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A NATURALIZATION MILL.

CITIZENS' PAPERS GRANTED ACCORDING TO THE DEMAND.

Voters Were Scarce in Wilkes-Barre Township on Election Day, and Peter Quinn's Family Assumed the Power of Conferring the Right to Vote.

Up in Wilkes-Barre township, which is located the other side of Luzerne's county seat, lives a man who for some years has been known as a shrewd politician. His assistance has been beseeched by candidates of all parties in local and county elections, and though held in no especial esteem by his neighbors his influence was supposed to be far-reaching and powerful. The candidate who stood well with Peter Quinn, the township "boss," was considered sure of a rousing majority, and until lately there was no one to dispute his sway. For years Peter has been engaged in making and unmaking candidates in the township over which he ruled, and the people submitted quietly to his dictates until he announced that he himself proposed to enter the political arena and become a candidate. Peter selected the office of school director as the one most befitting his position, probably because his qualifications for it were less than for any other, but against this presumption rose a murmur of disapproval which grew and grew as the time for making nominations approached.

In politics Quinn was classed as a Democrat, but among his acquaintances they say it was hard to tell in what party to find him on election day. However, to the Democratic convention he went, only to be rejected unceremoniously, and a like fate met his candidacy with the Republicans. Quinn could not stand such ingratitude, and called upon a few of his devoted followers, and the "Citizens Party" was formed. Peter was nominated unanimously, and when assured a place on the ballot he began a contest which aroused the politics of the township to a fever heat, but the opposition against him gained strength daily, and the outlook was dark for the "boss."

Peter tried all his arts on the voters, but the few who would listen to his claims discouraged him. He still held a strong hold upon the "foreign" vote, and on this alone he relied for victory. As election day came nearer he counted noses, for and against, as nearly as he could fathom the feelings of the citizens, and he found himself in the minority by at least thirty votes. For a day or two he thought of withdrawing from the field, but this intention was abandoned as he imagined how joyously such action would be received. Victory was in sight if thirty votes could be had. Could he get them? Was the question he asked himself over and over. Again he counted the "foreign" vote, still he was short; but he made a discovery which set him thinking harder than he ever thought before.

In the township were fully fifty Poles and Hungarians who were not naturalized. Why not have them vote for him, he said. But how? He told his son John of the discovery. John is a bright young man who has imbibed the scheming nature of his dad, and between the two a plot was soon formed.

When election day came Peter's countenance wore a cheerful look, one that surprised his opponents, and they suspected trickery somewhere. The opposition had also counted the voters and believed they could beat Quinn on a straight vote, and they could not understand why the "boss" appeared so confident. As the hours passed on the vote of the township grew larger and larger, and men came and went in groups, men who could not speak English and knew nothing about elections or school directors. But each of them carried a brand new naturalization paper and this was thrust in the faces of the watchers by Peter's lieutenants when they challenged.

Finally the voting was finished, and the result showed that Quinn was elected by a splendid majority. There was great rejoicing among the followers, and in their estimation the "boss" was ten-fold greater than before. So far all went well, and the Quinns, having grown careless in their delight, forgot to cover up the schemes by which they won.

The man who had charge of the un-naturalized voters was named William Ambrose, a Polish saloon-keeper. He had become dissatisfied with the bargain he had been a party to, and he took one of the naturalization papers he had used to P. M. Gilligan, of Wilkes-Barre, who suspected it was not genuine. To decide upon it Mr. Gilligan showed the paper to A. L. Stanton, ex-clerk of the courts, whose name was affixed. Stanton pronounced the paper a forgery, and immediately an investigation was begun which may cut Quinn's political career very short and give him a term in the penitentiary instead of on the school board.

Ambrose had several of the naturalization papers still in his possession, which he turned over to Alderman Thomas. With these as evidence Quinn was arrested for forgery, and some interesting developments came out at the

hearing last week. It was shown that Quinn, in some manner, secured fifty naturalization blanks, while his son John, who was given a clerkship in District Attorney Fell's office, for his father's treachery to P. A. O'Boyle last November, secured the gold seals. The seals were then attached to the blanks, and Quinn's daughter filled out the names on the papers from the list of un-naturalized foreigners given her by her father. Alderman Kirk's seal was borrowed during the absence of that officer from home, and stamped with this the papers presented all the appearance of genuine documents. Ambrose took charge of the distribution, and used thirty-two of them—enough to elect Peter Quinn school director. All this was proven at the hearing, and Alderman Thomas held the "boss" in \$500 bail for a further hearing.

On Friday afternoon the family was taken to Alderman Thomas' office, but little additional information was secured, as the witnesses, Peter's son and two daughters, refused to answer any questions, taking the ground that their replies might criminate themselves. Their refusal denoted that they knew considerable about the affair, and Peter's bail was increased to \$1,000 for his appearance at court. Bail was furnished and Attorney Lenahan announced that action would be brought against the family in the United States courts in a few weeks.

