

# FREELAND TRIBUNE.

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## FROM SUBURBAN POINTS.

### LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE OF NEIGHBORING TOWNS.

Several items from Oneida and Shepp-ton, where a large number of former Freeland people now live—Also a few of interest from Drifton.

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#### ONEIDA AND SHEPPTON.

John Broderick, bottler for P. Timony, is going to be transferred from Shepp-ton to Pleasant Hill. John is a reliable man and we wish him success. James Crampsey, of Weston, will fill the position made vacant by the transfer of Mr. Broderick.

Jonas Baker visited friends in Shenandoah last week.

Mrs. William Seymour, who died at this place on Wednesday, was buried at Eckley on Saturday. She was 38 years of age, and was well liked by her many friends.

James Brennan, of Oneida, has purchased a fine bulldog and would like to hear from some of the Freeland sports.

Edward Gallagher has started a stock farm and he began to gather his stock last week.

There is some talk of organizing a temperance society in this place.

Miss Ella Maloney, of Lansford, is here visiting her parents.

Neil Kennedy intends taking a trip to Lansford in the near future.

Chas. Trevasnik, coal inspector for Coxe Bros. & Co., says his feet are sore from the long walk that he has once a week.

Miss Carrie Shaeffer is visiting friends at Mahanoy Place.

John Boner, better known as "Port," filled the position of driver boss at No. 1 slope in the absence of William Seymour last week.

J. C. Kennedy has a game bird that he will match against anything of its weight for \$25.

The base ball club has been reorganized under the management of James Maloney and he would like to hear from the amateur teams of the region.

#### DRIFTON ITEMS.

Commencing today the breaker here is scheduled to work six days this week. The first three days the coal will be supplied from the workings in the Buck Mountain vein as usual, and the last three days of the week will be devoted to hoisting and shipping coal from the Mammoth vein, which will be taken out of No. 1 slope. It is said that in the near future the No. 1 breaker will be put in working order and the entire product of the mammoth vein will be prepared separately therein for market.

Hon. E. B. Coxe last week took out another patent on an improved rurnace.

Patrick Dougherty removed his family from here to Stockton last week where he has secured employment.

Patrick McElwee, who was severely injured by a car in No. 1 slope a week ago, is recovering nicely and will be about again in a few days.

Mrs. Stranix, who has been suffering from the effects of a cancer for several months, is now very ill.

Much is expected from the rock tunnel which is being driven in No. 2 slope to tap a new vein of coal. The tunnel will be about fifty feet in length.

Emmet Sweeney was confined to his home several days last week owing to sickness.

Charles Rohland, one of our bright young men, has accepted a clerical position in the shop department.

The new locomotives, which have been ordered by the D. S. & S. Railroad Company some months ago, are expected to arrive here at the rate of two a day from now on.

#### Suicide on the Rail.

From Today's Plain Speaker.

About 6.30 o'clock on Saturday morning, the time the D. S. & S. passenger train was due at Roan Junction, Engineer John Miller saw a man running through the woods heading towards the track. As the man neared the railroad, he laughed at the engineer, and scrambling up the steep embankment, deliberately threw himself in front of the locomotive, the cow-catcher striking him on the right side of the head, killing him on the spot. The engine was stopped, and the crew returned to the scene and a horrible sight met their view. The man's head was crushed flat and his brains were scattered for yards around.

Deputy Coroner James P. Gorman was notified and after hearing the statements of Engineer Miller and Conductor Hughes decided that it was a clear case of

suicide and an inquest was not necessary. Undertaker Phil Boyle was sent for and he had the body removed to his morgue and then started out to find some person to identify it.

About 5 o'clock on Saturday evening several Italians from the "Hill" visited the morgue and as soon as they got a glimpse of the body, they immediately recognized it as Frank Carer, one of their countrymen, a person who was well known all over the coal region.

He was a resident of this section for a long time, coming here about fifteen years ago. He was called "Big Frank" among his countrymen, and to many others was known as "Shassay."

A few years ago he went to the upper end of the county and got mixed up in some scrape which landed him in the eastern penitentiary for two years, being liberated about a month ago. Since his freedom he has been very despondent and in one of these despondent fits threw himself in front of the train.

He was considered a very harmless fellow, very fond of dancing and from that was nicknamed "Shassay." A collection is being raised among his countrymen to give him a decent burial.

#### All the Bodies Found.

All of the thirteen bodies have been recovered from the Gaylord mine at Plymouth, where the fatal cave-in occurred on February 13. The twelfth to be discovered was that of Daniel Morgan, the timber boss. At 10 o'clock Friday night one of the rescuing party uncovered a foot and at 2 o'clock next morning the body was taken out. The body was so badly decomposed that identification was impossible except by the shoes. The funeral was held that afternoon.

