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NEWS OF THE BLIZZARD.

FREELAND WAS SNOW-BOUND FOR THREE LONG DAYS.

Steam and Electric Railway Communication Completely Shut Off Since Thursday Night—Mails Were Delayed and the People Suffered Much Inconvenience.

The cold wave which swept over the country more than a week ago was very severe. On Thursday afternoon last its intensity was increased by a storm which has been unequalled since the famous blizzard of March, 1888. The storm continued with more or less severity until this morning, but now it shows some signs of abating, and in a few days more milder weather may be looked for. The snow storm which set in on Thursday resembled a blizzard. The weather, like the three days previous, was below the zero point, and the snow fell steadily until Friday morning. It then began to drift, and in many places in and near town reached a depth of from four to six feet.

No trains arrived here on Friday, although the railroad company made several efforts to open the line. The snow drifted so much that the tracks would not remain clean more than ten minutes at a time. On Saturday three engines managed to push up a snow plow to the station, and after them came two more engines with two cars. Five bags of mail, containing Friday's city papers, and Friday's and Saturday's Hazleton papers, arrived with this train. Three more bags of mail were received at Drifton via the D. S. & S. from Hazleton shortly before, and being the first mail to arrive since Thursday night, it was hailed with delight.

The D. S. & S. has kept its road open fairly well. Trains are running behind time, however. Engine 23, which was returning with a train of empty coal cars from Perth Amboy, had to leave the cars behind and reached Drifton on Saturday.

Work of almost every kind was suspended at all the collieries since Thursday, and several cannot resume this week.

The trolley cars which left town on Thursday night were the last seen here. The entire line is snowbound, and no cars are expected for a few days.

The streets of town are in a fair condition now, also the sidewalks, but the banks of snow on the sides are proof of the shoveling required to make them so.

Water pipes in many residences are frozen and give much inconvenience. The mains are still running.

Although the wind has been high and the cold intense, no fatalities have been reported. Communication with the outside towns is very meagre, but little can be learned from other places.

The telegraph and telephone lines continue in operation, and keep Free-land in touch with the remainder of the world. Without them the town would be isolated.

Death of an Old Resident.

The community was shocked on Thursday afternoon to learn of the death of Thomas Campbell, a prominent merchant of town, at his residence corner of Centre and Main streets. Mr. Campbell had been in poor health for some time past, but none of his friends or relatives considered him in any danger and the announcement of his death was a surprise to everybody. In March, 1893, Mr. Campbell sustained severe injuries from a fall on the ice, and his health since that time was not of the best. On Wednesday, however, he was on the street for a short time, and with the coming of spring he anticipated an improvement.

Mr. Campbell was born in Ireland sixty-three years ago. More than thirty years ago he came to America and settled for a short time in Delaware. Later he went to Mauch Chunk, then to Hazleton, fulfilling the duties of book-keeper in both towns. He next taught school at Jeddo for a few years, then accepted an agency for a Philadelphia tea firm with Allentown as his headquarters. This opening led him to enter business at Hazleton, and in 1878 Mr. Campbell started a branch store here.

His thorough business qualifications were soon recognized by the people of Free-land, and a few years later he removed his family to town and built for himself a handsome residence and store. The business prospered under his able management, and now, at the time of his death, is considered one of the most substantial houses in town.

Since his coming here Mr. Campbell was actively engaged in promoting the town's welfare and prosperity. He had unbounded faith in Free-land's future, and left no opportunity pass to say a good word for the town when it would be of benefit. For years he was an active member of the Citizens' Hose Company, and this was the only organization to which he belonged.

The deceased leaves a wife, who is a sister of Rev. M. J. Fallis, and four children, Josephine, James, Thomas and Nellie. The funeral took place at 9.30 o'clock this morning. A solemn requiem mass was read at St. Ann's church, and the interment made in St. Ann's ceme-

tery. The Citizens' Hose Company attended in a body.

DRIFTON ITEMS.

Several of our young ladies who attended the Hazleton opera house on Thursday evening were obliged to remain in that city until yesterday afternoon, when with the assistance of a heavy team they reached home.

Engine No. 17, of the D. S. & S., brought the mail on Saturday from Hazleton Junction. This was the first mail since the storm.

Mrs. Samuel Davis called on friends at Hazleton last week.

John Brown, of Philadelphia, was here visiting last week.

John Sweeney sprained his ankle by slipping on ice at the hydrant on Wednesday.

The collieries were shut down during the blizzard.

The snow is drifted in some parts of town to the depth of ten feet.

Dr. George S. Wentz, Jr., is visiting relatives at Seranton.

