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FROM SUBURBAN POINTS.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE OF NEIGHBORING TOWNS.

Correspondents from Three Lively Towns Send the News from Their Localities. Nothing of Importance Missed in Highland, Eckley and Upper Lehigh.

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HIGHLAND DOTS.

If the advocates of abolishing the company stores were to make a tour of the many mining towns in this region at present it would be a difficult matter for them to convince the people that their doctrine is the essence of truth. In fact, with the mines working less than three days a week, as they have been doing at this place for the last three months, any person who would come here and say harsh things of the company store would be apt to get mobbed. At present it is the pet of nine-tenths of our residents.

James Sherry has left here to accept a position at Hazleton.

Although the cards are not out another marriage by two of our young people is set down for the near future.

Hugh Gallagher has been down with sickness for two weeks past.

Mrs. Thomas J. Boyle presented her husband with a baby girl on Saturday.

Card playing is the chief pastime among the people here since the slack time set in. It is only in the shape of amusement.

George Harvey is laid up this week with a severe attack of sickness.

James McNelis, of Freeland, has accepted a position as pumpman at No. 2 slope.

Andrew Metosh moved his family to Freeland this week.

Chas. McGill and Theo. Wackley are about again after a brief illness.

Patrick Sharp began work as a fireman at No. 1 colliery last week.

Thos. J. Boyle made a business trip to Hazleton on Saturday.

Martin Broderick, of Sandy Run, was in town with friends on Sunday evening.

Your scribe here is accused of being too liberal with his pen in the interest of other papers. This is not true, as the TRIBUNE is the only one we push the pen for, and, while errors may creep in, our aim is to do justice to all.

From the great interest many of our young men take in what congress is doing, we believe they have a bee-hive somewhere under their hats. To be successful politicians they should begin in the township. It's the stepping-stone to greater things. Try it boys.

ECKLEY CLIPPINGS.

The four aspirants in town for political honors are doing all in their power to make their election a sure thing. The candidates are competent men and no doubt will honorably and respectfully fill the positions if elected.

Curtailment in every branch of labor is being pushed. Mechanics and outside employes are laid off on idle days now.

Miss Elma Streeter, of White Haven, is visiting relatives in town.

Freas Swank and William Berryman, of Lattimer, spent a few hours in town on Tuesday evening.

Rev. Mr. Ireland, who has been very sick for the past few weeks, is now able to be about again.

Everybody is taking advantage of the good sleighing and several parties are being made up to go to Ed Henry's and White Haven if the snow holds out.

Night school is being very well attended.

Mine Foreman William Aubrey is now able to be about after a severe spell of illness.

Miss Maggie Himes, of Wilkes-Barre, is calling on her many friends in town.

Walter Richards, of Stockton, spent a few hours in town on Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Thomas Tully, of Freeland, is visiting her parents here.

Services will be held in the Episcopal church this afternoon at 4 o'clock by Rev. T. W. Drifton.

On account of the dull times, the store force has been reduced.

A son of John Barrin, living on Shanty street, was bitten by a dog this week.

Bernard Crouse, who has been dangerously ill, is now on a fair way to recover.

Miss Clara Bierly has returned home after spending a week with friends at Weatherly.

A sleighing party from Lattimer arrived in town on Tuesday evening and

stopped at Mrs. Machamer's, where they had a pleasant time singing and playing various games. At midnight all partook of a good supper and left for their homes at 2 o'clock, well pleased with their trip.

Dr. Weiser has gone to Philadelphia for a week's vacation. Dr. Geo. Wentz, Jr., of Drifton, is attending his calls.

UPPER LEHIGH NOTES.

The work at the collieries here will be suspended this evening for the balance of the week, and it is said that one or two days will be the limit for next week. This way of working is not relished by our people, but they are not going around pulling their hair out about it. It is our boast that we have sensible people here, more so than in many towns, and their good sense is shown in this respect. We often worked two and three days a week before with wages much lower than at present and we can do the same again.

The members of the Christian Endeavor Society gave a grand supper at the Presbyterian church on Saturday evening. This is a popular organization here and the young people should be given credit for the good work they are doing and also encouraged in it.

Several of our young men were somewhat disappointed at not having a "go" with the fellow who was impersonating Cal McCarthy, the pugilist, at Freeland opera house on Saturday evening.

There was quite an exciting shooting match at clay pigeons here last week. The interested parties were John Lesser and James Reed, against Griffith Jones. The match was for the cost of the pigeons. Fifty were shot at and Jones broke 27, Lesser and Reed 17.

