

## PICKED UP BY THE WAY.

THINGS SEEN AND HEARD IN THE TOWN AND VICINITY.

Matters of a Local Nature Commented Upon and Placed Before the Readers of the "Tribune" in Large Letters—Some Paragraphs May Interest You.

I heard there were a few county politicians in town this week and I went out to look for them, hoping I could find among them another prophet who would be kind enough to air his predictions as to the result on the 22d inst. at Wilkes-Barre. Fortune, however, did favor me that day and I failed to secure anything in the political line on the trip, but I met a man who was very much interested in school matters, or rather school reports, and he asked me if "I saw it?" Before I could gather myself together sufficiently to ask him what he was talking about he drew from his inside pocket a Freeland paper dated the latter part of July, and, pointing to the Foster school district annual report, wanted me to go over it and see if I could discover any errors.

I begged of him to excuse me from tasks of that kind. Figures are not to my taste (unless I am examining the right-hand side of my bank book) and after a superficial glance at the cause of his excitement told him I thought it O. K., as it was signed by two of the township auditors and they ought to know. "Well it is not O. K.," he said. "Somebody has blundered, and I am one who wants to know the reason for this," placing his finger on the treasurer's account. "You just add up that creditor column and you will find a difference of \$270, of which I can see no account."

Seeing no other way to get rid of my figure friend I consented to add up the portion he referred to, and true enough there seems to be a mistake somewhere. The total corresponds with the amount received by the treasurer, yet when the expenses are added up it appears to be \$17,185.40, instead of \$17,455.40, which the report gives. I concluded that the auditors or printers or some one who had occasion to handle the report neglected to insert an expense item of that amount, and ventured to remark that the error was due from that cause. "That might be," replied my companion, "but there are other parts that are not clear to me, and I am not the only person who would like to see a better report from the auditors. Here is something which"

I left him about as rapidly as I could back away, waving him a polite adieu, for really I thought he would spring another column of figures on me. I had not proceeded a block when I walked up against another school man, and this fellow acted as though he also had something troubling him. He enticed me to the shady side of the street and placed me in a position from which I could not slip away from him and started on a subject and soon had me interested. By asking him an occasional question I kept him going until I learned the whole account—up to date—of the borough school appointments.

At the meeting when the selections were made the board voted for the teachers of the different schools by secret ballot. This, several people alleged, was contrary to the school laws, and while only a few made any objections to the fortunate candidates for schools, the majority of the people seemed to think the directors ought to have voted openly. So far this is not news to TRIBUNE readers, but I am now informed that one of the members of the board at the last meeting objected to the minutes of the previous session on account of this method of selecting teachers. My informant tells me that a letter from County Superintendent Harrison was read there by another member, and the superintendent stated that the appointments are perfectly legal.

Failing to understand how the school laws could be construed by Mr. Harrison to allow him to give this opinion Director Welsh wrote to State Superintendent Schaffer for further information on the subject. A reply from Deputy

Superintendent Stewart, who answered the query in the absence of his chief, tells him that appointments must be made by ballot and the vote of each member recorded on the minutes. He gives the section and chapter of the school laws governing this matter, and it is the same part as the people who objected to the directors voting secretly based their claim of illegal appointments upon.

The school board is certainly composed of men of intelligence and it is not probable that they are standing by their work of July 5 without good grounds to support their secret ballots, but it is not very easy for common folks to understand their way of doing business when all other boards of the state are compelled to follow the school laws. If for no other purpose but to make certain that the appointments are legal the board should bestir itself and look the case up. In justice to the teachers who will commence their term on Monday the directors ought to see about it. Should the appointments be illegal objections could be raised against paying the teachers' salaries, and there is no telling but what such objections may bob up. I am making these things public so that the directors can get themselves righted ere it is too late, thereby avoiding future annoyances to the board and the teachers. If they will take a bit of friendly advice they should give their reasons for making the selections in the manner they did or else have a reappointment by open ballot and end all controversy.

