Jacobs & Barasch have a handsome stock of goods to select from. If you intend getting a spring suit give them a call.

"Under a Ban" will be played at White Haven on Friday evening, April 21, and at Freeland again the following evening.

The schools will be closed and a majority of the collieries of this section will be idle tomorrow, on account of Good Friday being a legal holiday.

The Hazleton and North Side Electric Railway Company has decided to take its case regarding the right of way in Foster township to the supreme court.

County Treasurer John S. McGroarty and wife left Wilkes-Barre on Monday on a visit to California, where the latter's mother, Mrs. M. L. Lubrecht, now resides.

The Knights of Malta entertainment on Tuesday evening was well attended, and the members and their friends enjoyed a good programme of songs, addresses and music.

John Cannon, of Shickshinny, has removed to this place. He was employed at Mocaqua colliery near that town and was thrown out of work by the recent burning of the breaker.

On account of several of the members attending the mechanical school on Monday evenings the meetings of the C. Y. M. Literary Institute have been changed to Thursday evenings.

Rev. John V. Davis, of Wilkes-Barre, will hold services in the Welsh Baptist church, Fern street, on Sunday. Preaching in Welsh at 2 p. m. and in English at 6 p. m. All are cordially invited.

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