The hydrants have been frozen nearly all last week and the people had much difficulty in getting water.

Robert Baskin and E. J. Sweeney, of town, have been drawn to serve on the jury next month.

Some dogs broke into the rabbit warren of Samuel Zeisloft on Saturday night and killed a valuable stock of tame rabbits.

The efficient service of the D. S. & S. was well illustrated during the storm last week. The line was kept open its entire length, though outside of the passenger trains little traffic was done on account of the collieries being idle.

UPPER LEHIGH NOTES.

Miss Bertha Reed, one of our estimable young ladies, died at the residence of her parents here on Thursday. She had been ill from an attack of pneumonia and was about recovering when she took a relapse and the end came quickly. She was about 14 years of age. The funeral was yesterday and interment was made in the cemetery here.

The snow storm which began on Thursday was the worst that has visited this place in a number of years. Snow which drifted in large banks beside the collieries and they have been idle since Thursday. Yesterday a force of men was removing the snow and work was resumed this morning.

A slight fire was discovered in the store on Thursday afternoon. With prompt work the clerks extinguished it before serious damage resulted.

The engagement is announced of Philip Klose, one of the genial clerks here, and Miss Jimmie Jones, of Free-land. They will be married on Wednesday afternoon of next week.

TREES AND FLOWERS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., has 600 varieties of trees.

The largest flower is the "Rafflesia," named in honor of Sir S. Raffles, which is a native of Sumatra. The diameter often exceeds nine feet.

EDZWEISS is rapidly disappearing in many parts of Tyrol. To save it the landtag has lately imposed a fine for selling the plant with the roots.

Miss ERNA DEAN PROCTOR, poetess, wants to be known as the apostle of maize as the national flower. She considers Indian corn the distinctively American product.

TROPICAL lilies have been successfully established in the upper end of Central park lake, New York, and bloomed in blue and pink. There is also a small lot of yellow there, which is likely to grow into a much larger one.

It is known that trees have attained the following ages: Elm, 325 years; cypress, 350; ivy, 450; larch, 570; chestnut, 600; orange, 630; palm, 650; olive, 700; oriental plane, 720; cedar, 800; lime, 1,100; oak, 1,300; yew, 2,800.

A STRONG bean with a blue pod was the sensation of the recent Crystal Palace fruit show. The first plant was obtained by accident from a job lot of French seed, but the grower has now fixed the type and can produce it regularly.

FOREIGN PERSONALS.

GRIMALDI, the clown, is to be kept immortal by having a street in London named after him.

"BLIND ALEX," an old beggar of Sterling, Scotland, knew all the Bible by heart. If a person named chapter and verse of any part, he could from memory give the passage.

MILE PAULINE, of Holland, is probably the tallest woman on the planet. She is eighteen years old, weighs less than nine pounds and lacks four inches of being as high as a two-foot rule.

A FIRST cousin of the grandfather of the new president of France, Mme. Duchesne (Perier), came to America in 1817 and founded in this country the Order of Ladies of the Sacred Heart.

The mother of Abdul-Aziz, the new young sultan of Morocco, bids fair to have as much sway as does the empress of China. She is a woman of great talent and boundless tact, and her son is said to consult her before taking any political step.

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Two Burned to Death by Fire.

A fire broke out in Priceburg, Lackawanna county, early Friday morning. Mrs. Joseph Choperinski, aged 38 years, and her daughter, Mary, aged 7 years, were burned to death. The fire broke out in the rear part of the first floor of the house and burned very rapidly, the entire lower floor, including the stairs, being ablaze when Choperinski was awakened. He aroused his wife and four children and, taking his daughter Eva, aged 3 years, in his arms, leaped out of the second-story window to the ground, a distance of twelve feet. Two of the older daughters followed their father's example.

Mrs. Choperinski picked up Mary and tried to reach the window, but the smoke was so thick that it overcame her and she fell to the floor. It was then impossible to rescue her, as the building was a mass of flames. The bodies were not recovered until four hours later. Scarcely a vestige of either was left.

Choperinski was burned about the hands and also injured by his jump from the window. His thirteen-year-old daughter was burned about the head and had both feet frozen. The two other children were badly bruised.

Choperinski lived in a double dwelling the other half being occupied by several families. A second double dwelling, which was occupied by four families, was also burned. Eight families were rendered homeless, and all who were burned lost every bit of their furniture and nearly all their clothing.

Passengers Narrowly Escape Death.

