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## THE NEW COURTHOUSE.

SOMETHING ABOUT THE CONTRACT GIVEN FOR ITS PLANS.

Architect Myers, of Detroit, Has Been Paid \$10,000 by the Commissioners, Who Did Not Ask for Bids or Bonds. An Injunction to Be Applied For.

The Luzerne county commissioners have placed themselves in an unenviable position by their hasty payment of \$10,000 to Architect Myers, of Detroit, who was selected to furnish the plans of the new courthouse. Local architects in Wilkes-Barre and other parts of the county are indignant at the shabby treatment given them, and the press is exceedingly severe in its criticism of the unprecedented and unnecessary action of the county officials in paying a man an exorbitant sum before he has rendered any service.

From what can be learned the commissioners, during their tour through the county viewing public buildings, saw nothing that suited them better than the one at Lansing, Michigan. They hunted up the architect, who was Myers, and did not conceal from him their delight in finding an ideal building for Luzerne. Without giving the taxpayers, the people who will be compelled to furnish the money, any knowledge of their intention, the commissioners instructed him to prepare plans, with some slight alterations, and signed a contract agreeing to pay him 5 per cent of the total cost of the building—estimated by the commissioners at \$400,000, but double that figure by others more competent to judge the cost.

Myers has the reputation of being a shrewd financier as well as an architect. He did not fail to notice that he had the Luzerne commissioners "on a string," and in the contract he stipulated that he be paid \$10,000 in advance. A little thing like that was unimportant in the eyes of the commissioners, and upon their return the money was promptly paid. The report that this sum had been donated to the architect before he touched a pencil for the plans leaked out a few weeks ago, and the public very naturally concluded that Myers had taken an undue advantage of the commissioners, has secured more money from them than he is entitled to for the labor he has performed, and has made enough out of them so that if he choose he can drop the contract right where it is, and, in the absence of bonds, which the commissioners did not require of him, they have no remedy. It is not said that Mr. Myers will do this, but it is said that should he do so he would have already made a nice thing out of his brief connection with the Luzerne county courthouse that is to be.

One of the commissioners has admitted that there is nothing to hold the architect to his contract except the contract itself—nothing but the contract to prevent him from dropping the work if he choose to do so. Of course the commissioners have no thought that he will do so, perhaps no one else has, it being realized that he cannot afford to thus compromise himself, still it is a possibility that it would seem ought to have been guarded against. The commissioners, when they saw one building which he had planned, were satisfied that he is all right, and, being satisfied, they took his word for the manner in which he should be paid and gave him the money, as he said it was customary for architects to receive it.

This method of doing business has failed to suit many who were anxious to see the new courthouse built, and it has strengthened the arguments of those opposed to a new building. The architects of the county consider themselves slighted by the commissioners, and claim they could furnish equally as good plans and designs as the \$10,000-in-advance man from Detroit.

To offset some of the criticism the commissioners announced they had arranged with the architect to furnish plans suitable for either the Square or the river-common site. This not only failed to allay suspicion, but aroused new opposition. It is not known yet where the building will be erected, and the commissioners are awaiting a decision from the court before making a selection, but plans drawn for either location cannot be used for the other. The present site will require a style of architecture which would be entirely out of place on the river common, and in making the commissioners believe that he could prepare one set of plans equally suitable for both sites Myers again demonstrated his shrewdness and the commissioners' display incalculable ignorance.

The action of the commissioners is said to be the most unbusinesslike and ill-advised proceeding ever known in the county, and the indignation of upper end citizens has led them to prepare to apply for an injunction to restrain the county from erecting a new courthouse. If this is granted the Detroit architect will be \$10,000 in pocket, but the taxpayers of Luzerne will be saved at least one million dollars.

Yet there are some people in the lower end who do not want to break away from misgovernment and mismanagement as carried on at Wilkes-Barre.

### Sam Boyd's Common Sense.

From the Wilkes-Barre Newsdealer.  
If the new county measure passes, and this it is likely to do, it ought to be an assured thing inside of a year. In that case a new courthouse will not be of any benefit to them, and to ask that they be compelled to pay for its erection in addition to the expense they will be in erecting one of their own, is neither fair nor right. We do not agree with the theory and opinion that is prevalent that because they can be made to pay their share of something they do not want nor that they cannot use, that they should be enforced into doing so. This is the tactic of the highwayman, and we do not believe that the taxpayers of the upper section of the county will approve its being done. And besides, if the new county materializes, and all that portion of the county is cut off that is contemplated, there will be no necessity to saddle the burden of erecting a new courthouse on the county at all, for the old one will be ample for the transaction of all public business for many years to come.