The discovery of the naturalization mill has created consternation among the politicians of the township. Attorney John T. Lenahan has been engaged by the commonwealth to prosecute Quinn and he is collecting evidence which will implicate the whole family. The offense is a serious one and if convicted the Quinns will likely receive severe punishment.

The New County of Grow.

From the Shickshinny Echo.
Before the close of this week a petition will be filed with the secretary of internal affairs asking for a new county to be formed out of Luzerne to be called Grow, after Galusha A. Grow, now congressman-at-large from Pennsylvania. The new county will be asked for under the Lackawanna act, which provides for the division of counties containing a population of 150,000 or more. It is proposed to take in on the west side of the Susquehanna, Salem, Shickshinny, Union, Hunlock, Ross, Huntington, Fairmount, New Columbus, part of Lehman and on the east side, part of Newport, Conyngham, Hollenback, Dennison, Slocum, Butler, Black Creek and Nescopeck. This would make a practically agricultural county free from the excessive expense of a foreign population. With the county seat located at Shickshinny, which is the centre of the territory, it could be reached from the farthest point in less than twenty miles. While most of the people in the townships would prefer old Luzerne to remain as she is, of the lesser evils of division they prefer that Grow which would not be expensive in its management and where three-fourths of the voters are property owners.

Arrested for Throwing Snowballs.

Yesterday was a perfect spring day, and the snow that remained around here was of the kind to make snowballing a pleasant pastime. A number of young men engaged in the sport at Centre and South streets in the afternoon, but they carried it too far and many persons were struck who were not interested in their play. Matters finally went so far that the attention of the police was called and three of the participants were placed under arrest and fined \$2 each. The news quickly spread through town and few snowballs were thrown during the remainder of the day. The officers were commended for their prompt action in stopping this dangerous practice.

Very Low at the Hospital.

John Cull, a well-known young man of Jeddo, and a son of Henry Cull, of that place, is lying very low in Hazleton hospital. About two weeks ago he became troubled with pains in his stomach, which he considered to be cramps, and procured medicine to relieve them. The medicine failed to have any effect and the pains continued to increase. Dr. Kaib, of Jeddo, was then called and after an examination announced that an orange or lemon seed was lodged in the young man's intestines. John was taken to Hazleton hospital on Wednesday, and on Friday an operation was performed. Whether this will prove successful cannot yet be learned. His condition now is very low.

PLEASURE CALENDAR.

March 18.—Annual ball of St. Patrick's Beneficial Society, at Freeland opera house. Admission, 50 cents.
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March 30.—"Policeman's Luck," comedy drama, by the Juvenile Dramatic Company, at Freeland opera house. Admission, 5 and 10 cents.
April 22.—Ball of the Shamrock Drum Corps, of Eckley, at Freeland opera house. Admission, 50 cents.

Boys, if you want a nobby spring suit to order, try Refowich.

DRIFTON ITEMS.

A petition was circulated through the Foster township portion of this place last week for the purpose of protesting against the action of the Foster township school board, which body has given the Catholic societies of Eckley permission to use the schoolhouse at that place for celebrating St. Patrick's Day. The petition, with a request to the directors to revoke their action, will be presented to the board. It is said the petition contains the names of many persons who are neither taxpayers or residents of the township.

The Beers' residence was lively one evening last week with young folks who gathered for the purpose of celebrating the fifteenth anniversary of Miss Lizzie Beers' birth. The young people amused themselves by playing games of various kinds until 11 o'clock, when refreshments were served to all present, after which they departed for their homes wishing Miss Beers many happy returns of the day.

At a meeting held yesterday afternoon by the Fernouts Athletic Association, M. J. Kennedy was elected manager of the ball club for the coming season. Mr. Kennedy will do all in his power to please the public. The association will improve the ball park as soon as the weather will permit. They expect to have a strong team on the diamond this season.

The walking over the trolley trestlings at this place has not diminished any by the number of accidents that have happened by men falling from them. It is mostly foreign speaking people who have this habit and if the notices to the public were printed in Slavish those people might give up the practice.

The running of D. S. & S. trains to Perth Amboy has proven very successful, and it is rumored that the company has placed an order for ten more locomotives, to be used in hauling coal direct to Buffalo. Such a move would be hailed with delight by the people of Drifton and Freeland.

Edward McGeehan and daughters, Misses Grace and Annie, attended the funeral of a relative at Coaldale last week.

Miss Alice McNelis, one of Buck Mountain's accomplished young ladies, visited friends here on Tuesday.