There was a very narrow escape from a dreadful accident on the electric road near Wilkes-Barre on Friday. An electric car was going down grade to a Pennsylvania Railroad crossing and the motor man, seeing that the gates were up did not slacken speed. When half down the grade, though, he saw the gatetender frantically waving a red flag on the track, and realizing something was amiss he put on the brakes and reversed the current. The rails were wet with snow and the wheels slid along, the car hardly being checked in speed. The car was but a short distance away from the track when a passenger train came flying around a curve. Throwing open the door behind him, the motor man grabbed a woman and child, and shouting to the four men in the car, "Jump for your lives," he threw the woman and child into a snowdrift and jumped after them. The four passengers also jumped, and just in time, for the train struck the car and smashed it into kindling wood.

She Preferred the Stage.

An affecting reconciliation took place on the stage of Music Hall, Wilkes-Barre, one night last week. Two years ago Miss Minnie Brown, of that city, had a quarrel with her father and was driven from home. She went to New York, joined a theatrical troupe and appeared in Wilkes-Barre in "The White Crook." Near the end of the show her father, Anderson Brown, called and was shown to her dressing room. There an affecting scene took place. The father asked for forgiveness and the daughter ran to his arms. After much weeping on both sides the father asked his daughter to return home, but she said she liked the business, and after a consultation with the manager the father decided to allow her to play with the company.

Caught Fire from a Stove.

Edith Williams, aged 17 years, employed at the Pennsylvania hotel, Allentown, while warming herself was frightfully burned by her clothes catching fire from the stove. Her screams attracted the attention of the hotel porter, who turned the hose on her. The girl ran out of the hotel, but was overtaken and brought back. The proprietor came on the scene at this time and tore off the burning clothes, severely burning his hands in doing so. The porter was also badly burned in his efforts to save the girl. Miss Williams was terribly burned about the limbs, back and head. Nearly all the hair was burned off her head and one arm was burned almost to a crisp. Her condition is critical.

Compulsory Education Bill.

The Farr reported education bill has been reported favorably to the house. This was decided on by the unanimous vote of a largely attended meeting of the committee on education. Mr. Seyfert, who is also a member of the committee, and the author of the other compulsory education bill before the committee, deferred to the judgment of the committee, but reserved the right to submit amendments to the bill when considered by the house.

Will Investigate This Death.

The three-month-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Green, of Ashley, died on Thursday under suspicious circumstances and was buried a few hours after. The attention of Deputy Coroner Perkins was called to the case and he has ordered an investigation. Neighbors say the child was frozen to death, the mother having left it in the house for some hours without a fire.

PLEASURE CALENDAR.

February 21.—Second annual ball of the Tirolese Beneficial Society, at Yannes' hall. Admission, 25 cents.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

Washington, February 8, 1895. Neither President Cleveland nor Secretary Carlisle was surprised at the action of the house on the financial bill. They were kept thoroughly posted on the sentiment of the Democrats of the house, but there was an element of doubt as to how the Republicans would vote, even after ex-speaker and presidential candidate Reed made his great combination bid for the support of the silver men of the west and the gold men of the east, by offering a substitute, which he was pleased to call a non-partisan compromise, and to close his speech advocating it by asking the following Solomon-like questions: "Now, why is not that the solution of our problem, without raising vexed questions, which we know cannot be solved? Why is it not a practical solution of our trouble? Why is it not suitable in every way?" The lack of egotism and gall will never keep that Reed out of anything. Nobody ever knew until he made that speech that he had, in addition to his great literary and parliamentary accomplishments, found time to completely master the complicated science of finance, and the house refused to believe it even after he said so.

The sub-committee of the senate which is in charge of the Indian appropriation bill has had no end of trouble about appropriations for sectarian schools. The Catholics claimed that the Lincoln institute at Philadelphia, and the Hampton institute at Hampton, Va., for both of which specific appropriations were made by the bill as it passed the house, are sectarian schools, one Episcopal and the other Congregational, and asked that specific appropriations for some of their schools be added to the bill. The sub-committee settled the matter by striking out all specific appropriations for denominational schools, and leaving the question of sending Indian children to any of them discretionary with the secretary of the interior. In other words, for him to spend the money appropriated for the Indians as he may think best.

The senate can act quick enough when so disposed. An instance of this promptness was given when the ratification of the Japanese treaty was reconsidered and the treaty amended in accordance with Secretary Gresham's request. The senate had amended the treaty so as to give either nation the right to abrogate it after one year's notice. The Japanese minister said his country would object to that clause, because it gave this country an opportunity, if so disposed, to abrogate the treaty before it was even put into operation. The treaty does not go into effect until 1899. Secretary Gresham and the senators thought the objection well founded; hence the last amendment, which gives either country the right to abrogate the treaty by one year's notice, after the treaty has gone into operation.

