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ST. JOHN'S DEDICATED.

SLAVONIANS PARADE AND MAKE A FINE SHOWING.

Assisted by several priests Bishop O'Hara consecrated the edifice to the worship of God—something about the new church and its pastor.

The sun shone brightly yesterday morning and seemed to offer a cordial welcome to the hundreds of excursionists who came to town to take part in the ceremonies of dedication at St. John's Slavonian Roman Catholic church. At 10 o'clock, the hour appointed for the exercises to begin, the building was crowded to the doors. After the sprinkling of the outer walls with holy water by Bishop O'Hara, accompanied by a number of priests, the altar and interior portions were blessed while the litany was being chanted. Then followed a solemn high mass, Rev. Ignatius Jaskovitz being the celebrant; Rev. Edw. O'Reilly, of St. Ann's, deacon; Rev. Jos. Mazotas, of St. Kasimer's, sub-deacon, and Rev. T. J. Quinlan as incense bearer.

When the mass was concluded the bishop preached an instructive and instructive sermon, which was listened to attentively by the large audience.

At 1 o'clock the visiting societies formed in line and were soon joined by the Catholic organizations of town. The parade was formed in the order given in Thursday's issue and went over the principal streets. The different societies made a very good showing and with an abundance of music the parade was considered a fine one in every way.

ABOUT THE CHURCH.

The church presents a very handsome appearance both outside and inside. Its dimensions are 40x75 feet, and it was erected at a cost of \$5,000. Of this amount over \$4,000 had been paid off before the ceremonies began yesterday. The building has a seating capacity of 500, and is situated on a lot 75x125 feet, which was donated to the congregation by Cox Bros. & Co.

The movement to erect the edifice was commenced in March, 1892, by John Shigo, Sr., Andrew Hamara, John Hudak and Andrew Hudak. Upon the death of the first-named last September his son, John Shigo, Jr., took his place, and assisted by other members of the committee and St. John's Slavonian Society, the work of procuring funds, etc., was continued unceasingly, and in a very short while the small debt yet upon the church will be paid.

The altar arrived here on Saturday from Mauch Chunk, where it was made, and was immediately placed in position. This, with the interior decorations and a bell which has been ordered, cost a little over \$1,000.

The corner-stone was laid by Bishop O'Hara on Sunday, September 25, 1892, just nine months before the date of dedication.

THE PASTOR.

The Plymouth Star of Thursday last had the following to say of the priest who has been appointed pastor: Rev. I. Jaskovitz, for some time past pastor of St. Stephen's Hungarian Catholic church, has gone to Freeland, where a church has been assigned him by Bishop O'Hara. Father Jaskovitz is a courteous and amiable gentleman, who won the respect of all with whom he came in contact, and it is to be hoped that he will find in Freeland that rest and peace which he was unable to secure among his turbulent parishioners in Plymouth. He is succeeded here by Rev. Joseph Kossalko, the first pastor of St. Stephen's.

BRIEF ITEMS.

"Sizzard" is a new word coined by the New York World last week. It means a hot spell.

The statement of the borough school board, published in another column, shows that it is in a good financial condition.

Thomas McHugh, of Foundryville, one of Foster's school directors, announces himself as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for county controller.

The fakirs who followed the circus caught a number of the "smart" people of town on Thursday, and some World's fair trips have been postponed indefinitely.

The bill increasing salaries of officials in Luzerne and all counties having over 150,000 population has been vetoed by the governor on account of it having too many discrepancies.

A concert for the benefit of David Harris, who had three fingers taken off in the planing mill a few weeks ago, will be given by the P. O. S. of A. band at the opera house Saturday evening.

To Erect a Monument.

The following committee has been appointed by Maj. C. B. Cox Post, G. A. R., to solicit subscriptions for a soldiers' monument which the post intends to erect here: H. C. Grossell, Timothy Boyle, George Cutler, John Wagner, Albert Shive, Wm. Kishbaugh, A. W. Washburn, Steve Drasher, Sandy Allen, David Kloss and Conrad Hoch.

The site selected for the monument is in Freeland cemetery, a very suitable place in some respects, but a number of people are of the opinion that it should be erected in a more conspicuous position. A more central location would add greatly to the appearance of the town and the monument could be shown to visitors with much less inconvenience. Some of the business men of town have suggested the Public Park as the best place, and if placed there contributions would probably be more liberal.