E. J. Sweeney leaves today for Wilkes-Barre to do jury duty.

Edward O'Donnell spent a few days at Wilkes-Barre last week.

Anthony Kennedy was in Philadelphia visiting last week.

The breaker here will commence to work eight and one-half hours today. How long this will continue is not known.

UPPER LEHIGH NOTES.

Things are decidedly on the improve socially and morally at this place. The latest is the changing of the Club Room from a gambling resort to a barber shop and many of the members appear greatly benefited by the change. The boys say the chief barber is a clever one. How is it Peter?

Adam Lesser, the popular mine foreman at No. 5 slope, is receiving congratulations from his numerous friends. His wife presented him with a pair of pretty twins—a boy and a girl—on Friday night. The mother and children are doing well.

The pastime some of the boys amuse themselves with in moving the cars on the runaway switch is not very safe. Parents should see that the boys are kept away from this place before they get hurt.

Clarence Collins has resigned as coal shipper at Upper Lehigh to prepare himself for a course of study at Lehigh university. He is succeeded by Robert Nicholls, of Penobscot.

Many of our young Catholic society men have declared their intentions of taking part in the celebration of St. Patrick's Day at Freeland on the 18th inst.

There is a rumor of a near approaching wedding of one of our bright young men to a young lady of Hazleton.

Pay day will occur here on Saturday. Miss Annie McHugh, of Oakdale, was in town last week among friends.

Milton Mowery, of Milnesville made a short visit to the home of his mother here yesterday.

John Mulligan and Miss Mammie Reilly made a short visit to the former's parents at Nesquehoning last week.

Patrick O'Neill is laid up on account of an injured hand.

Joseph Sofronko, a laborer at No. 4 Upper Lehigh, was on Saturday struck by a piece of flying coal from a pick and will lose the sight of one of his eyes.

Temperance Committee Meeting.
The committee which comprises a member from each of the Catholic temperance societies of the fourth district of the Scranton Diocesan Union, will meet at the Standard office in Hazleton on Thursday evening. Arrangements will be made to secure the best temperance orators in the country and a vigorous temperance crusade will be inaugurated in this district some time during the coming summer.

The Coal War Is Coming.

A meeting of the general traffic managers and their assistants of the Lehigh Valley and Jersey Central Railroads was held at Bethlehem on Friday. The conference was in reference to the embargo placed on these companies' coal by the Philadelphia and Reading, which went into effect this morning. The meeting lasted the greater part of the morning and afternoon. President E. P. Wilbur, of the Lehigh Valley, was also present. At the conclusion all inquirers were referred to President Wilbur.

The latter gave out the following statement, signed by the general traffic managers of the two roads: "We have agreed upon a new tariff on coal to East Penn Junction and Bethlehem, the rates to be substantially the same as those now prevailing on the Lehigh Valley and Central Railroad of New Jersey. The exact rates will be announced next Monday, when the new tariff will go into effect." This action of the traffic managers is regarded as an indication that the Lehigh Valley and Central propose to fight the Reading. Neither of the officials would say anything further about the matter.

Rumors were current to the effect that a continuance of the present trouble meant a receivership for the Lehigh Valley Company, but this was emphatically denied by officials of the company, who said there was not the slightest reason to even apprehend such a calamity. Financial men, however, can see nothing in the coming coal war to help the Valley, and the stock in Philadelphia market on Friday sold down from 29 1/2 to 27 1/2, the lowest price it has reached since 1877. A week ago it was selling at 33.

To add to the trouble the New York, Lake Erie and Western Railroad has served notice on other roads that no more coal will be accepted at former rates. An arbitrary rate has been fixed to keep coal from competitors out of its territory. Unless peace is patched up soon the long looked for coal war will be on in earnest, and the miners will be happy if it will give them steadier work.

To Investigate Keeley Cures.

The principal item of interest to which the attention of the members of the house of representatives was called on Friday was a resolution introduced by Mr. Millard, of Susquehanna, which he said came from the Catholic temperance organizations of his county. It reads as follows:

Whereas, Drunkenness is said to be an increasing evil in the land and to present one of the most serious features of the problem of caring for the criminal and indigent classes by direction and under control of the state, and

Whereas, it is now being widely maintained that drunkenness is more often a disease than a moral frailty or crime, and can be cured by scientific medical treatment, therefore be it

Resolved, If the senate concur, that the state board of public charities be, and is hereby, authorized and empowered to make most careful inquiry into the matter of the treatment of drunkenness as a disease, and is instructed to make a report to the general assembly at the session of 1897 as to the efficacy of such treatment so far as can be determined, and whether it is feasible to apply any of the existing methods of treatment, or some modification thereof, in connection with the management of the penal, charitable and reformatory institutions of the state.

The following was offered as an amendment:

Resolved, That we send all the old drunkards in the state to the Keely institutes at the expense of the commonwealth.