No interest is being taken in politics worth mentioning at this place, although several candidates from other parts of the township were here this week looking up their chances.

P. B. Ferry made a trip to Hazleton on business and pleasure yesterday.

The young people of this place were in large numbers at the ball of DePierro's orchestra in Freeland on Monday night.

Edward Shaffer is visiting at the residence of his father-in-law, David Klose.

Miss Cassie Murrin, of South Heberton, and Miss Sarah Gallagher, of Jersey City, were visiting relatives here this week.

Miss Ella McCarron, of Hazleton, was in town visiting her friend, Miss Hannah Ferry, this week. She returned home yesterday.

The "Sons of Rest," who have spent most of the winter at the water tank, have taken up new quarters in a shanty near No. 3 slope. Several depredations have been committed lately upon chicken coops and clothes lines, but there is no proof that these men do them.

Matthew Murphy Dead.

Matthew Murphy, who has been an inmate of the Hazleton hospital for nearly a year, died at that institution at 3 o'clock this morning. His condition for the past week has been very serious, and his death was not unexpected by his relatives. The remains arrived here today and were taken to the residence of his father-in-law, Michael Dinnion, on Ridge street. The funeral will take place on Saturday morning at 9.30 o'clock. A solemn requiem mass will be held at St. Ann's church at 10 o'clock and the interment will be made at St. Ann's cemetery.

Mr. Murphy was hurt in the mines at Eckley about 8 o'clock on the evening of February 8, 1893, one year ago tonight. He was standing in the gangway when a loaded coal car came rushing along and struck him. His backbone was dislocated and he was cut severely about the body and injured internally. A short time afterwards he was taken to Hazleton hospital, where every possible aid was given him, and his friends and relatives saw that he had the best of care and attention. At times he improved and hopes would be entertained for his complete recovery, then a relapse would occur and cause him much suffering.

The deceased resided at Eckley at the time of the accident, but was known throughout the region as a gentleman who had the respect and esteem of all with whom he became acquainted. He was 34 years of age, and leaves a wife and four children. His family removed from Eckley last summer to Ridge street, where they now reside.

Coal Company's Generosity.

The Lehigh Valley Coal Company on Tuesday distributed funds among the ten widows and many orphans of the miners killed last July in the York Farm colliery, near Pottsville. To each widow was given \$150 for a year and to each child was given \$52. No suits for damages had been brought and the company's action was purely gratuitous.

COUNCIL MEETING.

Report of the Work Done by the Members on Monday Evening.

The members of the borough council met in regular session on Monday evening. Those present were Messrs. Williamson, Moore, McLaughlin, Fritzing and Rutter. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, and the following bills ordered paid: Penna. G. G. L. Co. \$42.25; Condy Boyle, janitor. 12.00; Condy Boyle, feeding prisoners. 1.00; M. Halpin, repairs on hose carriage. 2.00. A bill for \$2.50 was presented by John Burton for removing ashes from alley. It was laid over until the next meeting. The street commissioner's report was read, showing an expenditure on the streets for January of \$24.62. It was ordered paid.

The treasurer's report for October, November, December and January was read, showing the receipts to be \$975.98; expenditures, \$1022.88; leaving a balance due the treasurer of \$46.90.

Dr. E. W. Rutter, of the committee appointed to procure iron crossing plates, reported that the committee had found that iron plates would cost from two to three cents per pound and that they had ordered stone instead of iron. A car of stone is now lying at the Lehigh Valley depot, and the cost was 12 cents per square foot.

The report was accepted and the committee instructed to have the stones placed where they are needed, and to write and hold back the balance until the weather is suitable to lay them.

The widening of Johnson street was taken up and after a thorough discussion it was decided to notify all parties owning property on that street to meet the council in the council room at 4 o'clock on Saturday, February 24, to talk over the matter and make some arrangements to open the street so as to conform to the borough laws. The burgess was instructed to try and collect all accounts due the borough from parties for sidewalks, repairs, etc.

Slate Bank Burning.

The slate bank near the site of the old Woodside breaker, west of town, which has been burning for the past two weeks, is now doomed to destruction unless something is done soon to prevent the spread of the flames. The fire, it is said, was caused by some Italians who live near the bank. They were engaged in picking coal one cold day last month and built a fire to keep warm. The coal ignited and has been burning rapidly since, and the headway made by the fire in such a short time is remarkable.