Arrested for Perjury.

John Martiszuis, who had the borough police force arrested recently, had a hearing before Squire Johnson on Friday on the charge of perjury, preferred by Officer McLaughlin. Martiszuis swore at the hearing in Hazleton that this officer was present during the trial of the 10th inst., and as the officer had evidence to prove he was home at the time, he brought the above charge against Martiszuis.

The squire placed the defendant under \$500 bail to appear at court.

Laundryman Robbed.

Ying Lee, the Chinese laundryman of town, was robbed on Thursday afternoon of \$50 and a valuable revolver. He was engaged at his work in the front part of the house at the time, and it is supposed the thieves took advantage of the rear door, which was open. The money was secured by breaking open a large trunk in Ying's bedroom. He has no idea who committed the robbery, as he did not see any suspicious persons around the neighborhood.

Branch Store at Weatherly.

J. Barasch, of the clothing firm of Jacobs & Barasch, of Freeland, was in Weatherly on Tuesday and made arrangements to open a branch store in town. He has rented the store room recently occupied by Gerhard's music store and will occupy same by July 15. Mr. Barasch was accompanied by his mother and is favorably impressed with the town.—Herald.

Great Lutheran Mass Meeting.

Sunday, August 13, will be a notable day for the Lutheran denominations in the Lehigh valley. On that day every Lutheran church from Mauch Chunk to Easton will be closed, and their congregations gathered in a grand mass meeting in Rittersville Park, there to listen to addresses on home and foreign missions and education by some of the most eminent speakers in the Lutheran church.

PERSONALITIES.

Ed. Faas and Al Danbert, who are taking in the sights of Philadelphia, were at the Gloucester races on Friday, and the former is \$50 richer through his good judgment in picking a winning horse.

A Stahl left here today for Hazleton, where he will take charge of the Lebanon Brewing Company's interests at that place.

Julius Dusheck and Andrew Shigo, students at St. Francis' college, Loretto, Pa., returned home on Friday.

Daniel Herron and Neil Dugan, of Villa Nova college, are enjoying a vacation at their homes here.

William Herzberg, of the Columbian Trading Co., left this morning for New York City to purchase a new stock of goods.

Mrs. B. Grimes made a business trip to Allentown on Saturday.

Misses Mame McDonald and Bridget Timony, of St. Cecilia's academy, Scranton, are at home on vacation.

Rodger and Patrick McMonigal, of Seguin, Texas, are visiting friends here. They arrived from the World's fair.

BUSINESS BRIEFS.

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FIVE MEN MEET DEATH.

TERRIBLE EXPLOSION OF GAS AT NO. 1 SHAFT, NANTICOKE.

An Open Door Changes the Air Current, Causing Gas to Accumulate—Injured Men Rescued from Suffocation With Great Difficulty by Their Fellows.

Five miners were killed and three injured by a terrific explosion of gas in the No. 1 shaft of the Susquehanna Coal Company at Nanticoke on Thursday evening. The dead are:

John Smith, miner, aged 34, married, wife and five children.
Frank Benick, doortender, 14 years.
William Schultz, laborer, aged 23.
George Barre, unknown Poland, aged about 21.

Abe Walker, aged 33, miner, married, wife and three children.
The injured are:
John Gwent, driver boy, burned about head and arms, seriously.
John Meigsable, miner, burned on head and breast.
Frank Giewieski, laborer, badly burned on head.

The explosion was terrific and swept everything before it; the tracks for some distance were torn up and the iron twisted into every imaginable shape. Huge props were blown about like straws. Cars loaded with coal were carried down the gangway like paper bags, tearing down props and timbering, and in the midst of the general devastation the eight unfortunate men were hurled about, crushed, torn and burned by the fierce force and torrid flame of the explosion.

The blast was heard throughout the mine and the men in the other workings, not knowing the extent of the accident, made a rush for the main shaft and were drawn up the 900 feet to the surface as quickly as the powerful engines could hoist them. At the top of the shaft, out of danger, order was soon restored, and the hardy workers who, a few minutes before had rushed from their breasts, volunteered as rescuers and were formed into relief parties of ten each.

