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LETTERS THAT CONTAIN A VARIED ASSORTMENT OF NEWS.

"Independent" Takes Up the Issue on "Free Education" and Challenges His Opponent to an Open Discussion of the Question—Drift Items.

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A FAIR CHALLENGE.

Freeland, February 15, 1895.
EDITOR TRIBUNE.—I was amused while reading the latest production of "Extra" in the current issue of the Progress. Verily, "the mountain hath been in labor and brought forth a mouse." After taking a whole week to consult with the "boys" this counsel-general of the citizens of Freeland occupies one foot of valuable space, in which he manages to say nothing, but carefully avoids the only point of controversy between us—namely, what is free education? This fair-weather patriot while masquerading as an exponent of "free education," crouches behind a non-plume to shoot his poisoned arrows at a man who is his superior morally and intellectually, and for what reason? Simply because this man avails himself of the God-given right to educate his children where he sees fit. This man "Extra" is simply a drawing, crawling creature who belongs away back in the fifteenth century; a man who preys on the prejudices that unfortunately exist wherever ignorance obtains; a man who would appeal to the lowest passions the flesh is heir to; who would array God's children in brutal sectarian strife; a snake in the grass who would crush liberty in the name of patriotism to accomplish his personal ends.

When caught in his own meshes this great patriot ignores and evades the only point at issue and, parrot-like, chirps "new school," "abominable deceiver," "you're un-American," "you're a liar," etc., etc., but not one word about the only point at issue—"free education."

Oh, no, this narrow nincompoop has been told by some kind friend that the "free education" he advocates is not the free education intended by the Declaration of Independence and the constitution of the United States, and he wisely drops it and mounts the "new school" hobby. I have not said one word for or against the new school, yet I am told that "the time is past when men of my calibre will try and fight down such blessings," but he carefully avoids the query in relation to the causes which compel parents to send their children to Hazleton and Foster township to be educated. He fails to state the fact that many parents were compelled to send their children to Foster schools because the principal of Freeland borough is incompetent and unable to advance them any further.

The time is come when men of "my calibre" will arise boldly and independently and denounce any attempt to curtail the liberty of even our humblest citizen. The time is come when all honest men will arise in their might and stamp out every attempt to rekindle the fires of proscription and religious hate. The time has come when no shallow demagogue masquerading as a patriot can use the public press to advocate principles that are un-Christian, un-American and unpatriotic, and win public approbation. The time is come when all true Americans will rise in their might in defense of free education.

"Extra" says that my letter was un-American and insinuates that I am not a citizen. My friend is simply "speculating," forgetful of the fact that speculation is dangerous as many citizens of this vicinity can testify. He seems to have very warped ideas as to what constitutes patriotic citizens. The new school building confines his mental vision within a very limited radius. He cannot comprehend the broad fact that patriotism like nature loves all lands. Hungary had her Kossuth, Poland her Kosciuszko, England her Byron, her Burke and her Gladstone, Ireland had her Emmet, her William Smith O'Brien, her Mitchell, her Martin, her Parnell, the grand galaxy of names that adorn the pages of her history—the Protestant apostles of Catholic Ireland, Scotland had her Wallace and Bruce, France had her Lafayette, America had her Washington, her Jefferson and Lincoln, and so it is all along the line in every nook on God's foot-stool. It is not a manufactured commodity. Men inhale it in the air they breathe. The proposition to confine patriotism within certain geographical limits is preposterously absurd. You might as well try to bottle up the air and sunshine. The foundation of patriotism is invariably laid when the little boy is lisping the Lord's prayer at the knee of a noble Christian mother. Patriotism is the essence of honesty

mingled with an ardent love for the welfare of our fellow man, carried to the point of self-sacrifice.

A certain patriot named Washington over one hundred years ago captured many prisoners in battle down on the Delaware and sent them up to the bleak mountains of Pennsylvania to earn their bread by the sweat of their brow. These prisoners were a mercenary horde who were imported from the continent by the tyrant English king to crush the spirit of patriotism that animated the sturdy colonists to take up arms in defense of their homes and liberties. These men were called Hessians and despised by everyone, but one hundred years has worked a complete transformation. Their offspring are ardent patriots. They have not yet arrived at the point of self-sacrifice it is true, but they are coming. They are now busily engaged trying to bottle up the eternal principles of liberty and patriotism that illuminated the world for thousands of years and substitute it with a home product of their own manufacture. It is to be hoped that another hundred years will work a complete regeneration and enable them to behold the principles of patriotism and liberty in the fulness of its universal grandeur.