The next and last body found was that of Thomas Pictou, who was foreman of the gang of men who were engaged in timbering the place at the time of the disaster. It was believed that with Pictou's body would be found some notes of the accident, but as nothing was discovered the conclusion must be accepted that instant death overtook them all and how the accident occurred will forever remain a mystery.

It is estimated that the cave-in and the search for the bodies cost the company at least \$55,000.

#### A Book-Burner Arrested.

Mrs. Frank Karkosky, of the Points, was arrested on Saturday for burning an order-book belonging to A. Rudewick, of South Heberton. The book was a valuable one, containing a number of accounts, orders, etc., and was left at the woman's residence by Patrick O'Donnell, a driver for Mr. Rudewick, who had it there taking orders and forgot it.

When he missed the book he returned to Mrs. Karkosky's, but she denied having seen it. Mr. Rudewick then accompanied the driver to the house, and the book was found burning in the stove. It was already destroyed sufficiently to make it useless, but there was enough of it left to identify it.

The woman was arrested, and in default of bail spent her time in the borough lockup. She will be taken to the county jail today.

#### A Supervisor Held for Court.

Supervisor John Boyle, of Foster township, Schuylkill county, entered bail at Pottsville in the sum of \$1,000 for his appearance at court to answer a charge of embezzlement and fraudulent disposal of the funds of the township, preferred by Captain John Christian, of the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company's police.

Boyle acted as supervisor of the township from March, 1893, to March, 1894. During this time he is charged with issuing large numbers of orders on the township, aggregating \$2,430.77, not including taxes worked out by taxpayers, which amounted to \$2,189.53, making a total expenditure of \$4,620.41.

It is alleged that a number of orders which were drawn by the supervisor on the township are illegal and fraudulent.

#### Lehigh Presbytery to Meet.

The Lehigh Presbytery, which embraces the counties of Monroe, Northampton, Lehigh, Berks, Schuylkill and Luzerne, will meet at Bethlehem on Tuesday of next week. One of the important items of business to be transacted will be the election of delegates to the general assembly, which meets at Saratoga, N. Y., on May 15. Rev. J. E. Lynn, of Pottsville, will be moderator of the session and will preach the opening sermon. Rev. J. W. Bischoff, of Upper Lehigh, will attend.

#### Cost of Brush Fires.

From the Mauch Chunk Democrat.

Is there not some way by which brush fires can be lessened? The timber, the game, and the fish that are annually destroyed in Carbon county by mountain fires, if allowed to grow and propagate, would be sufficient in value in a very short period of years to supply every pauper at the Lowrytown almshouse with a home.

## MINES AND RAILROADS.

For February the Jersey Central's net earnings decreased \$230,750, largely due to the depression in anthracite.

It is said in Central Railroad circles that beginning with the month of May all employees will be paid by check instead of cash.

The Hall automatic block system, on the Lehigh Valley Railroad between Mauch Chunk and Penn Haven Junction, is completed and will be tested today.

Sidings on all coal carrying roads leading from anthracite mines to tidewater are overcrowded with loaded coal cars, which are waiting for a revival in the retail demand.

Schuylkill is 37,355 tons of coal short of her output as compared with one year ago. But the Lehigh and Lackawanna regions still have a big lead in the race for the market.

The Lehigh Valley Company has adopted the Gould couplers, and will begin to equip all their cars with the same shortly. The Miller coupler will be abandoned entirely.

The average rate of labor in the anthracite region last year, according to statistics prepared by the Reading Coal and Iron Company officials, was \$296.42 per year for each man employed.

#### Hines Files Ridiculous Charges.

Congressman Hines is smarting under the slight put upon him by Postmaster General Bissell by the appointment of John J. McDonald postmaster at Kingston. On Friday he filed charges against McDonald with the senate committee on postoffices and postroads, where the nomination now lies.

Little Billy says he has nothing against McDonald personally, but it is understood that the charges are made on the grounds that McDonald should not have been appointed. It is alleged that the latter was not a resident of Kingston until the day after his nomination. One of the strong points Hines expects to make with the committee is the interference of the postmaster general and the effect this interference will have on his chances of re-election.

Senator Eppa Hunton, of Virginia, was entrusted with the charges, but it is not likely any serious attention will be paid to them. That any nomination will interfere with Hines' chances of election is too ridiculous to be considered. The real reason for the congressman's charge lies in the fact that he had a candidate for the office, and when Hines has a candidate in tow he does not want to be balked. It affects him in more ways than is necessary to mention just now. What a pity this little Democrat-revenue-only is not allowed to parcel out all the offices of the administration! He would retire a millionaire.

