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LETTERS THAT CONTAIN A VARIED ASSORTMENT OF NEWS.

"Independent" Takes Up the Oudgel in Defense of Free Education and Admits a Deserved Rebuke to "Extra." News from Surrounding Towns.

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FREE EDUCATION.

Freeland, February 6, 1895. EDITOR TRIBUNE.—As a citizen of Freeland (prond of its past history, hopeful and anxious for its future), I ask for space in your columns to voice a few impromptu thoughts that occurred to me while reading a communication in yesterday's Progress over the non de plume of "Extra."

I heartily agree with my friend "Extra" that it is the duty of every good citizen to elevate the standard and improve the facilities for education. I will go further than my friend when I say that it is a duty we owe to God and to our country, to our neighbor, ourselves, and the rising generation, yea, to generations yet unborn. So far my friend and I agree as to what should be done, but when it comes to his methods of doing it I emphatically dissent from his warped reasoning and biased thought.

The writer has no choice as to where the school building stands. All I ask is that the money collected from all the people for educational purposes be expended honestly and intelligently. While charity compels me to say that my friend "Extra" may be honest in his convictions, and zealously performing his duty as he understands it, justice and equity demand that a few of his rambling exhortations be quoted to show my readers the shallowness of his reasoning and the dense mental fog that envelops him.

Mr. Extra says: "It next becomes the duty of every lover of free education to choose for himself who shall be directors of the public schools, in order that his children may be properly taught," and he continues "Voters of Freeland borough do not vote for men for school directors who do not send their own children to our schools and will therefore care nothing for the education of yours."

This mental pigmy, whoever he may be, has the faculty of using catchy, gilded phrases, which he does not appear to understand. What does he mean by "free education"? Is it not a fact that education in this broad and glorious land is as free as the winds that fan our native hills? Is it not a fact that "free education" is a part and parcel of the constitution and fundamental law? Is it not a fact that all citizens, irrespective of race, creed or color, are thankful for the blessings of "free education" and ready and willing to defend and perpetuate it?

The mask of hypocrisy is torn from the face of this self-constituted advisor of the intelligent citizens of Freeland. This great patriot is defending "free education" from the assaults of a mythical foe, when he appeals to the citizens of Freeland to vote against certain men for school directors because they avail themselves of the blessings and benefits of "free education" by sending their children where they please.

Next this great defender of "free education" asks: "How many pupils from Freeland and surrounding villages go to Hazleton to school because we cannot accommodate them," but he gives no definite reasons why they go; he simply says we cannot accommodate them. My Dear Mr. "Extra," why can't we accommodate them? Is there not room for them in our schools, or are they so far advanced that our corps of instructors can advance them no farther? Let us have some definite information on the subject and I have ample belief in the integrity of our citizens to put things right. Until this is done it would be well for our citizens to withhold judgment and investigate the causes that compel many citizens to send their children to be educated at Hazleton and elsewhere and avail themselves of the benefits of our glorious free educational system, which this extraordinary "Extra" defends and assails.

The writer has no candidate for school director. Our political convictions soar above race, sect or party. Show me the men who are not seeking the office for "what's in it," who dare to do right, who will be the school directors of all the people, and not of any particular clique; who will spend the people's money honestly and intelligently, who will raise the standard of education out of the narrow rut into which demagogues and fools have dragged it—show me these men and I will cheerfully vote for them, and I have belief in the integrity of my fellow citizens of Freeland to do likewise.

INDEPENDENT.

HIGHLAND DOTS.

The shutting down of No. 1 colliery caused a great many changes in the

working force. The miners, laborers and drivers have all been divided up between No. 2 colliery, of this place, and No. 5 Jeddó. P. J. Gallagher, engineer at No. 1, has been given charge of the pumps, and James McKinley, who was formerly in charge, has been transferred to No. 1 Oakdale. John McGinnis, formerly an outside foreman, is now furnishing steam for the pumps and general caretaker at No. 1 breaker.