The bank, which is owned by the Cross Creek Coal Company, is a very large one, and has for years supplied a number of poor families in town with coal. Nothing has yet been done by the company to extinguish the flames, and the place has already become the headquarters for tramps, who find a warm bed over the burning coals. This, however, is a dangerous place to lie, and one of the Knights of the Road, who was sleeping on the bank, had a narrow escape yesterday from being cremated by the flames which had burned their way to the surface under him. He was awakened just in time to avoid the blaze that surrounded him.

It is said that the company will not make any effort to save the bank, although it contains a large percentage of coal. The fumes of the fire are becoming disagreeable to the residents of town.

Machinists Refuse Piece Work.

A proposed change in wages at the Central Railroad of New Jersey machine shops in Ashley which was announced on Tuesday morning at once caused trouble. Heretofore the men employed at stripping engines were paid by the day, but in accordance with the change they are to be paid by the piece. By the former method the cost of stripping an engine was \$30, but by the new one established the stripping gang will receive but \$12.

The change was not approved by the men, and when the first engine to be stripped arrived in the shops the men refused to touch it, and at quitting time they had not changed their determination. The men are all members of the International Union of Mechanics, and according to the rules of the organization the members are not permitted to work by the piece.

Arrested for Robbing Cars.

For more than two years past freight cars on the Lehigh Valley Railroad have been broken into and merchandise stolen. The railroad company put a number of extra detectives at work, but the thieves succeeded in escaping detection until Tuesday, when Detective O'Brien arrested Theodore Knore at Bear Creek.

Knore's house at White Haven was searched and a large amount of stolen goods found. In default of bail he was committed to jail. Other arrests are expected to follow.

WHALEN WAS DUPED.

A Quick-Witted Italian Gets Away from the County Detective.

County Detective Whalen was deluded by a very cunning ruse on Tuesday night by which an Italian murderer escaped arrest by sacrificing his brother to the law in his stead. About a month ago, William Resa, then living in Pittston at the boarding house of Ferdinand Ingruth, had the keeper of the house arrested on the charge of stealing some money from his trunk. Ingruth was held under bail for a trial at court. He was innocent of the charge, and claimed it was instituted because Resa owed him a large board bill and hoped that by bringing suit against him, Ingruth would be frightened into settling.

After his release Ingruth went to New York and quietly made some investigations which resulted in the discovery that Resa was wanted by the authorities of that city for killing a fellow countryman in a brawl. Returning to Pittston, Ingruth communicated with the Italian consul at Philadelphia and told him where Resa was.

The consul advised the New York authorities of the matter and they placed the case in the hands of County Detective Whalen. He went to Pittston with the warrant, and after some investigation found where Resa lived. He was not home, but the woman pointed to two men coming down the street and Whalen hurried to meet them and asked: "Which of you is William Resa?" William pointed to his brother.

Whalen at once produced handcuffs and before the frightened Italian realized what was happening the irons were about his wrists and took him to jail. It was found next morning that the prisoner was Joseph Resa, brother of the murderer, who had arrived in this country two weeks ago and cannot speak a word of English. He was released and a search instituted for William, but he had departed.

Queer Predicament of a Youngster.

From the Plain Speaker. Coal and Iron Policeman Weisinger, while traveling along South Pine street on Monday, was attracted by the moans of a boy who was leaning against an old iron lamp post. When he reached the boy he found him fast to the post with his tongue and was afraid to pull away lest he should lose that member. He was suffering very much, but the policeman with the assistance of another person, hurriedly got some warm water and soon they liberated the boy, but some flesh from the tongue still adhered to the post.

The boy, whose name is Harry Yoder, is a pupil in one of the public schools of the city, and the teacher one day last week lectured the children on cruelty to animals. She spoke of how some cruel teamsters went to the stables in the morning and put the frosty bit of the bridle in the mouths of the horses and every time this was done the beasts suffered terribly, as the cold bit adhered to their tongues. This thing worked on the mind of young Harry, and he thought when he came to an iron lamp post which glistened with frost particles that he would convince himself regarding the tongue-sticking business, and he did with the result just stated.

Hugh O'Donnell in Hard Straits.

Hugh O'Donnell, the leader of the strike at Homestead two years ago, called at Harrisburg on Tuesday to renew his acquaintance with General Greeland. O'Donnell seems to have grown twenty years older since the memorable strike. His hair and moustache are prematurely gray and his general appearance indicates the truthfulness of his assertion, that he is in hard straits.

