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LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE OF NEIGHBORING TOWNS.

A Highland Cow Meets With a Peculiar Mishap, and Its Rescue is Accomplished After Much Labor—A Few Bright Notes from Upper Lehigh.

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HIGHLAND DOTS.

On Tuesday of last week a cow owned by Thomas Brown, of this place, met with a peculiar mishap. The animal was on its way to a small pond of water near No. 1 breaker where the cattle are accustomed to drink, when the ground suddenly gave away underneath and the cow was lost to sight in an instant. As the beast did not come home a search was commenced the next day and was continued until Saturday, when the cavern was discovered and the cow found in it more dead than alive. An examination of the mine hole proved it to be the top of a breast pitching about 45 degrees, but on account of it being considered dangerous and liable to cave-in, a battery was put in near the face of it some time ago to prevent the gangway from being blocked below. Against this battery the cow was lodged in a standing position unable to move for four days and after being taken out and removed to the stable she fell exhausted. Yesterday the cow was in pretty good condition again and will be all right in about a week.

Work at No. 3 stripping is continued steadily, and while the work on the coal has not commenced yet, a vast amount of clay is being removed daily.

Edward Fisher removed his family and household effects to Fern Glen on Tuesday.

A young daughter arrived at the residence of Michael Murrin last week, and mother and child are doing well.

Several small brush fires were visible on the hillside north of town on Monday night.

Work at the mines is very slack here and it seems as if the vacation is to continue for some time.

The literary society of this place is only an organization in name now. An attempt was made last week to sell the furniture and fixtures of the society, but the absence of buyers prevented the sale. Dissension among the members is the cause of its downfall.

UPPER LEHIGH NOTES.

An Arabian woman, who resides in the vicinity of Hazleton, and who comes to this section every month with a large stock of wares peddling, became exhausted while returning from this place to Freeland on Monday evening, and was found lying in a helpless condition on the roadside. One of the Freeland delivery wagons passing that way picked her up and reaching Freeland she went to her home by train.

A social was given on Monday night in honor of Miss Ellen Jones at her father's residence. A number of young people were present and had a very pleasant time.

John Mulligan is able to be around again after a few days illness.

Saturday is the day set apart for the employes to receive their pay. On this occasion a day sooner would put a different phase on matters. Will it occur?

James Boyle is laid up with an injured hand, having had it cut with coal in the mines.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. John Duddy on Friday morning. Mother and child are well.

The colliers at this place are idle today, but will resume operations tomorrow and probably Saturday.

Dennis Ferry is recovering nicely from the severe injuries he received in the mines several weeks ago.

Two more catamounts were killed in the Honeyhole valley this week. This is six that were captured there this season.

Samuel Herring, one of our old residents, was severely injured on Tuesday while helping to unload mine timber from a gondola car.

Special Council Meeting.

The members of the borough Council met in special session last evening. There were present Messrs. DePiero, McLaughlin, Neuburger, Moore and Winter. The bond of Treasurer Williamson, in the sum of \$10,000, signed by himself, John D. Hayes, Wm. Williamson, John M. Powell, 2d, and John Yannes, was read and approved, as was also the bond of Street Commissioner Boyle, signed by himself and James K.

Boyle, in the sum of \$500. The position of janitor and high constable were left over until the next regular meeting.

The question of making arrangements to contract for electric lights was taken up. The following resolution was presented by Mr. Neuburger:

Resolved, That the president of council appoint a committee consisting of three members, to be called a standing committee on electric light. The duties of said committee are to confer and meet at any time between this adjourned meeting and subsequent regular, special or adjourned meetings of council, with such party or parties representing one or more electric light companies applying for the privilege of furnishing electric arc lights for the purpose of lighting the streets, alleys or lanes of the borough of Freeland, and report their proceedings at any time when the council is in session.

The resolution was approved and the president appointed the street committee to act in that capacity.

H. E. Sweeney, of Drifton, representing the Freeland Electric Light, Heat and Power Company, was present and explained the proposition of their company to furnish arc lights to the borough at \$100 per lamp per annum, for an all night service, the number of lamps to be not less than twelve at any time. It was decided to meet on Monday, March 25, at the council room, at which time the claims of parties offering to bid for the lighting of the streets will be heard. The secretary was instructed to write to the Penna. Globe Gaslight Company and notify them to have a representative present in accordance with the present contract held by that company with the borough.

The street commissioner was given permission to have the stones now lying in the park broken and distributed where needed.