Some senators—not all of them Republicans, either—were much disappointed at Secretary Carlisle's answer to the senate resolution, asking whether there would be a deficiency in the estimated revenues of the government for the year ending December 31, 1895. Secretary Carlisle's answer was plain and flatfooted—there will be a comfortable surplus in the treasury at the end of the year. Some of the Republicans are still saying that it is the lack of revenue that is causing the depletion of the gold in the treasury—probably following the rascally political axiom, "A lie well stuck to is as good as the truth."

More Hawaii! It seems to be a veritable old man of the sea saddled upon the back of congress, and it is certainly becoming tiresome. This time the amendment to the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill authorizing the president to enter into a contract for the laying of a cable to Honolulu was the text upon which the Hawaiians preached, but they by no means confined themselves to the text. The whole field had to be gone over, including Lili's abdication to save her head.

President Cleveland promptly nominated General Schofield to be lieutenant general, on the same day that he signed the bill restoring that grade to the army. General Schofield, who is deservedly popular, is being overwhelmed with congratulations.

One of the bills pending in congress that is almost certain to become a law is that providing for the retirement, on account of bad health, of Justice Jackson, of the United States supreme court. It is not believed by those who know his present condition that he will ever be able to resume his duties again.

Not since the war has there been so many changes in the personnel of the house during a single congress as have taken place in the present one. Thirty of the members elected thereto are now out of it, eleven of them having died, sixteen resigned and three having been unseated. How about that office-holder's chestnut, "few die and none resign?" But in this case every resignation was to take another office. S.

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.

Thursday next is St. Valentine's Day. February 27 will be Ash Wednesday.

Washington's birthday, the 22d inst., is the next national holiday. The Tirolese Beneficial Society will hold a ball at Yannes' hall on the evening of February 21.

The Luzerne County Medical Society has refused to endorse the anti-toxine treatment for diphtheria.

The National hotel, Pittston, was burned to the ground on Friday night. All the guests escaped.

Burglars are operating on a large scale throughout the Wyoming region, and the police cannot locate them.

A number of the friends of Postmaster William F. Boyle tendered him a pleasant birthday surprise on Friday evening.

In order to decide who shall be appointed postmaster of Bethlehem an election will be held. Eight Democrats want the office.

An adjourned meeting of the council will be held tomorrow evening. The electric road ordinance will likely receive some attention.

Frank Yittus, a Honey Brook Italian, shot himself early yesterday morning at Pleasant Hill. He is still alive, but is not expected to live more than a day or two.

The slate picker boys at Buck Ridge colliery, Shamokin, are on strike and they threaten to stay out for an indefinite period unless the company furnishes them with more heat.

The miners' hospital at Hazleton narrowly escaped destruction by fire on Friday. The blaze had quite a start when discovered, but by hard work the employees extinguished it and saved the handsome building.

Regular correspondence from the surrounding towns and communications upon local or general subjects are solicited by the TRIBUNE. The name of the writer must accompany all letters or items sent to this office for publication. Senator Kline has introduced a bill fixing the daily pay of examiners of inspectors, foremen and fire bosses in the anthracite and bituminous coal mines at \$6 per day, and another to increase the salaries of county officers in counties containing over 150,000 inhabitants.

Fred Rentelhuber, a Wilkes-Barre councilman, was arrested on the charge of malfeasance in office on complaint of Patrick McGavin. McGavin swore that in 1884, Rentelhuber unlawfully caused the money of the city to be paid out to persons in his employ and for his personal benefit.

A fire on Thursday night destroyed a half dozen business houses at Mt. Carmel. F. Shoener, D. D. Boliek, Abe Goldsmith, J. C. Menagh and Miss Jennie South lost their entire stocks. The fire originated from a defective flue, and the loss amounts to \$20,000, partially covered by insurance.

German Social Club's Officers.

The following have been elected as officers of the German Social Club: President—Henry Ernest. Vice president—Stephen Drasher. Secretary—Louis Bechtloff. Treasurer—Albert Goepfert. Trustees—Benhard Dinn, Chas. Moersbacher, S. Rohrer.

At the meeting last week President Ernst was presented with a handsome gold-headed cane, a testimonial from the members for his faithful services.

Preparing for Base Ball.

At a meeting of the Tigors Athletic Club yesterday afternoon John Gillespie was elected manager of the base ball team for the coming season. The club also elected the following directors: Jas. B. Ferry, J. M. Gallagher, C. F. Itagany, D. J. McTighe and Condy J. Boyle. The ball park will be improved by the addition of some new features, and preparations will be made for an early season.

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