He says he has not worked for over a year and is anxious to get to Philadelphia where he hopes to secure employment. An attaché of the department supplied him with funds sufficient to meet his necessary expenses until he sees General Greeland on his return from a visit to Clarion.

Lehigh Presbytery Meets.

The presbytery of Lehigh convened at Shenandoah in special session on Tuesday under the supervision of Moderator J. E. Lynn, of Pottsville. Rev. T. M. Morrison was received from the presbytery of Chester and Rev. J. L. Rushbridge from the presbytery of Philadelphia. The calls of Rev. Morrison to Shenandoah and Rev. Rushbridge to Pen Argyl were accepted and confirmed. It was also decided to establish an Italian mission at Hazleton.

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BRIEF ITEMS OF NEWS.

LOCAL JOTTINGS GATHERED FROM VARIOUS SOURCES.

Little Ones of Interest About People You Know and Things You Wish to Hear About—What the Folks of This Vicinity Are Doing.

Sheriff William Walters did business in town yesterday.

Condy O. Boyle, of the Points, is recovering from a severe attack of the grip.

There are 1,800 veterans in Luzerne county drawing pensions from the government.

A meeting of District Camp No. 4, P. O. S. of A., will be held at Sandy Run on the 20th inst.

Miss Clara Troell has returned from Philadelphia, where she resided the past five months.

Two large sleigh loads of business men and their wives enjoyed a drive to Hazleton on Tuesday evening.

The side tracks of the Jersey Central Railroad are blocked with loaded coal cars from Mauch Chunk to tidewater.

The Mayberry band is making preparations for its annual fair, which will open at the opera house on the 19th inst.

A large catamount was shot by Hugh Malloy on Monday near Mt. Yeager. This is the third of its kind shot by Mr. Malloy this winter.

The Ladies' Aid Society of St. John's Reformed church will hold an anniversary in the hall above Oswald's store on Saturday evening.

No further information has been obtained by the parents of the Brotherton boy, who disappeared suddenly from Ashley three weeks ago.

Among the deeds recorded at Wilkes-Barre on Tuesday was one for the property of George Chestnut, on Centre street, to Ellen Harris, for \$2,000.

Thomas Hughes was instantly killed in the mines at Edwardsville, this county, on Monday. He leaves a wife and six children in destitute circumstances.

The report that the wages of the Lehigh Valley strikers who failed to get their work again had been stopped by the brotherhood is denied by the union's officials.

Rev. H. A. I. Benner, pastor of St. John's Reformed church, took part in the services at the reopening of the West Hazleton German Lutheran church on Sunday.

Peter Stegner, aged 85 years, died at his residence in Seybertsville on Tuesday. He was one of the first residents of that town, having come there over sixty years ago from Germany.

Frank Bonner, the famous short stop, who made such a great record with the Wilkes-Barre club last year and will play there again next season, was married on Tuesday, to a young lady of Edwardsville, Miss Winnifred Quinn.

The ball of DePierro's orchestra on Monday evening was a very pleasant affair and all present enjoyed themselves. The grand march was led by Frank DePierro and wife, and was participated in by eighty-four couples.

President Myers and Secretary Diddlebock, of the State League, are at Hazleton today trying to induce capitalists of that city to organize a base ball club for their league. Opinion there is divided upon the question, as many would prefer a coal region association to the State League.

Dr. Pace, of Wyalusing, this county, and Mrs. Albert Seibel, of Wilkes-Barre, eloped on Saturday night and no trace of them has yet been found. Pace bears a bad reputation, and his wife was recently divorced from him on account of his cruelty. He is thirty years old, six years younger than Mrs. Seibel. The woman left a husband and young daughter behind.

Killed on the Railroad.

Shortly after 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon the west bound passenger train leaving here at 4.55 struck and killed a man between Jedd and Foundryville. The train cut off both legs and crushed him into a shapeless mass. He was identified later on as an Austrian named Michael Rucinski, 34 years of age and married.

PLEASURE CALENDAR.

February 19 to March 3.—Fair of Mayberry band, at Freeland opera house, March 16.—Annual ball of St. Patrick's Beneficial Society, at Freeland opera house. Admission, 50 cents.

Old newspapers for sale.

FOUND.—Between Freeland and Drifton, February 7, a small buffalo robe. Owner can recover same at the TRIBUNE office.

LOST.—A ladies' coat and hat on Saturday evening, January 20, at the opera house. Finder will please return them to John Shigo, Five Points.

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