If a new county is not organized under the provisions of the act passed by Kline, then a courthouse would be a necessity, and as citizens of the county, the lower end taxables would be expected to pay their pro rata share. That's the position the *Newsdealer* takes and it is a just one.

### Jennings Signs With Baltimore.

We the popular short stop of the Baltimore team, has finally concluded to play ball this season. Jennings, McGraw, Kelley and Keeler, the four leading players of last year's champions, were holding out for an increase of salary. While the basis upon which the dispute was settled is not definitely known, it is understood that both the manager and players made concessions. Jennings and McGraw will probably receive within two or three hundred dollars as much salary as the highest paid shortstop and third baseman in the league. There was great anxiety among the Baltimore patrons of the game over the attitude of the big four and Manager Hanlon and the players received numerous letters urging them to come to a settlement and not jeopardize the prospects of the club at the opening of the season.

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### The Phonograph Gene.

Prof. W. R. VanDerveer, who had charge of the Edison phonograph outfit, which was exhibited here for two weeks, left yesterday for Pottsville, where he has opened an establishment. Just before leaving the professor purchased a new machine, one of the best yet made by the company, and it is filled with a well-selected stock of songs, etc. On Saturday evening an entertainment under the auspices of Trinity M. E. Sunday school was given at Lindsay's hall. The attendance was good, and the proceeds will be applied to the building fund of the church. Prof. VanDerveer made many friends during his brief stay here.

### 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.

### PLEASURE CALENDAR.

March 18.—Annual ball of St. Patrick's Benevolent Society, at Freeland opera house. Admission, 50 cents.  
March 18.—Ball of the C. B. A., of Oneida, at Regia's hall, Shepton. Admission, 50 cents.  
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.  
Old newspapers for sale.

### ST. PATRICK'S DAY.

How the Memory of Ireland's Patron Saint Will Be Celebrated.

The arrangements for the celebration of St. Patrick's Day in Freeland on Monday next have been completed, and the gentlemen in charge of the parade predict a large demonstration. The following programme has been prepared:

ORDER OF PARADE.  
Chief Marshal—Rev. M. J. Fallhee.  
Aids—Hugh Malloy, M. J. Moran.  
Clergy in Carriages.  
Carriages and Horsemen.  
FIRST DIVISION.  
St. Patrick's Cornet Band.  
St. Patrick's Beneficial Society.  
Tirolese Society.  
St. Vigilio's Society.  
St. John's Slavonian Society.  
St. Michael's Greek Society.  
Garibaldi Beneficial Society.  
St. Kasimer's Polish Society.

SECOND DIVISION.  
Slavonian Band.  
Young Men's T. A. B. Society.  
Drum Corps.  
St. Ann's Pioneer Corps.  
Pioneer Reserve Corps.  
St. Mary's Cadets, of Eckley.  
St. Mary's T. A. B. Society, of Eckley.

THIRD DIVISION.  
Freeland Drum Corps.  
Division 19, A. O. H.  
Shamrock Drum Corps.  
Division 20, A. O. H., of Eckley.  
Liberty Drum Corps.  
Division 6, A. O. H.  
Parishioners.

ROUTE OF PARADE.  
The parade will form at St. Ann's church at 1.30 p. m. and march over the following route: To Luzerne street, to Ridge, to Walnut, to Birkbeck, to Front, to Washington, to Carbon, to Centre, to Chestnut, countermarch on Centre to Luzerne, to the church, where the societies will be dismissed.

In the evening the annual ball given by St. Patrick's Benevolent Society will take place, an event that should be attended by every person who appreciates the charitable work of this organization during its twenty years' existence. DePierro's orchestra will supply the music, and nothing will be overlooked that can add to the pleasure of the society's friends.

### HIGHLAND DOTS.

It seems the Hungarians of this place are more unfortunate in getting into the clutches of the law than those of other towns. Whether it is their defiant attitude or their ignorance of law and order which compels them to spend a night occasionally in Freeland against their will matters but little, as their conduct here at times denotes that they need to be civilized. On Sunday night four more from this place were arrested on Carbon street, Freeland, for some violation of the law and spent the night behind the bars in the borough lockup.

A rumor has been in circulation here this week that No. 1 colliery will resume operations again on April 1. While it cannot be traced directly to any official source there are good reasons to believe that the report is true, and many of our residents who are walking to the distant collieries of the company to work since No. 1 was shut down will welcome a return of the old order of things.