#### Installation of Officers.

The following were installed as officers of Owena Council, No. 47, Degree of Poochontas, at the last meeting: Prophetess—Elizabeth Hughes. Poochontas—Margaret Roberts. Wenonah—Annie Schaub. Powhattan—Edward Nicholls. Keeper of records—Kate Pritchard. Keeper of wampum—Jane DeFoy. First scout—Mary Davis. Second scout—Mary Paul. Guard of wigwam—Jennie Davis. Guard of forest—Ellen Davis. First runner—Tabitha Moses. Second runner—Lydia Jones. First warrior—Rachael Babcock. Second warrior—Rachael Jones. Third warrior—Gertrude Jones. Fourth warrior—Ann Jones. First councillor—Mary Evans. Second councillor—Mrs. Marshman. Trustee—Jane Smith.

#### The Grand Jury's Decision.

The grand jury in session last week, spent Friday listening to arguments in favor of building a new court house and of enlarging the old one. The speakers numbered over fifty. Those from Wilkes-Barre were in favor of a new building at a cost of \$450,000, while the representatives of Pittston, Hazleton and smaller places, were either in favor of renovating and enlarging the present place at a cost of \$75,000 or of making no improvement whatever.

The grand jury, in its report on Saturday, brought in a recommendation to erect a new fireproof building. The commissioners say a fine courthouse can be erected for \$450,000, and that is about the sum they will expend.

#### A Big Damage Suit.

A suit for damages by trespass was commenced in the prothonotary's office on Friday afternoon by Col. M. J. Keck, of Wilkes-Barre, against Alvin Markle, of Hazleton. The amount claimed is \$50,000.

Keck claims that he was employed by Markle to negotiate the sale of the Hazleton and South Side Railway Company's bonds, and after the bonds had been sold, Markle refused to pay him.

## District Conventions.

The Republican district conventions of this county will be held today to elect delegates to the state convention, the first district in Wilkes-Barre, the second in Shickshinny, the third in Nanticoke, the fourth in Hazleton, the fifth in Avoca and the sixth in Nescopeck. The state convention will be held in Harrisburg on May 23.

The revised rules of the party, as prepared by the county committee, will be submitted to the conventions. With one or two important exceptions, the rules are practically unchanged.

These exceptions, however, mark a departure in the rules governing delegates which, if agreed to by the district conventions, will reflect great credit upon the party, and, as far as this county is concerned, do away for all time to come with the "boodle" element which has disgraced both parties alike.

One of the sections revised states that candidates seeking a nomination shall twenty days before the meeting of the convention register an application with the county committee, containing an agreement that they have not offered or paid and will not offer or pay any money, position or other thing of value to any delegate for securing their nomination, and each candidate so registering shall pay to the treasurer of the committee such registering fee as may have been established by the county committee, not exceeding 1 per cent. of one year's salary of the office.

Another important change is made, and is aimed at the boodle delegates. It says that the county committee shall pay to each delegate who requests it a sum for expenses not exceeding \$3 besides his actual travel fare. The credentials of each delegate shall contain a pledge that he has not solicited or received and will not solicit or receive any money, promise of position or thing of value, directly or indirectly for his vote or influence as delegate in behalf of any candidate under penalty of being ineligible to serve as delegate in future conventions.

## Murder in Tamaqua.

A tragedy occurred at Tamaqua on Friday afternoon, when Manus Burns, proprietor of the Tamaqua House, was fatally shot by David Shapiro, a pedlar, who afterwards attempted suicide. Shapiro came there Monday night and applied to Burns for lodging, saying he had but forty cents, and asked Burns to take the balance from his stock. Burns did so, and he left the next morning, saying that he would return.

Burns was standing behind the bar engaged in conversation with a customer, when Shapiro entered. Burns pleasantly saluted him. Shapiro without answering approached the bar, drew a pistol from his pocket and fired three times at Burns, one of the bullets lodging in his abdomen. Shapiro then fired three shots at himself directly in the mouth. He ran out of the room, but was soon captured.

Physicians say Burns cannot recover. Excitement there was intense and there were threats of lynching, as Burns was very popular.

## Looking for Delegates.

Walter L. Lyon, of Pittsburg, Quay's candidate for the Republican nomination for the lieutenant governorship, was in the upper part of the county on Friday calling on prominent Republicans. He said indications were very favorable for his nomination, and that if a hard fight would win him the place he would be the nominee.

His opponent is John B. Robinson, one of the hardest workers in the party and a popular Republican. If Quay turns down Robinson there will be much dissatisfaction in the ranks next fall.