To my fellow citizens of Freeland I extend the hand of fellowship and brotherly love across the bloody chasm this gilt-edged patriot is trying to dig. We are brothers, the children of a common Father, linked together in social intercourse and holy communion by bonds that are inseparable and any attempt to sever them will prove futile. The man who would revive the proscription spirit that prevailed away back in the fifties, is a knave or a fool or a compound of both, and henceforth must part company with honest and intelligent men.

Mr. Editor, I have occupied more space than I intended, and in conclusion would make the following proposition: After the election is past and reason has resumed its normal sphere, I am satisfied to cast away the non-de-plume and discuss this question with my friend, in the light of day, if he will do likewise. I will engage to prove to the satisfaction of all unbiased minds that I am his peer as a citizen and patriot.

INDEPENDENT.
DRIFTON ITEMS.
John Curran, candidate for school director, is working diligently to secure his election. Mr. Curran is favorably known throughout the township, and the citizens here, in particular, should avail themselves of the opportunity to vote for a man who has the ability to fill the office satisfactorily.

William Gross celebrated his forty-first birthday yesterday. Mr. G is one of our esteemed residents and his friends here wish him many returns of the event.

There was an Austrian wedding here on Saturday night. People of every nationality were present and spent a jolly night.

Dogs managed to get in the henery of James O'Donnell on Saturday night and carried off twelve fine chickens.

Perry and Geo. S. Wentz enjoyed a sleigh ride to Scranton last week.

Andrew Brislin attended the funeral of his brother-in-law at Wilkes-Barre last week.

Edward Earley, of Shamokin, spent Saturday and Sunday with friends here.

The colliers here are scheduled, it is said, to work full time for the balance of the month.

Patrick O'Donnell, Sr., visited friends at Wilkes-Barre on Saturday.

James Harkins called on friends at Hazleton, on Friday last.

The employees on the D. S. & S. received their monthly pay on Saturday.

Patrick X. O'Donnell transacted business at the county seat on Saturday.

John Gallagher, of Freeland, employed as a team driver at No. 2 slope, had his hand injured while at work last week.

Michael Bergan, the active coal shipper here, who was confined to his bed the forepart of last week with the grip, is able to be around again.

An Anti New County Committee.
From the Wilkes-Barre Record.
What's the matter with that committee appointed to go to Harrisburg? Secretary Niven, of the board of trade, has called two meetings of the committee. Two men answered the first call and only a single individual the second! That's not business gentlemen.

Patents Granted.
J. Dowling, Wilkes-Barre, combination nail-set.
T. H. Holmes, Wilkes-Barre, piston-rod packing.
W. Storm, Pottsville, steam-jet blower.
F. H. Zohe, Scranton, lawn-mower.

DEATHS.
LEWIS.—At Highland, February 15, Nicholas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Lewis, aged 1 year. Interred on Saturday at Freeland cemetery.

O'DONNELL.—At Freeland, February 15, Mrs. Sarah O'Donnell, aged 89 years. Interred yesterday at St. Ann's cemetery. Brislin.

POLITICAL POINTERS.

Freeland is a Democratic town by a large majority, and each of the candidates, Messrs. Rutter, Broslin, Timony, McCarthy, Gallagher and Myers should be elected to the offices they seek. If any of them fails it will cause trouble in future years.

Democrats should not forget their candidates for poor officers tomorrow. Mr. Faust, of the Weatherly Herald, is a gentleman who would make an excellent director, and Mr. Sharpe, of Lansford, is well qualified for auditor.

A plain ordinary victory will not satisfy the Democrats this year. Every man on the ticket should have a rousing majority. The votes are here and all that is necessary is to get them out and make a clean sweep.

Candidates are working energetically to get out the full vote on Tuesday. There is but little noise on the surface, nevertheless both parties are leaving nothing undone.