A new rock tunnel was begun on Tuesday, which, when completed, will connect Nos. 2 and 3 slopes. Stripping work has been carried on for almost a year at No. 3 slope and the large quantity of coal which is stripped will be taken through the tunnel when finished to No. 2 slope and hoisted on the breaker.

No. 3 colliery worked six days last week. This was so unusual that the breaker boys felt like inaugurating a strike. With only one breaker working steadier time is expected.

Gilbert Smith was in danger of losing a valuable cow this week owing to some disease.

P. J. Sharpe is off on a brief visit to friends and relatives at Lansford and Summit Hill.

Several of our residents have frozen fingers and ears from the effects of the cold wave of Tuesday night.

DRIFTON ITEMS.

The shop men have been put on nine hours this week. There is no certainty of how long this short time will continue, but it is generally believed it will be governed by the work at the mines.

Mrs. Cornac Brogan, who had her thigh broken by a fall some time ago, is rapidly recovering, and is now able to enjoy the comforts of a rocking chair.

John Mohan, a former resident of this place, is lying in a critical condition with lung trouble at Jeddó, where he now resides.

The breaker machinery was frozen yesterday morning and all mining operations were suspended for the day.

There are prospects of the collieries working steadier this month than they did last month.

Hon. Eckley B. Cox has been appointed a geological survey commissioner by Governor Hastings.

Charles McGill, a driver in No. 1 slope, was caught between a car and a prop yesterday and his right leg was severely squeezed.

The stripping work is carried on steadily. The surface will be removed along the crop the entire length of the vein on the east side.

The magnificent new Cox mansion on the hill is fast reaching completion. It will be one of the most handsome of modern buildings when finished.

UPPER LEHIGH NOTES.

Postmaster Hoover addressed a meeting of the Christian Endeavor Societies at Hazleton on Monday evening. Mr. Hoover takes great interest in this movement, and has done much to build up the societies of this and adjoining counties.

Patrick O'Brien is suffering seriously from another attack of pneumonia.

Our town is so cold this week that news cannot be gathered.

Services of the M. E. Church.

M. E. services will be held in Lindsay's hall every Sunday as follows:

Preaching, 10 a. m. and 7 p. m.

Class meeting, 9 a. m.; C. W. Barton, leader.

Sunday school, 2 p. m.; C. W. Barton, superintendent.

Epworth League, 6 p. m.; Edward Jones, president.

Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening at 7.30 p. m.

The public is cordially invited to all of these services.

Rev. Edmund White, pastor.

An Unfailing Sign.

Maud—Mr. Meantall does not think you are at all pretty.

Marie—How do you know?

Maud—Because he always speaks of you as such an intellectual girl.—N. Y. World.

Prudent.

Hooke—Johnson married a rich girl, didn't he?

Crooke—Yes; but I hear she holds on to the money.

Hooke—Ah! Proposes to retain her charms?—Puck.

The Blundering Man.

Our comfort over he seems to mar, Never doing a thing aright; In winter he leaves the door ajar, In summer he shuts it tight.—Washington Star.

A Lively One.

Cleverton—Did you ever attend any of Miss Penstock's receptions?

Dashaway—I attended one the other night given by her father.—Brooklyn Life.

In the Future.

Election Clerk—Are you a republican or a democrat?

Lady Voter—Oh, this is so sudden. Give me time to think.—Detroit Free Press.

MONTANA has a woman lawyer, Miss Ella Knowles, who recently pocketed a ten thousand dollar fee for her services in a mining lawsuit. The pocketing part came natural, no doubt.

COUNCIL MEETING.

Report of the Proceedings at Monday Evening's Session.

The meeting room of the borough council was well filled with citizens of the town on Monday evening when President DePiero opened the session. The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

Electric Light Company.....\$225 00
John Herron, burying animal..... 50
M. Halpin, wrench for hose cart..... 1 00
Patrick Welsh, feeding prisoners..... 7 50
Patrick Welsh, janitor..... 8 75

Street Commissioner Boyle's report for January showed an expenditure of \$38.89. It was ordered paid. He also presented a statement of receipts, amounting to \$5.05, for shoveling snow in December. The money was transferred to the treasurer. A statement of expenses, amounting to \$3, was also presented for shoveling snow from sidewalks of property owners who refused to do it themselves. He was instructed to collect it.