That genial and popular coal region graduate, Bill Estelle, of Newark, N. J., was in town Monday afternoon and made brief calls upon several of his former friends. His time was limited and he did not have an opportunity to give much information upon the subjects in which he has interested himself the past few years. He is heart and soul in the tariff reform movement and is constantly at work advocating this doctrine. Like many of his co-workers throughout the country he is pushing tariff reform (which is now understood by everybody to mean free trade) as the advance guard of something still more important and greater—the single tax theory. As a writer and a speaker upon economic questions Estelle has earned his way to a seat with the best in the nation, and in joint debate during and since the campaign has felt the force of his invincible arguments. He is now in the employ of the New York Reform Club. Bill has a warm spot in his heart for Freeland, for it was here where the light of Georgism first dawned upon him and made him an active and earnest disciple of the single tax. SAUNTERER.

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### DEATHS.

Eckrote.—At Upper Lehigh, August 6, Emory, son of Peter and Sarah Eckrote, aged 4 days. Interred on Tuesday afternoon at Freeland cemetery.

Sweeney.—At Oneida, August 7, Elizabeth, daughter of Ralph and Bridget Sweeney, formerly of Highland, aged 4 years and 5 months. Interred yesterday at Hazleton.

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### LONG MEMORIES.

A Pair of Characteristic Stories of French Diplomats.

Some characteristic stories of French diplomats are told by Baronne d'Oberkirch in her "Memoires."

When Prince Stahrenberg was Austrian ambassador to France, the Duc de Choiseul was French minister of foreign affairs. Stahrenberg made a call of ceremony upon the minister, who made him wait so long that he became impatient, and had his name announced a second time. Then he was asked to wait a moment longer.

He was indignant, and threatened to complain to the king. When he was introduced into De Choiseul's presence he cried:

"Monsieur, for an hour you have kept waiting in an anteroom the ambassador of his majesty, the emperor, my master. Is this in accordance with some new political fancy? How shall I take this veiled insult? Were you busy?"

"I confess," said De Choiseul, smiling calmly, "that I was not particularly busy. I was finding the key to a rebuff. But I was, in my treatment of you, showing respect to the customs of the court of Vienna. There, under circumstances similar to these, Prince Kaunitz made me wait more than an hour in his anteroom. I thought I could not do better than to imitate him."

The prince thought this reply so witty that he could not help laughing and telling the story to all of his friends, and this was no doubt the most polite way to accept the situation.

About the time of the American revolution the French commander, De La Motte-Piquet, met, as he left Quibron bay, two American vessels which saluted him. He replied, according to ministerial instructions, with nine salutes of cannon, an honor to which the ships of the American republic were entitled.

The English ambassador immediately asked an explanation of the French minister, De Vergennes.

De Vergennes replied good-naturedly and as if he hardly given the matter a thought:

"Perhaps it was the echo of the salute that you gave to a Corsican warship when the king, my master, regarded Corsica as a rebel, as your ruler very well knew."

### OVER THE CROW'S NEST.

Big Waves Encountered by Ocean Steamships.

The daily papers recorded the facts that the steamship Majestic, on a recent eastern trip, caught a sea that demolished her crew's nest lookout, and that the Teuton, which caught the same gale coming west, had one sea which combed over the crew's nest and carried away her forward port lifeboat as it went over the rail, says the Marine Journal. But none of the daily papers took the trouble to mention just how the crew's nest on these ships is situated, and consequently how high that sea was. Inquiry discovered that while in men-of-war and many other ships the custom is to have the crew's nest in the foretop or a trifle above, the White Star ships have it at an altitude of twenty-five feet above the main deck on the foremast, reached by an iron ladder from the forward hurricane deck.

In such a ship as the Majestic or Teutonic the height of the main deck at the foregigging is about forty feet above the level of the sea, which would make the height of the wave that carried away the crew's nest in this instance about seventy feet. This is a pretty big roller for the North Atlantic, but in other parts of the ocean such waves are often encountered in a storm. Supposing the ship to have been in the trough of the sea at the time this wave swept her, the mean height of the wave might be calculated as not greater than forty feet, but it was certainly a body of water nearly seventy feet high from where the ship floated.

### A WONDERFUL PLANT.

The Beautiful Snow Plant of the Western Mountains.

The most remarkable plant found growing in the United States is that fragile and paradoxical wonder, the "snow plant" of the Sierra Nevada mountains. It is known to the botanist as *Sarcodes sanguinea*, meaning "bloody or blooded flesh." Nothing in the plant line was ever more exquisitely beautiful than this rosy, snow-tinted botanical oddity, which has been likened to a crowned hyacinth.