The secretary was authorized to notify the county treasurer to pay all money due the borough from licenses to Attorney John D. Hayes, to be by him paid to the treasurer upon his order.

Looks Like a Murder.

Residents of Mill Creek, a village above Wilkes-Barre, were thrown into a state of excitement on Tuesday night by the report that a tragedy had occurred near there at the Keystone mine. Patrick Scanlon of that place was crossing the railroad track when he came upon evidences of a struggle and possible murder.

On the railroad was a coat saturated with blood and in the back was an opening cut down and through the collar as if a knife had gone through. In the coat was a letter written in Slavish from a mother in Austria to her son in this country, but the name is missing, the letter beginning "My dear boy" and being signed "Mother." Down off the track and leading into the woods was more blood, as if the body was carried into the woods and there buried. The county detective is investigating.

A Brakeman Injured.

James Costello, a brakeman on engine No. 1, of the D. S. & S., was severely injured shortly after commencing work on Monday morning. He was standing on a car and was knocked off by striking a beam of the crane near the shops at Drifton. He failed to notice the beam, as his back was toward it, and the collision threw him to the rails, causing severe internal injuries.

He was attended to by Dr. Geo. S. Wentz, and then removed to the residence of Daniel Bonner, in the Points, where he boarded. His home is at White Haven, and several of his relatives and friends called upon him this week.

Hon. E. B. Cox's Kindness.

At a meeting of the trustees of the Hazleton hospital on Tuesday Hon. E. B. Cox, of Drifton, stated that he would erect an addition to the hospital. The addition will be used as a sitting room, and is an improvement that is needed in the institution. It will cost at least \$4,000, and the entire expense will be borne by Mr. Cox. When completed the present sitting room will be used for other purposes.

Ball Tomorrow Evening.

St. Patrick's Day will be ushered in by those who attend the ball tomorrow evening in a pleasant manner. The ball will be given by the St. Patrick's Beneficial Society, and it promises to be one of the largest of the season here. Refreshments of all kinds will be on sale in the hall, and the music for the occasion will be furnished by DePiero's orchestra and St. Patrick's cornet band.

St. Patrick's Day Parade.

The marshal and aides having charge of the parade here on Saturday report all arrangements complete and ready to be followed out as published on Monday. The indications are that the parade, which will take place at 1 o'clock, will be a large one.

BIG JOE'S SUIT.

An Interesting Case Began in the Courts at Wilkes-Barre.

One of the most interesting suits in the history of the county was commenced on Tuesday at Wilkes-Barre before Judge Woodward. Four men, Joseph Matuskowitz, John Tomiskey, Wassel Frinko and John Barno, Polanders, were on February 4, 1891, shut in by a fall of rock and coal in the mine of J. C. Haydon & Co., at Jeansville. Nineteen days afterwards they were rescued barely alive, and, after a long sickness, recovered. They have commenced suit against the company for \$10,000 each, and the case of Joseph Matuskowitz, or "Big Joe," as he is called, is now on trial. The plaintiff's side of the case consists of some of the most thrilling stories of heroism ever heard, while "Big Joe's" story of the sufferings and the thoughts of himself and companions during those nineteen days brought tears to many eyes.

The rescue of the men stands without parallel in the mining history of the world. Four small pieces of bread were all they had to eat, which were consumed in two days. They were without anything to drink, save a few mouthfuls of bitter sulphur water, and for the last six days of their confinement were too weak to get that. They had to face not merely death by starvation, but from suffocation, being in an atmosphere so full of black damp that no light would burn. That in spite of all this they came out alive is little short of a miracle. After telling how they went down the mine and while at work heard the crash of the fall, were knocked down by concussion and then tried to find their way out, "Big Joe" went on to tell the story of their sufferings.

"We crawl up in breast," he said, "where air good, and light lamp. We have three or four little pieces bread in dinner buckets, little pieces, size of my hand; we break 'em in little bits to make last long, but they all gone in two days. We thought at rats, but no rats there; then, five or six days, when awful hungry, we scratch bark off props and eat it. Two days after fall the light show burn out. Once we build little fire and boil some sulphur water; it awful bad, but we drink it; after that we lie down and do nothing, just sleep and wait, till we get so hungry and thirsty we could not sleep; then we wait and have awful pains all time; we thought we die and think we dead, and then next we know we was up in the engine house and doctors was giving us whisky."