TO THE RESCUE.

Under the direction of Inside Superintendent Morgan they re-entered the mine and very slowly and carefully, taking every precaution to guard against another explosion, they proceeded toward the scene of the accident. The effects of the explosion were confined to the lower gangway and the rescuing party had little trouble in reaching it. Here, however, they met with a great difficulty. After damp in large quantities had gathered and its suffocating fumes were gradually rising to the other workings.

Superintendent Morgan realized that if any of the men in the gangway were still alive they must be rescued at once or they would be suffocated. Calling for volunteers he headed four of them and, extinguishing their safety lamps, they made a gallant dash into the black and devastated gangway shouting at the same time.

One or two faint cries answered their calls and they heroically forced their way over piles of broken cars, torn-up track, loosened pillars, fallen rock and coal until the injured men were reached. But the rescuers were so weakened by their hard work and the foul air that they had not strength to return with their burdens and for a time it looked as if all were doomed, until one of the men found a sheltering spot and here, brushing out the suffocating after damp with their coats, they managed to obtain good air, and were somewhat revived.

FIGHTING THE AFTERDAMP.

Then they gradually worked their way back to the upper gangways, safely carrying the three injured men upon their shoulders. So dense was the afterdamp that every few yards they were obliged to stop and fight it with their coats to obtain air, and when they finally reached their waiting comrades they were completely exhausted.

They, with the injured, were carried to the surface, where physicians were waiting, and the men revived. The others of the rescuing party then made dashes into the gas, groping around on their hands and knees for the dead bodies. The work was most dangerous and several of the volunteers were overcome and had to be taken to the surface. One by one the bodies were found and brought out until all had been recovered.

ONE SURVIVOR'S STORY.

John Meigsable, one of the least severely injured, was able to talk. He said he was working in a breast near the face of the gangway when the explosion occurred. He did not know what caused it, but supposed one of the five dead men, who were working some distance further in, ignited the gas with his naked lamp. He did not know how the gas collected, but said he believed one of the doors was left open and the air current changed. The injured will recover.

Grand Army Impostor.

A man named C. M. Sigreaves, claiming to be a member of Easton Post, G. A. R., and representing that he is connected with the Philadelphia Journal of Commerce, has been published as a swindler. He is not a member of the post named.

He recently went to business men at Danville and on the strength of his G. A. R. association asked for a loan of money for a few hours until a draft, which he expected from his paper, would arrive. He was refused. He afterwards cheated the hotel landlord out of a meal and whiskey.

The G. A. R. Post of Danville desires that these facts be made known.

Rebuilding Its Breaker.

The Midvalley Coal Company has decided to rebuild its breaker at Wilburton, which was destroyed by fire on the 17th inst., without delay. Men are already at work removing the debris and it is expected that many of the eight hundred men and boys thrown out of employment will find work around the new breaker a good portion of the summer.

The new breaker will be a model of its kind in size and equipments, but even though the work of rebuilding is pushed forward as rapidly as possible, it will require many long months before the majority of the employees will be able to find employment there.

Satisfied the People.

Main's circus gave two very satisfactory performances here on Thursday, and both were well attended. The threatening weather in the evening deterred many from going, yet the large tent was filled far beyond the expectations of the management, and Mr. Main thanked the people heartily for the welcome they have given him every time he showed here and promised that Freeland would see them again next season.

The show throughout is first-class, and it seemed to satisfy the people in every respect. The many new and sensational features were loudly applauded.

Damage Done by a Storm.

A heavy cloudburst occurred between Wilkes-barre and Pittston on Thursday evening and the railroad tracks were washed out at several points. At Pittston for one hour the rain poured down in torrents. The streets were flooded in the lower part of the town to the depth of three feet. So heavy was the flood and so fierce the blasts of rain and wind that pedestrians could not make their way from one house to another. In the midst of the downpour three houses were struck by lightning and the fire department was called. One house was destroyed and the other two saved. No one was injured.

Hon. William Mutchler Dead.

Hon. William Mutchler, of Easton, representative of the eighth congressional district, died suddenly of heart disease on Friday morning. He was 61 years of age, and for thirty-five years past took an active part in state and national politics. He was elected to congress six times on the Democratic ticket. He became ill about three weeks ago while fishing in Pike county. He leaves a wife and one son.