It grows to a height of from eight to twenty inches, each separate bract, sepal and miniature bell being frosted delicately as though done by the ice king himself. Although the whole translucent spike is flushed with rose and carmine, the petals are the richest and most brilliant parts of the flower, which is five-parted, each open bell plainly disclosing the little frosted stamens and pistils.

Floriculturists of the Pacific slope have made many unsuccessful attempts to cultivate the new plant, the bulbs being too brittle to stand transplanting and the seeds refusing to grow. Botanists once gave it as their opinion that the plant would not survive below the line of perpetual snow, but this idea has lately been proven erroneous. One thing is certain, however, it makes its early growth while covered with many feet of snow, blooming as soon as the icy covering is penetrated.

### Supernatural Antidotes.

Most ancient kings and noblemen relied, to some extent, at least, on supernatural and magical means to protect themselves against poison. One kept a peacock always near him, because that bird ruffled up its feathers when any kind of poison was brought near, another had a cup and plate set with opals because this gem was supposed to turn pale when touched with poison; another a rhinoceros horn, which caused poisonous liquids to effervesce. One wore a ring as a charm, another a bracelet, a third an amulet.

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Subject to the decision of the Democratic county convention.

FOR COUNTY TREASURER—  
W. MURRAY ALEXANDER,  
of Hanover Township.  
Subject to the decision of the Democratic county convention.

ECKLEY CLIPPINGS.  
A party was held at the residence of Archie Carpenter on Tuesday evening, the occasion being the sixteenth birthday of his daughter, Miss Ruth. A good time was had by all who had the pleasure of attending. Games of all kinds were played and elegant refreshments were served. Among those who were present were: Misses Rebecca Aubrey, Annie Hoffman, Alice Mochamer, Kate and Stella Smith, Lizzie Hoffman, Fannie Gallagher, Annie and Fannie Trimble, Kate Ryan, Ida Kester, Rose Campbell, Clara Bierly, Messrs. Stanley and Ellwood Ricker, Harry Allen, Wm. Werbaugh, John James, Herbert Treibel, Wm. Aubrey, Henry and John Hill and Herbert Bierly.

Miss Alice Mochamer, who has been visiting in town for the past few weeks, returned to her home at Lattimer yesterday.

Harry Sheilhamer has purchased a new bicycle.

Miss Mary Brady has returned to her home at Audenried.

Miss Ida Raught, of Sandy Run, is visiting friends in town.

J. H. Curry, of Hazleton, was among the Sunday visitors here.

Miss Kate Wyatt has gone to Mahanoy City on an extended visit.

Miss Mary J. Gillespie, of Freeland, is calling on her numerous friends and relatives.

Harry Mochamer had the misfortune to fracture one of his fingers while playing on Monday evening.

D. S. S. & S.  
Roan Scale Clerks defeated the Shepton ball club in a five-inning game at Shepton on Saturday afternoon.

Score, Clerks, 6; Shepton, 4. Batteries, Hill and Dipple, while McGill and Sweeney occupied the points for the home club.

The features of the game was the fine work of both batteries and the playing of James at short and Brown at third.

HIGHLAND DOTS.  
Rev. Benner, of Freeland, called on friends here on Sunday.

Patrick Carr spent Saturday among friends at Oneida.

William Rhodes, of Hazleton, was here on Sunday.

Charles Watkins, of Beaver Meadow, called here this week.

Thos. Jones made a trip to Duryea friends last week.

The literary club began its fall meetings last evening and intends to continue them throughout the winter.

The public schools opened on Monday.

The berry-picking element of town are casting their eyes about for the blackberries now.

John McCann has commenced work again after being idle owing to injuries in the mines.

The tariff and silver questions are the principal subjects of debate among our young men in the evenings now. Some of these boys will find themselves in congress if they are not careful.

John McMenamin moved his family to No. 5 Pinkash on Tuesday.

We had some of the politicians of the upper end of the county here this week.

Chas. Schaffer took in the sights at Shepton on Saturday.

William Stecker, of Allentown, called on friends here on Tuesday.

Thomas Mulligan, of Pleasant Hill, made a visit to the town on Tuesday afternoon.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria.

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