Of the nine men drowned and four suffocated Joe knows nothing. The claim for damages is based upon the alleged negligence of the employers.

An Aged Woman Burned.

Mrs. Mary Campbell, an aged woman residing in Scranton, was burned to death at her home at 7 o'clock on Tuesday morning. She lived with her daughter, Mary Cawley, and while the latter was out in the barn milking a cow Mrs. Campbell, who is perhaps 80 years of age, moved to the fire to remove a kettle. Her clothing caught fire and the flames enveloped her aged form.

The daughter hearing her mother scream rushed in and endeavored to subdue the flames. Before she had succeeded in doing so, her mother had been fatally burned, and lived but a short while.

Installation of Officers.

At the last meeting of Good Will Lodge, No. 130, I. O. G. T., the following officers were installed: Chief templar—Alfred Cummins. Vice templar—Georgina Sutton. Chaplain—Lily Heastend. Past chief templar—Maggie Lindsay. Secretary—Nellie Nicholls. Marshal—Frank Shelhamer. Inside guard—Mamie Barton. Outside guard—Gertie Hiney. Financial secretary—Sadie Paul. Treasurer—Charles Rinker.

Notice.

The members of Division 19, A. O. H., are requested to be present at the meeting on Friday evening, as important business is to be transacted. They are also notified that the special train for Eckley will leave Drifton shops, via the D. S. & S., at 7.30 a. m. on Saturday; returning will leave Eckley at 11.02 a. m. Jas. P. McNelis, President.

PLEASURE CALENDAR.

March 16.—Annual ball of St. Patrick's Beneficial Society, at Freeland opera house. Admission, 50 cents.
March 17.—Ball of Division 20, A. O. H., of Eckley, at Eckley schoolhouse. Admission, 50 cents.
March 26.—Annual ball of St. Patrick's cornet band, at Freeland opera house. Admission, 50 cents.
March 27.—Ball of Slavonian Young Men's band, at Freeland opera house. Admission, 50 cents.
March 30.—First grand ball of the Actor Club, at Freeland opera house. Admission, 25 cents.
March 31.—"On His Track," comedy-drama, by Freeland Juvenile Dramatic Company, at Freeland opera house. Men's fancy shirts, 25c, at McDonald's.

Two Bodies Recovered.

At 10.30 o'clock on Monday night the body of one of the miners who were caught by the fall in the Gaylord shaft at Plymouth on February 13 was recovered. It was found beneath a large mass of coal and debris, and death must have been instantaneous. The body was in an advanced state of decomposition, and it could scarcely be recognized. The relatives of Peter F. McLaughlin identified it by parts of the clothing and took it in charge. The funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon. No one was allowed to view the remains, but over 2,000 people attended the services at St. Vincent's church. McLaughlin leaves a wife and large family.

At 3 o'clock yesterday morning another body was found standing upright against the pillar. It was also badly decomposed, but was identified by a Catholic scapular which he wore as Michael Walsh, of Avondale, who leaves a wife and six children. He was buried yesterday afternoon. The funeral, like the one the day before, was largely attended, and was under charge of Division 17, A. O. H. of A., of Nanticoke, of which both men were members.

The work of recovering the other eleven bodies is retarded by the odor that is in the gangway, and the men have to use the strongest disinfectants.

A Birthday Anniversary.

A large number of the friends of Fred Haas, proprietor of the Cottage hotel, assembled there on Monday evening to pay their respects to the host and to celebrate his sixty-fourth birthday. During the evening Mr. Haas was presented by John D. Hayes, Esq., with an elegant gold-headed cane, appropriately inscribed, as a token of the esteem in which he is held by his friends. D. J. McCarthy also presented him, on behalf of several friends, with a silver water pitcher, and a silver goblet was received from Mrs. Fred Kepping, of Hazleton. Mr. Haas responded kindly to the addresses made in presenting the articles.

Music was rendered by the Mayberry band and DePiero's orchestra, and at 12 o'clock the guests sat down to one of the finest suppers that could be served. Apparently, all heartily enjoyed themselves and upon leaving wished Mr. Haas many more happy years of life.

Remembered the Pastor.

Rev. H. A. I. Benner, pastor of St. John's Reformed church, met with a genuine surprise on Tuesday evening. The "consistory of the Freeland church took the lead in the matter and desired in some material way to show their appreciation of his active services in the church. His birthday falls on March 14, but in order to forestall and remove all suspicion the party, accompanied by a large number of the male members of the church, on Tuesday evening called at his residence, and in a neat address by Mr. Kerschner, presented him with a costly spring overcoat, a suit of clothes, a handsome purse of money, and a beautiful door bell.