## Corporations Pay Heavy Taxes.

According to the report of the auditor general, which will soon be ready for distribution, the corporations of the state paid large amounts in taxes on their stock last year. The following shows what was paid by some of them: D. S. & S., \$10,910; D. L. & W., \$50,000; D. & H., \$50,272; Lehigh Coal and Navigation, \$59,542; Lehigh Valley, \$65,000; Pennsylvania Railroad, \$700,000; Pennsylvania Coal Company, \$45,000.

## BUSINESS BRIEFS.

Fancy night shirts, 75c at McDonald's. The headquarters for fancy dress trimmings is McDonald's.

Parties supplied with ice cream, cakes, etc., by Laubach at reasonable rates.

Wall paper, 6 cents per double roll, at A. A. Bachman's. Paper hanging done at short notice.

For sale, a farm property, 209 acres, 85 acres cleared, in Schuylkill valley; double house, barn, etc., and lots of timber on it. Apply to J. C. Berner. Easy terms.

A grand opening will be held at the hotel of Fred Krone, South Heberton, on Wednesday evening, April 11. Free refreshments will be served, and all old friends are invited to call.

## 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.

Counterfeit one-dollar bills have been detected in several of the towns through the coal regions.

An entertainment will be given at the opera house by the pupils of the borough schools at the close of the term next month.

The Freehold Electric Light Company has not yet purchased the ground for the plant, as reported, but the place will be selected this week.

James O'Donnell, a resident of Beaver Meadow for more than forty years, died at his home there last evening. The funeral will be held tomorrow morning.

James Sullivan, aged 24, a miner in the Keystone colliery, near Plains, was caught on the edge of a big fall of rock on Friday and died three hours afterward.

Adam Hartwig, a prominent citizen of Tamaqua and ex-recorder of Schuylkill county, died at his home on Thursday night. He was highly esteemed among the Germans of that county.

William Phillips, a young man of Hazleton, was struck by a runaway car in Hazle Mines colliery on Friday and so badly injured that he died a few hours after reaching his home.

The report of Adjutant General Greenland shows that there are 790,451 men in the state subject to military duty. The aggregate strength of the division composing the National Guard is 8,612, a gain of 201 over the previous year.

The dead-lock over the selection of a president in the common council of Hazleton was broken on Thursday night by the election of George W. Thompson, who was chosen on the first ballot that evening. Forty ballots were taken in all.

In the supreme court at Philadelphia this week the cases from Luzerne and Columbia counties will be heard. The first on the list is the damage suit of Mrs. Margaret Finnegan against Foster township, which was decided last year in favor of Mrs. Finnegan.

Judge Rhone has notified a committee of the county bar that he has considered their petition to be a candidate for reelection, and has concluded to enter the race for a third term. The judge is a Democrat, and will have to face District Attorney John B. Garman as his opponent for the nomination.

Superintendent Jones, of the Scranton Electric Company, and Mr. Simpson, of the Scranton Supply Company, were in town on Thursday and met Messrs. Sweeney, Bieckley, Boyer and Hoch, of the Freehold Electric Light, Heat and Power Company. The necessary material and supplies will arrive here as soon as the company can procure them.

Saved by the Use of an Antidote.

The third case of treatment of morphine poisoning by means of the new and somewhat strange antidote of permanganate of potash occurred at Luzerne borough on Friday night. A child drank five and a half ounces of a preparation of opium sufficient to kill a dozen men. Her respiration was only two to the minute when the physician was called.

The newly discovered antidote, permanganate of potash, was given by the mouth and also injected hypodermically, and within an hour and a half the patient awoke and asked for a drink of water. She is now out of all danger.

## DEATHS.

DAVIS—At South Heberton, April 6, Elva, daughter of John G. and Maria Davis, aged 1 year, 5 months and 23 days. Interred yesterday at Freeland cemetery.

GALLAGHER—At Eckley, April 4, William, son of Bernard and Marcella Gallagher, aged 18 years, 2 months and 12 days. Interred on Saturday at St. Gabriel's cemetery, Hazleton.

RESCH—At Foundryville, April 5, Milla, daughter of John Resch, aged 3 months and 23 days. Interred on Saturday at Freeland cemetery.

## PLEASURE CALENDAR.

April 21.—Grand opera, "St. Luigi Gonzaga," by the Tirolese and Italian residents, at Freeland opera house. Children, 10 cents; ladies, 20 cents; gents, 30 cents.

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.—Contractors desiring to bid on the construction of a building for the Freehold Electric Light, Heat and Power Company will be shown and given plans and specifications on Thursday evening, April 12, 1894, in the directors' room in the Mining and Mechanical Institute, at Freeland, at 7:30 p. m. Harry E. Sweeney, For the F. E. L. H. & P. Co.

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