Mr. Fritzinger, who was appointed to see H. E. Sweeney, of the Electric Light Company, stated he met the gentleman in reference to the light bill for December. Mr. Sweeney informed him the company was then out of long carbons and had used shorter ones for a few nights, but that lights were shut off in the middle of the night then lit again in the morning. A full stock of long carbons are now here, and no further trouble is anticipated on that account. The bill for December was then taken up and ordered paid.

Treasurer Williamson presented his report as follows:

Balance.....\$228 70
From Collector Fairchild..... 22 00
From Timothy Boyle..... 5 05
From Burgess McLaughlin..... 9 83

Paid out on orders..... 116 27

Balance..... 149 28

Mr. Neuburger, chairman of the committee to adjust the difference between Stephen Bennett and the borough, for injuries sustained by the former's cow in the pound, reported the committee had made no settlement yet, and asked that the matter be laid over for the present. The request was granted.

The ordinance granting the Hazleton and North Side Electric Railway Company the right of way through town was then taken up, and the sections as amended by request of the company were read. A spirited discussion followed, participated in by the councilmen, several business men and others. It was decided that the council meet Solicitor Stroh and go over the ordinance section by section and meet again on Tuesday evening.

The ordinance granting the Central Penna. Telephone Company the right of way was referred to the borough solicitor.

A bill of \$54.80 was presented by Stewart Kennedy, of Hazleton, for surveying in the lower part of town. It was laid over.

The ordinance charging a license of \$150 per month to transient merchants, which was laid over from the last meeting, was taken up and passed three times. The fine upon transient merchants, for doing business without a license, will be \$300 under this ordinance. The secretary was ordered to transcribe and present it to the burgess and president of council for their signatures.

The lockup committee was authorized to have the hose house and lockup wired for electric lights. The council then adjourned until Tuesday evening.

MINES AND RAILROADS.

The Central Railroad Company is now preparing to come into Hazleton. A contract between the D. S. & S. is now a matter of negotiation between the officials of the two companies. The Central will build a "belt" line around Hazleton. It will likely be an independent company with an agreement with the Central and D. S. & S.—Hazleton Sentinel.

The Hazle Mines fire is giving the Lehigh Valley people considerable more trouble than was expected. It is asserted there is too much biomass connected with the work. The mine foreman and the general superintendent would be sufficient to direct the operations, instead there are nearly a dozen officials giving orders.

The sub-committee of the anthracite committee on percentage, which has for some time past been trying to make up a plan which will be acceptable to all interested, expects to report to the full committee this week.

The dullness and low prices which have characterized the anthracite trade also prevail in the bituminous trade, and this variety of coal is cheaper than it has been for some time. The coal sold lately as low as \$2 a ton.

The court has appointed E. L. Bullock, George McGee and Thos. Thompson as the mine foremen's examining board for this district. Anthony Kelly has been appointed on the board to examine applicants for mine inspectorships.

The next thing in order for the coal companies will be to filter the water that comes from the breakers, so as to produce coal jam. With buckwheat, corn, and jam coal, and the locomotives burning soft coal they are bound to create a market for coal.—Plain Speaker.

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English Baptist Church Notes.

Last Sunday's services were well attended all day and were a perfect success. Rev. W. H. Connard, D. D., of Philadelphia, preached three able sermons as follows: Morning, "The Church as Christ's Witness in the World;" afternoon, "The Secret of Success in Soul Saving;" evening, "The Christian's Memorial." Rev. C. A. Spaulding, of Hazleton, assisted at the morning and afternoon services.

The entertainment given by the Ladies' Aid Society on Monday evening drew a full house and pleased all who were present. The next entertainment will be given on Washington's Birthday evening by the Junior Society. It will be partly of a patriotic character.