The pastor was completely surprised, and in response to the presentation he stated that of all the things most needed, their choice of gifts was timely, appropriate and most acceptable.

Secretary Selected.

It is said that Poor Directors Monroe, Harleman and McCready have decided that the secretaryship of the board will be given to A. M. Neumuller, of Lansford. Their selection is causing considerable talk throughout the district, as the board is composed of three Republicans and Mr. Neumuller is a Democrat.

The only competitor he had for the position was B. F. Davis, of this place, whose claims were supported by the Republicans of the entire region. In turning down an active member of the party the directors have aroused a strong feeling against themselves among the Republicans of the North Side.

A Freeland Will Probated.

The will of Mrs. Ellen Given, deceased, of Freeland, was probated at Wilkes-Barre on Tuesday, and is as follows: The entire estate is given to her husband for use during his natural life. At his death she gives to her niece, Ellen McDonald, \$500. The balance of the estate is to be given share and share alike between Rose Gallagher, Mary McGill, Ellen McDonald, Bernard Mooney, Susan Keenan, Joseph Gallagher and Ellen Heincer. John D. Hayes, Esq., is named as executor.

Kelly to Manage Allentown.

The signing of Mike Kelly to manage the Allentown State League club crowds out nearly all the men signed by Manager Hanlon, Kelly's predecessor. Only a few of the players signed by Hanlon will be retained. The others will be taken by Hanlon to Hazleton.

It is feared that the Allentown club, with its National league players, will prove too strong for the State league, and there is some talk of joining the Eastern League.

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.

DePiero's orchestra will play at Shepperton on Saturday evening.

Philip Rudolph and Miss Katie Payton, both of Freeland, were married on Sunday by Rev. H. A. I. Benner.

A. A. Bachman's increasing trade has induced him to remodel the front of his storeroom, next to the Central hotel.

Phil Bachman, of town, who played last summer with Jeansville club, has signed for the coming season with Pottsville state league team.

P. M. Boyle removed his family on Tuesday from this place to Hazleton, where he is employed as mine foreman in Hazle Mines colliery.

The report of the financial condition of the middle coal field poor district, which is published on the second page, shows the district to be in very good circumstances.

Division 20, A. O. H., of Eckley, will hold a grand ball at that place on the evening of St. Patrick's Day. The ball will begin early in the evening and will continue until 11.30 p. m.

Rev. C. Kvoelka has resigned his charge here as pastor of St. Peter and Paul's Hungarian Lutheran church. He has gone to Mahanoy City where he will have charge of a similar church.

W. C. Miller, of the Points, is now employed as scenic artist by the Boston Lyceum Company, and is stationed this week at Allegheny City, Pa., where the company is filling a two weeks' engagement.

The Lehigh Valley Railroad's directors have passed the quarterly dividend which was payable next month. The July dividend will also likely be passed. The value of the stock continues to down.

Condy Boyle and son, Postmaster Wm. F. Boyle, were visitors this week to Philadelphia, where the latter's brother, Hugh, is lying seriously ill. His condition yesterday was reported slightly improved.

The Lehigh Valley Railroad is supplying its passenger and freight agents with neatly printed cards, on one side of which appears the name of its representative and on the other a map of the road set in a heavy black ground work.

Ed. Faas, of the Carey Comedy Company, accompanied by his wife, called upon friends here on Tuesday. Mr. Faas reports business very dull in the theatrical line. The Carey Company, however, is playing to good houses, and this week is located at Pottsville.

The Lehigh Valley officials have announced a modification of their order, issued last week, directing employes at Sayre to remove to Pittston. All single men must change their headquarters to Pittston, but married men with homes in Sayre are granted permission to remain there.

A farewell party was tendered to Miss Hannah Boyle on Tuesday evening by a number of her lady and gentlemen friends. The evening was pleasantly spent in singing, dancing, etc., and at midnight a supper was served. The guests wished Miss Boyle much prosperity in Hazleton, her future place of residence.

At a meeting of the Union Street Railway Company held yesterday in Scranton it was decided to carry to the supreme court the case against the Hazleton and North Side Railway Company, which was decided adversely by Master Koons last week. Efforts will be made to get it before the supreme court in April term.

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Notice.

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