John McGinniss has been acting as foreman at No. 2 breaker this week and he is filling the same with much ability. It is said that a selection will be made from among the many active young men employed by the company to fill the position permanently.

Philip Wackley is now acting as chief fireman at No. 1, and those who are well up in the art of generating steam say that what he don't know about the business is not worth knowing.

William Gallagher has returned home again after an extended trip to Mt. Carmel.

Lawrence McGinley will remove his family in the near future to Oneida.

Work at the mines will be steady this week.

The employes are expecting to see pay day come on Saturday.

The birthday anniversary of Mrs. Patrick Quinn was celebrated by her friends on Saturday evening.

A new bridge on the breaker plane and several turnouts have been erected at No. 2 to accommodate the coal from No. 3 stripping. These additional facilities will aid in keeping the breaker supplied steadily with coal.

### CHURCH CHIMES.

Services at St. Paul's P. M. church, for Sunday, March 17: Morning at 10.30, evening at 6.30. Miss Demeritt will give her life's history and call to the evangelistic work in the evening. S. Cooper, pastor.

Rev. J. T. Griffiths will lecture at the English Baptist Church on Sunday evening at 7 o'clock. His subject will be: "St. Patrick: Who He was and What He Did for Ireland." All are welcome to attend the services at this church.

\$12 for a nice spring suit to order at Reforewicz's. Perfect fit guaranteed.

### Lackawanna's Debt.

When Lackawanna county was separated from Luzerne, in 1879, the act upon which the separation was made provided that the residents of Lackawanna should pay their share of Luzerne's general debt. Lackawanna's share of the debt then was about \$45,000. This has never been paid, and an effort will now be made by the county commissioners of this county to collect it. With the legal rate of interest the debt will now amount to about \$90,000. In 1879 the commissioners of the two counties met in an endeavor to adjust the indebtedness, but they were unable to agree. In 1881 the commissioners agreed to place the matter in the hands of two judges, one from Luzerne county and one from Lackawanna county. In July, 1882, Judge Handley and Judge Rice met and argued the matter, but they also failed to agree, and the matter was never taken up since. Judge Rice said there was no question in his mind but that the debt could be collected, as it is justly due Luzerne county. The county commissioners state that they will at once take steps to collect the money.

### Oppose the Compulsory Education Bills.

An important meeting of the legislative committee of the Luzerne county teachers last week. The subject for discussion was compulsory education, on which there are two bills now before the state legislature. These bills were carefully analyzed and discussed. The committee was unanimous that both bills are so seriously defective that if passed they would be practically inoperative. The bill providing for a change in the method of examining candidates for permanent certificates met the approval of the committee, as also did the bill prohibiting the use of public school houses for election purposes, for the establishing and maintaining of public school libraries and for preventing the state appropriation granted any district from being in excess of the local tax raised for school purposes.

### Serious Wreck on the Valley.

The Lehigh Valley passenger train which left Hazleton at 7.30 on Tuesday evening met with an accident near Silver Brook. Two cars were overturned by the breaking of an axle. About fifty passengers were aboard and a number were more or less injured. The names of the passengers hurt who were taken back to Hazleton were: I. S. Goldstein, New York; G. B. Leavenworth, New Haven, Conn., and A. R. Dardue, of Binghamton, N. Y. Mr. Leavenworth is the most seriously injured of the three. The other injured passengers were taken to Delano on a relief train.

### Company Store Decision.

Judge Ewing's decision in the courts at Uniontown declaring the law abolishing company stores to be unconstitutional because it places a restriction on trade, has aroused the Monongahela river miners and they are circulating a petition to raise money to carry the case to the supreme court. The miners are contributing liberally, and those in charge of the subscription say that sufficient money will be raised this week. It is the intention of the labor leaders to carry the matter to the supreme court of the state in order to get the matter settled once for all.

### New Naturalization Rules.

Naturalization papers in Northampton county will be more difficult to obtain in the future. The court has given notice of new rules, which require ability to read in English and a residence in the county of one year. They also place restrictions on the nature of the witnesses who will testify as to the necessary five years' residence in the United States, and will also fix the first Mondays in January and October as the only times naturalization papers will be granted.

### The Bluff Still Growers.

The Grow county boomers completed their petition on Monday, getting 1,115 names, and D. F. Hollowpeter, R. M. Tubbs, Wilber Search, M. E. Walker Deemer, Bickelman and Charles Campbell left Shickshinny for Harrisburg, where they will present the petition to the governor and ask for appointment of commissioners to proceed with the formation of Grow county under the act of 1875.