Foster Democrats are making a splendid uphill fight. The odds are against them, but they are hopeful.

Freeland borough will have 1,350 official and 450 specimen ballots. Foster will have 2,625 official and 875 specimen.

The Democrats of the third borough district propose to give the ticket a majority of no less than 75 votes.

Mark your ballot as the specimen ballot shown on the fourth page is marked. Two crosses (X) are sufficient, but be sure you get them right.

There is considerable uncertainty in the borough. This is the first municipal election since the consolidation, and it takes nerve to make a prediction of tomorrow's result.

Don't be afraid to sacrifice a little time tomorrow to vote yourself, and when that is done go after your friends. Poll every Democratic vote in the borough. The ticket will be elected if this is done.

The proposition to increase the school debt will be stubbornly contested. The opposition has conducted an aggressive campaign, and the failure of the board to make public its plans has helped the opponents of the scheme wonderfully.

Democratic Nominee for Poor Director.
Percy E. Faust, of Weatherly, the Democratic candidate for poor director, is making an active canvass for the office, but owing to a lack of time has been unable to call upon all the voters of this portion of the district. However, to those who have not the pleasure of his acquaintance, the TRIBUNE can assure them they have missed meeting a gentleman whose Democracy has never been questioned, one who has worked faithfully for every Democratic nominee in the poor district, both personally and through his paper, the Herald. This is the first time Mr. Faust has sought office, and would not now be a candidate if any other had desired the honor. He accepted the place on the ticket at the solicitation of the convention, and a man who responds so willingly to his party's call should have every Democratic vote in the district.

It is not alone for this that Mr. Faust should be elected, but because of his sterling qualities as a man and his ability to properly fulfill the duties of poor director. Let no Democratic forget to vote for him tomorrow.

A Lucky Editor.
Dr. Allen Norton Leete, editor of the Scranton Sunday News, has been notified that he has been bequeathed \$50,000 by the will of the late Henry B. Carey, of Los Angeles, Cal. Back of the bequest is the story of an unpaid debt that brought the lender ultimately a competence for life. In 1862 Dr. Leete loaned Cary \$500. At that time both men lived in Newark, N. J. Cary immigrated to California and made a fortune, but he never during his life time paid Leete his money. When he died, not long since, his will was found to contain a clause acknowledging his debt to Leete and stating that the \$500 was the foundation of his fortune and in consideration of this he bequeathed him \$50,000.

English Baptist Church Notes.
Special baptismal services will be held at the church tomorrow evening, when a number of candidates will be brought from Hazleton and baptized by Rev. C. A. Spaulding, of that city. The pastor, Rev. J. T. Griffiths, will also preach a sermon on "The Design of Baptism."

The Junior Baptist Society will give an entertainment and social at the church on Friday evening, the 23d inst. A rich treat may be expected, as the programme will consist of declamations, songs, drills of a religious and patriotic character and refreshments. Admission, 15 cents. All welcome.

He Would Be the Man to Do It.
From the Wilkes-Barre Newsdealer.
Very few, if any railroads show the enormous earning capacity of the D. S. & S. R. R., of which Eckley B. Cox is the head. Last year it earned in dividends 44 per cent. The defunct and moribund Reading ought to make a bid for Cox at once. He might bring order and profit out of the chaos in which it is involved.

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 president has appointed Thomas P. McAndrews as postmaster at White Haven.

John C. Sneddon, who recently resigned his position as clerk in Eckley store, has been added to the force employed by J. C. Berner.

James Wilson, of town, was discharged on Friday from Hazleton hospital, where he had been under treatment for several months.

A large delegation of Kiowas Tribe, Red Men, of Hazleton, paid a fraternal visit to Machesleck Tribe, of this place, on Friday evening.

Miss Mary Boyle, of South Centre street, is lying dangerously ill. She is suffering from pneumonia, superinduced by an attack of grip.

The Ladies' Council of the Legion of Honor will celebrate its fourth anniversary with a banquet at the Cottage hotel on Wednesday evening.

The Jeddoo tunnel was tapped last week, and the water is now going out of the flooded mines at the rate of 8,000 gallons per minute. They will be drained in about nine weeks.