The congregation is now taking much interest in church work and aiding the pastor to keep up its record of being one of the best and most progressive churches in the town.

Next Sunday the pastor, Rev. J. T. Griffiths, will preach two special sermons, as follows: Morning, "The Duty of the Church in Relation to the Faith;" evening, "Leave No Fly in Your Ointment."

Wesley League Convention.

The second annual convention of the Wesley League of the Primitive Methodist Conference, of the Schuylkill district, opened at Hazleton on Tuesday. A full representation from the different towns in the conference was present. The election of officers for the ensuing year was as follows: President, Rev. W. F. Nicholls, of St. John's; vice president, P. W. Seely; secretary, William Both; treasurer, Mrs. Billings, of Hazleton. In the discussion of the topics which succeeded the reading of the several subjects nearly every member participated. At the afternoon session the newly elected president, Rev. W. F. Nicholls, presided, and outlined the work before the league. The reports of the various branches showed the organization to be very prosperous. After deciding to hold the next convention at Mahanoy City in July they adjourned.

She Married the Other.

A queer affair was noticed in the register's office at Wilkes-Barre, on Tuesday, Wassel Strook and Peter Yesh, Austrians, wanted to wed the same girl, Katie Ludoka. Strook, who lives in Hanover township, went over to Plymouth where the girl lives, and induced her and her two brothers, who favored his suit, to go to Wilkes-Barre and get the marriage license. Yesh, who also lives in Plymouth, heard of this after the party had left the town and started after them. He met the girl and his rival in the court house corridor as they were coming out from the register's office with a license. The men began to quarrel and the girl cried and threw the license at Strook. She then turned back with her lover, Yesh, and secured another license. The wedding with Yesh followed.

Report of the D. S. & S.

From the Philadelphia Times. The annual report of the Delaware, Susquehanna and Schuylkill Railroad, just completed, shows some interesting statistics. The cost of the road is given at \$1,115,742.14; equipments, \$895,208.14; material and supplies, \$12,382.16; cash and current assets, \$764,912.70. Its capital stock is given at \$1,500,000. The report shows it has 372 employees, who received \$191,611.03 in salaries during 1894. The total tonnage carried during the year was: Freight, 39,527 tons; coal, 1,915,908 tons. There were 33,660 passengers carried. The company operates 39.4 miles of telegraph and telephone.

There are twelve general officers, who receive an average of \$8.73 a day. The road paid a 44 per cent dividend in 1894.

Guilty of Manslaughter.

The murder trial of John Butzkowski was brought to a sudden termination on Tuesday when the defendant and his attorneys asked the court that they might withdraw their plea of not guilty to the first count of murder charged in the indictment and plead guilty to the charge of manslaughter. Judge Rice allowed the plea and instructed the jury that it was not a first degree murder. The plea of manslaughter was taken and the prisoner was remanded for sentence. Butzkowski killed Joseph Yanovitch in a quarrel at Harwood on New Year's.

Quarrel About Pancakes.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Henry Bole, formerly of Wilkes-Barre, were united at St. Paul, Minn., recently, after a separation of twenty-five years. They had a quarrel because the wife did not bake pancakes and the husband went west in gold prospecting in Montana. Each thought the other dead, but neither married, and recently, when they learned both were still living, they began to correspond and it led to the reconciliation.

Ministers Appointed.

At the annual conference of the Holiness Christian Association, at Chester last week, Bishop Trubauer made the following appointments: For Freeland and Sandy Run, H. P. Jones; assistants, William Marks and H. P. Heters. Other ministers known here were assigned as follows: Darby, C. E. Brown; Philadelphia, T. J. J. Wright; Wilmington, C. W. Haas; Leisure, Ind., John Burger; Elwood, Ind., A. D. Buck.

BRIEF ITEMS OF NEWS.

PARAGRAPHS GATHERED FROM ALL PARTS OF THE REGION.