Look the White Veil.

Misses Mary Boyle, daughter of Hugh Boyle, of Ridge street, and Miss Alice Houston, of Drifton, received the white veil at St. Joseph's convent in Hazleton this morning. The ceremonies began at 7 o'clock and were conducted under charge of Bishop O'Hara. The young ladies entered the Sisterhood eight months ago, and have just recently finished their novitiate.

List of Patents.

Among the patents granted to Pennsylvania inventors last week, reported by C. A. Snow & Co., Washington, D. C., were the following:

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FROM SUBURBAN POINTS.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE OF NEIGHBORING TOWNS.

Bright Correspondents Write Up All the Happenings of Their Towns—News, Personals, Accidents, Etc., of Freeland's Suburbs Will be Found Below.

Special and regular correspondence from the surrounding towns is solicited by the TRIBUNE. Communications or items intended for publication must be accompanied by the name of the writer.

DRIFTON ITEMS.

Hugh Collum, who resides on the South Side, drove to town on Sunday a week ago to spend the day among relatives and friends. Hugh became missing in the evening and in the morning the horse was found tied to a post in the upper part of town. As no one seemed to care how long the poor animal suffered in the heat, and without food or water, one of our residents, through pity for the poor beast, took it to the company stable where it was cared for until a liveryman from Hazleton put in appearance and claimed it. When the liveryman went home he sent a constable in search of Collum, who was found and arrested in Freeland on Thursday. The constable took him to Hazleton where he was given a hearing before Squire Schutter, and as he would neither pay nor give bail he was locked up.

Harvey Hoffman and Miss Mary Sweeney, both graduates of Kutztown normal school, came home on Friday. Miss Sweeney has been appointed a teacher at No. 1 school, Hazle township. It is likely that Mr. Hoffman will receive an appointment from Foster township directors.

Frank Higgins and Miss Hannah Thomas will be married at St. Ann's church on Wednesday.

Arrangements are being completed by which the collieries of Evans & Co., of Beaver Meadow, will come under the control of Cox Bros. & Co.

H. E. Sweeney has gone on a trip to the World's fair.

Miss Maggie Carr, who was attending West Chester normal school, is home on a vacation.

Misses Hannah and Sallie Gallagher, of Philadelphia, are here on a visit.

The Fearnots will hold their next picnic on August 18 at Drifton ball park.

The Fearnots would like to hear from the Solar Tips and Laurel Hill clubs of Hazleton.

Miss Nellie Hinsel is spending a few days among White Haven friends.

Another trip of new D. S. & S. gondola cars arrived here from the shops on Friday evening.

Bernard J. O'Donnell, one of Drifton's students at Villa Nova college, received the degree of Bachelor of Science at the commencement exercises of that institution last week. Bernard and his brother Rodger, who is also a student there, are now enjoying a vacation at home.

JEDDO NEWS.

Louis Ammerman, slate truck helper at No. 5 Pinkash breaker, was injured Thursday evening by falling over the trestling. The truck was being pulled toward the breaker empty and in some unaccountable manner jumped the track. The sudden jerk of the truck threw Ammerman off, and he fell several feet to the ground. His face and hands were cut and his right knee was badly gashed. The mule and the truck also went over the trestling, and the mule was instantly killed by falling on the end of the truck. Jim Albertina, the driver of the mule, felt a premonition of danger, but as everything seemed all right, he did nothing further than getting off, with the intention of walking in, and just alighted when the accident occurred.

A serious accident happened Friday morning at the same breaker to Eddie Simms, a son of West Simms, of Jeddo. Young Simms was a slate picker and went up the chute towards the screen to push the coal. He lost his balance, and fell through an opening to another part of the breaker below, a distance of twenty-four feet. He landed heavily on his face and chest downwards on a solid plank floor. His jaw bone was broken, and he was severely injured internally. The locie house and other structures which were burned at the stripping have been rebuilt.

Miss Mame Burns is home from Philadelphia visiting her parents.

John Coll, of New Buckmountain, was among the visitors here last week.

Daniel J. Quinn, of Jersey City, N. J., and Miss Bridget Bralin, of Hazleton, were married at the latter place on Thursday. Both were former residents of this place, and are very favorably known. Their many friends and ac-

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