### Must Pay \$500 for a License.

The court on Tuesday decided that the liquor dealers of Pittston should pay \$500 for their licenses instead of \$150. Pittston becomes a city on the first Monday in April and the liquor license goes into effect on April 1. The first Monday of April is the first day of the month this year and the court decides that as the licenses will be granted to a city they will cost \$500.

### Upper Lehigh Pastoral Association.

The pastoral association of Upper Lehigh district met at Weatherly on Monday. The ministers present were: Revs. Bauer, of Lehighport; Brunning, White Haven; Lindenstruth, Mauch Chunk; Longnecker, Westport; Schlenker, Hazleton; Kuntz, Freeland; Schmidt, Freeland, and Gerberich, of Weatherly. The next meeting will be held at White Haven.

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

## 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.

Passenger traffic on the D. S. & S. is increasing at a rapid rate.

An office is being fitted up over Meyers' jewelry store for Dr. Kalb, of Jeddo.

Denis C. O'Donnell, formerly of town, will enter the booting business at Hazleton on April 1.

The new applicants who received liquor licenses are getting their places in readiness to open on April 1.

The water is steadily flowing out of the Jeddo tunnel, and the constant drain is having an effect upon the water in the slopes connected.

Daniel Boyle and son James, of Hazle Brook, were severely injured yesterday in the mines at that place. The family moved there from Freeland a few weeks ago.

Mrs. Ellen Timony, who resided at Ridge and South streets some years ago, died last week at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. C. Yetter, at Maltby, this county, aged 53 years.

All the mine employes on the North Side will be paid by Saturday evening, and the merchants look forward to next week with hopes that business will show signs of improvement.

Joseph Matchcock, a Pole residing at Drifton, was instantly killed by a fall of coal in No. 2 colliery on Monday. He was about 40 years of age and leaves a wife and four children.

Notices were posted in the offices along the D. S. & S. Railroad this week announcing the fact that a traffic agreement had been entered into between that line and the Pennsy.

The lecture to be given by J. Bennett Smith, of Wilkes-Barre, last evening at the Mining and Mechanical Institute had to be postponed on account of the sudden illness of the speaker.

The sum of \$893.45 has been raised by private subscription to erect a monument over the grave of Gwilym Gwent, a famous Welsh composer, who is buried in Hollenback cemetery, Wilkes-Barre. The unveiling will take place on July 4.

A contract has been awarded by Cox Bros. & Co. to drive a rock tunnel several hundred feet in length at their Oneida colliery. By borings which were recently made two excellent veins of coal were discovered and the colliery will be good for many years to come.

Mrs. William Felconberger attempted to commit suicide at Jeddo hotel on Tuesday by taking a dose of carbolic acid. She had quarreled with her husband a short time previous. Physicians succeeded in saving her life, but she is still suffering from the effects of her act.

The bill making it a misdemeanor to wear any religious garb by public school teachers passed the house finally on Tuesday by a vote of 151 to 26. The Luzerne delegation voted as follows: Aye—Griner, Harvey, Reese, Jeffrey, Nay—Rutledge, Staples. It now goes to the senate.

The sixty-fifth anniversary of the birth of Fred. Haas, proprietor of the Cottage hotel, occurred on Tuesday, but owing to the illness of the gentleman the event was not celebrated so elaborately as was intended. Numerous congratulations were received during the day by Mr. Haas.

### Hawaiian Affairs.

Victoria, B. C., March 13.—Advices from Honolulu confirm the previous reports that the ex-queen has been sentenced to five years' imprisonment. Leading royalists are organizing solidly for annexation. The military commission has disposed of all cases to come before it, and there has been a general release of unconvicted prisoners. Martial law has been relaxed and will soon be declared at an end.

### Glass Trust.

Chicago, March 13.—What is believed to be the evolution of the Pittsburgh Plate Glass company into a trust controlling all of the plate glass companies in the country began yesterday in the purchase of the properties of the Diamond Plate Glass company, the great western rival of the eastern concerns.

### Will Open On April 1.

On April 1 the hotel at Main and Fern streets, formerly conducted by George Malinkey, will be reopened by Charles Seesholtz, who will keep on hand a complete assortment of whisky, wines, beer, etc., and he extends an invitation to all his friends and the public in general to call there on or after that date.

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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,	.45

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2½ yard wide sheeting, per yard,	.14
Good calico,	.05
Standard blue calico,	.05
Apron gingham,	.05
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