Synopsis of Local and Miscellaneous Occurrences That Can Be Read Quickly. What the Folks of This and Other Towns are Doing.

The Lehigh Valley Railroad employes here will be paid on Saturday.

The Philadelphia Times, an anti-new county paper, says the passage of the bill through the house is certain.

Yesterday was considered the coldest day of the year in Freeland. The thermometer registered 20 degrees below in the morning.

A quarterly meeting of District No. 4, P. O. S. of A., of Luzerne county, will be held at White Haven on Friday evening of next week.

Gilbert Ely, who was advance agent for the Kitty Rhoades Company, has been placed under \$800 bail to appear at trial for shooting Manager W. R. Ward at Pittston a few weeks ago.

Daniel Shelby, manager of Music Hall, Wilkes-Barre, dropped dead on Monday morning while retiring. Heart disease was the cause. He was 57 years old and was a prominent Mason and Elk.

D. S. & S. engine, No. 29, collided with a Lehigh Valley passenger engine at Penn Haven on Tuesday evening. Both locomotives escaped serious damage, as both trains were running slowly.

The new county bill was passed by the senate on Tuesday. The vote on the measure was 39 in favor and 5 against. Unless the opponents make a better showing in the house its passage there is also assured.

Senator Coyle's amendment to the new county bill, to allow all the voters of Luzerne and Schuylkill counties to vote upon the question, was defeated by a large majority previous to its passage in the senate on Tuesday.

A. J. Rosengrant, station agent of the Jersey Central Railroad at Ashley, has been arrested by the Fidelity Company, of New York, charged with embezzlement. His shortage is said to be \$975. It is expected his family will settle the case.

The borough school board met last evening. The solicitor was instructed to have the increase of debt question printed on the official ballots. The salary of Miss Ella Gillespie was increased \$5 per month. No other important business was transacted.

Charles Williams, a dangerous criminal, was sentenced at Pottsville to seven years imprisonment by Judge Bechtel on three counts of larceny, burglary and receiving stolen goods, for which he was tried and found guilty at the last term of criminal court.

The communication on the school question, signed "Poster," which was sent to this office yesterday, will be published if the author furnishes his name. This rule is rigidly enforced and it has been published so often that all correspondents should know it by this time.

Petitions protesting against the division of the borough into two wards are being signed in all parts of town, and will be presented to the court to prevent the report of the viewers from being confirmed absolutely. Four wards is most favored, or else four districts as it is now.

PERSONALITIES.

Mrs. Thomas Kelschaw, of Freeland, who for the past ten days has been ill with an attack of the grip at her parents' home in Jeonessville, has recovered and returned to her home at the former place.—Standard.

Miss Mame M. McDonald, of Freeland, is the guest of Miss Mame McDonald, of Wilkes-Barre.—Newsdealer.

Hugh Malloy is on a brief visit to Allentown friends.

Mrs. J. B. Laubach was a visitor at the county seat yesterday.

J. P. Carey is spending the week with his brother at Trenton, N. J.

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DISSECTION NOTICE.—Notice is hereby given that at the election to be held on the third Tuesday of February, 1895, being the 19th day of that month, the following officers of the middle coal field poor district are to be elected, to wit:

One person for director to serve three years, from April 1, 1895, whose residence must be in that part of the district comprising the borough of Weatherly and the townships of Banks, Lausanne and Lehigh, in Carbon county.

One person for auditor to serve three years from April 1, 1895, whose residence must be in that part of the district which is composed of the boroughs of Mauch Chunk, East Mauch Chunk, Lansford and Summit Hill and the township of Mauch Chunk, in Carbon county.

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Owing to the dullness of trade during the poor times that we are having at present, we have concluded to hold for the next two weeks a great sacrifice sale, which will be known as THE HARD TIMES SALE. Everything in our large lines of Clothing, Hats, Caps, Gents' Furnishings, Trunks, Valises, etc., (our merchant tailoring department included) will be sold at greatly reduced prices. Give us a call and see how cheap clothing can be bought at our establishment.

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