The annual financial report of the poor district, which appears in today's issue, shows that the district is in a prosperous condition. The figures give evidence of able management on the part of the directors.

Despite all the reports to the contrary, the fire in Hazle Mines slope is gaining ground. It is estimated that already over 50,000 tons of coal have been burned. To add to the difficulty of fighting the flames, there is a scarcity of water.

Judge Handley, of Lackawanna county, who died at Scranton on Friday, was formerly a judge in this county, and as a mark of respect to him the courts were adjourned. They will reopen this morning, and the license applications will be heard this week.

David Koehler, of Nesquehoning, committed suicide at that place. He attempted to cut his throat with a broad knife, but failed to make the cut deep enough. He then wandered on to the railroad track with the blood flowing from the wound and hurled himself in front of a train.

Judge Rice has refused a new trial to William Bowman, who was a short time ago convicted in the first degree of being one of the murderers of an Arabian peddler near Wilkes-Barre. The attorneys will now go to the supreme court. Bowman says he would just as leave hang as to remain in jail.

At Hazle Brook the old No. 1 slope is to be reopened, and at Milnesville, the strippings that have been idle all winter will be started up again as soon as warm weather arrives. The strippings at Latimer, which have been idle since December, will also resume, and at least 500 men will be given work.

In the report of J. L. Lenahan, commissioner, to ascertain the indebtedness of Plains township, the indebtedness was found to be \$39,180.54, exclusive of the costs and expenses of the commission, which will be about \$650 more. It will require a special tax levy of 55 mills to pay the debts now outstanding.

Snow Trouble in Pittston.
The Wyoming Traction Company is having considerable trouble in Pittston and no cars have been run through that place to Pittston Junction since the recent storm. The company the other day started to take the snow from its tracks and cart it away. The street on either side of the track remained piled up by snow and the burgess gave orders that this accumulation should be shoveled to the centre of the road. The street car tracks were again piled up, and the traction company then stopped running cars and will not resume until the snow melts.

Card of Thanks.
On behalf of myself and family I extend my sincere thanks to the people of Freeland and vicinity for their courtesy to us during our recent bereavement, and for their attendance at the funeral of my late husband, notwithstanding the severe cold weather. I also thank the members of the Citizens' Hose Company for their many acts of kindness and for their resolutions of condolence.
MRS. T. CAMPBELL.

PLEASURE CALENDAR.
February 21.—Second annual ball of the Tirolesi Beneficial Society, at Yannes' hall. Admission, 25 cents.
February 22.—Social hall at Haas' hall, commencing at 2 p. m. Admission, 25 cents.

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AN ORDINANCE to provide for the licensing of transient retail merchants in the borough of Freeland, Luzerne county, Pa. It is ordained and enacted by the burgess and town council of the borough of Freeland, in council met, and it is hereby enacted by authority of the same.

Section 1. That hereafter every person, whether principal or agent, not engaged in a permanent business in the borough of Freeland, Luzerne county, Pa., but entering into, beginning or desiring to begin, a transient retail business in said borough, for the sale of any goods, wares, or merchandise whatsoever, whether the same shall be represented or held forth to be bankrupt, assignee's, or about to quit business, or of goods damaged by fire, water, or otherwise, or by any attractive or conspicuous advertisement whatsoever, shall first take out a license for the same from the burgess.

Section 2. That the amount of such license in the borough of Freeland shall be one hundred and fifty dollars per month, to be paid in advance. Every such license shall be renewed monthly during the continuance of such sales, upon the payment for each renewal of one hundred and fifty dollars. No license or renewal thereof, shall be issued for a longer or shorter period than one month. And upon the failure of any person or persons to secure a license, or to pay the same, the burgess, or any of his or their clerks, shall have authority to collect the same as other fines are by law collectible.

Passed finally in council, February 4, A. D. 1895. Attest, Frank DeFazio, president.

Thomas A. Bueker, secretary.
Approved February 12, 1895.
Patrick McLaughlin, burgess.

ELECTION 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 which is composed of the boroughs of Mauch Chunk, East Mauch Chunk, Lanthorn and Summit Hill and the township of Mauch Chunk, in Carbon county.
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