This amendment was laid on the table and the original resolution passed unannounced.

A Big Issue of County Bonds.

Arrangements are being completed by the county commissioners to issue bonds to the amount of \$400,000 to meet the cost of the new court house. The bonds will be issued in a short time and will be at 3 or 3 1/2 per cent. They will probably be of \$5,000, \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 denominations. It has not been definitely decided when the bonds will mature, but they will be for either twenty-five or thirty years. The commissioners state that as the new court house will cost \$400,000, there will be a second issue of bonds of a sufficient amount to cover the difference between the \$400,000 and the total cost of the building. This second issue will not be made, however, until the building is completed. The commissioners say they believe the bonds will find a ready sale. They have not decided when to make the issue, but will do so in a short time.

Juvenile Dialectics.

Teddy—I don't care if he did whip your big brother; I bet he couldn't whip me!
Freddy—Hot Could, too! He's bigger'n you!
Teddy—I don't care if he is bigger'n me; I can beat him runnin'—Kate Field's Washington.

Agreed.

"Might I ask you to favor me with a waltz, mademoiselle?"
"Certainly, monsieur. See here, the last one on my programme."
"But unfortunately I shall not be here by that time."
"No more shall I."—Gretel Havrais.

His Explanation.

Miss Morgan—How charmingly Mr. Allen talks. There seems to be no subject that he is not informed on.
Puddington (who is madly jealous)—He says he inherited the gift; his ancestors were barbers, you know—Truth.

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.

Saturday's snow storm prevented the trolley cars from arriving here for several hours.

The Tamaqua Recorder asks that the limits of Quay county be extended to include that borough.

J. H. Bates, formerly principal of Eckley school, will open a law office in Hazleton next month.

Commencing today the trolley cars will carry the mail to Harleigh, Ebervale, Milnesville and Lattimer.

Next Monday evening the annual ball of St. Patrick's Beneficial Society will be held at the opera house.

William Miller, manager of the Pottsville Butter Company, is under bail for selling oleomargarine as butter.

The report of G. L. Halsey, Esq., who marshaled the indebtedness of Foster township, has been confirmed by the court.

Michael Kodolich fell under the wheels of a dirt truck on Lattimer breaker on Friday and died of his injuries a few hours later.

D. J. McCarthy, of Freeland, will be the orator at an entertainment to be given by the A. O. H. of White Haven on Saturday evening.

T. J. Moore will re-enter the saloon business on April 1 at South and Washington streets. The present proprietor, John Guido, has accepted a position with Chas. Dusheck, wholesale dealer.

The nomination of T. H. McAndrews as postmaster of White Haven was not confirmed by the United States senate, owing to the objections filed against him. He will be the next postmaster, nevertheless.

The total eclipse of the moon was viewed by many people last night. The eclipse began shortly before 9 o'clock, and the moon was darkened more or less until after 12 o'clock, when it again appeared bright.

The contest for the lady's gold watch, for the Eckley Catholic church, will be decided on Saturday evening, March 16. The contest for the sideboard will also end on Saturday evening, March 30.

By order of the pastor, Rev. T. Brohony. The D. L. & W. Railroad Company discontinued selling mileage books on Friday, and all persons will hereafter be treated alike in buying transportation over the road. There is some talk of the Lehigh Valley following in this movement.

It is reported that the Lehigh Valley Company will make several changes in the running of their trains on the Hazleton division today. The trains to Lattimer and some of the Freeland trains will be taken off. Trolley competition is the cause.

The Lehigh Valley shops at Hazleton are to be converted into a boiler manufacturing plant by the company, and all the boilers needed along the line are to be made at that place, just as the foundry work is now done at Weatherly and the machine work at Delano.

A suit for \$50,000 damages has been brought against the Wyoming Traction Company by Mrs. Elizabeth Schappert, of Nanticoke. The suit grows out of the accident at Hanover Park a month ago in which the defendant's husband, John Schappert, met his death.

Quietly Married.
Marriage, like murder, will out, and the more one attempts to conceal it the more he fails. This seems to be the case with Edward Crampsey, a prominent young man of Sheppton. On Wednesday last he hid himself to Philadelphia, and on Thursday unknown to his friends here, he was joined in wedlock to one of Quaker City's fair ladies. His many friends extend congratulations.

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13 cans tomatoes,	1.00
5lbs raisins,	.25
Tub butter, A No. 1,	.25
6lbs oat meal,	.25
Soda biscuits, per pound by the barrel,	.44

Dry Goods:

2 1/2 yard wide sheeting, per yard,	.14
Good calico,	.05
Standard blue calico,	.05
Apron gingham,	.05
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Yard-wide muslin, by piece,	.44
Lace curtains, 2 pair,	.90

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