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## HOW LABOR IS FARING.

SOME OF THE BILLS BEFORE PENNSYLVANIA'S LEGISLATURE.

Measures Introduced for the Benefit of Workers Are Progressing Slowly—Mining and Factory Legislation, Company Stores, Semi-Monthly Pay Laws, Etc.

Labor interests have thus far received scant attention by the present legislature. The laboring classes so far have got practically nothing. There are, however, a number of bills of more than ordinary importance to labor unions and the men and women who earn their livings in the mines and factories now pending which will probably be passed in a short time. In the senate the principal champion of labor has been Senator Penrose. His bill to protect motor men on street passenger railway line provides that all such companies shall cause the front platform of every car propelled by electricity or cable, during the months of November, December, January, February and March, to be inclosed or screened so as to fully protect from storm any person stationed on the platform to operate the car. Any company violating the law shall be liable to a penalty of \$25 per day for every car so used.

Three bills have been introduced by Senator Penrose in the interest of textile workers. One raises the limit of age of infant labor from 13 to 14 years. The textile workers at first wanted the age fixed at 16 years, at a hearing before the committee of the senate agreed on 14 years. Another bill provides for the proper ventilation of work rooms and factories, and regulating the heating thereof. It also requires all textile manufacturers to furnish a "bill of particulars," showing the actual amount of work on the looms and other details. Both of these bills have been reported from the committee and are likely to pass.

A third bill, reducing the hours of work for women and children from 60 hours a week to 55 a week, is not so sure of passage. It is being opposed by the country members, who say the law is not wanted in the rural districts. The women and children there have so little to do that they are only too anxious to get a chance to work the full 60 hours and earn more money.

Senator Baker also introduced an important measure for the laboring classes in his bill regulating "sweat shops" and providing for additional deputy factory inspectors to enforce the law and to keep a constant supervision of such places. The bill has passed the senate and is now in the house.

A bill introduced by Senator Keefer is intended to solve the much vexed question of the employment of convict labor. It provides for a commission consisting of three members of the senate and three members of the house, together with the president pro tem of the senate, the speaker of the house and the superintendent of the Huntingdon reformatory, make inquiry and report to the next legislature respecting the subject of convict labor, including an examination of the extent to which it is now carried on in the institutions of Pennsylvania and the degree to which it interferes with standard paid labor in this state. Inquiry shall also be made as to the best methods of utilizing such convict labor, based upon the experience of existing institutions here and elsewhere, without interference with legitimate industries.

Among the labor bills in the house the more important relate to the extensive mining interests in the anthracite and bituminous regions. Several bills have been introduced to correct the long-standing evil of the company or pluck-me stores, but the one meeting with the most favor has been introduced by Representative Orme, of Schuylkill, which proposes to treat them as the United States did the circulation of the state banks—tax them out of existence. The bill, which is still in committee, provides that all corporations or individuals running such stores must make sworn returns of the amount of wages withheld for the purpose of meeting bills in the stores, and on that sum they are to be taxed 10 per cent.

Representative O'Malley, of Scranton, has introduced a bill which, if it becomes a law, will have an important bearing on the health of miners. Medical authorities argue that the disease known as miners' asthma is due entirely to inhaling the smoke from the miners' lamps caused by the use of the cheap, low-grade oils. The O'Malley bill will compel the companies to use good oil and proper ventilating material. The large oil companies, which will be seriously affected, are vigorously opposing the bill, but both miners and operators are said to favor it.

Another bill of vital importance to persons employed about mines is the Wyatt bill, which requires that safety automatic controllers must be applied to any engine hoisting from shafts employees or other persons, and in which men are necessarily hoisted in going to or coming from work, or where life or limb may be endangered from being in the immediate vicinity of said hoisting engine. Violation of this act is made a

misdemeanor or punishable by a fine of \$300 or 60 days' imprisonment or both.

Representative Keese's bill, to extend the provisions of the act compelling semi-monthly payment of wages, has also received the endorsement of the labor people, as have also the same representative's bills to repeal the act providing for the examination of miners in the anthracite coal regions and requiring the preservation of the records of mine inspection.

A bill which is of importance to every member of a labor organization is one introduced by Representative Williams granting to every laboring man the right to belong to a labor organization. Any person, or agent or officer of a company or firm, discharging an employee because of his connection with such organization or in any other way violating this act, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of \$200 or six months' imprisonment, or both.

The union label bill and Representative Harvey's bill regulating the amount of convict labor in the manufacture of brushes are both important bills. With a similar object but smacking slightly of A. P. Alsm is the Nickell bill providing that none but American citizens can be employed on any public works and the Smith bill imposing a heavy per capita tax on all aliens. A bill by Representative Focht, of Union, extends the right to attach for wages. The time is extended from six months to a year, and from \$250 to \$500.

**She Wanted Revenge.**  
A woman giving her name as Maude Stewart, but who was identified as Miss Lena VanLoon, of Plymouth, created a big sensation at Hazleton on Friday night by following Geo. E. Archbald, of Providence, Lackawanna county, with a pistol. At the hearing, which took place before Mayor Gavitt, some sensational evidence was given. She stated that Archbald some time ago secured a marriage certificate and showed it to her father and grandparents and declared that they were married. They lived with her parents as man and wife until she discovered, as she claims, that he was already married.

She then left her father's home, and has since been living in several resorts. Three weeks ago she arrived at South Hazleton, and last week learned that Archbald was in Hazleton. She made several trips there and finally discovered him in Evenson's saloon. Immediately after she purchased a revolver, but Archbald, seeing that he was discovered, left the saloon and notified Chief Polgreen.

The chief of police arrested the young woman and found a revolver concealed beneath her coat. She was locked up. Her story is a sad one.

**The New County Justified.**  
From the Philadelphia Times.  
Congressman Leisenring is not in sympathy with the new county movement which pares away the Democratic end of Luzerne and confers upon Hazleton certain honors coveted for years, and from a personal standpoint Congressman Leisenring is justified in his opposition, but he advances no reasons beyond the general one that a new county means an increase in taxation. It likewise means a new deal in politics and in the kind in which he most interested, as the new county will be Democratic, with nothing left for Leisenring's friends. The new county scheme appears to be a sure thing, however, despite Mr. Leisenring's opposition, as the Kline bill has the proper endorsement and is well on the way through the house. It is the single bill of merit of the four new county measures before the legislature, and is rather justified by the facts.

**Death of a Wealthy Farmer.**  
Jacob Gould, the wealthiest man in Salem township, this county, died on Friday morning of pneumonia. He was for many years a banker for the people of his section, but his mind failed about a year ago and a commission in lunacy was appointed to prevent him from squandering his property. He labored under the hallucination that his property was not sufficient to keep him. He was 96 years old and was said to be a relative of the late Jay Gould.

**Stars Elect Officers.**  
The Star Athletic Association elected the following officers yesterday: President—Frank McKinley. Vice president—Hugh Brislin. Recording secretary—Patrick Shovlin. Financial secretary—Hugh Boyle. Treasurer—Hugh McMenamin. Manager—Daniel McGarvey.

**New Peck's Bad Boy.**  
The manager of the opera house has decided to give his patrons a laughing night and has engaged for next Thursday evening the new "Peck's Bad Boy." Almost every one has read the funny writings of the Hon. Geo. W. Peck, ex-governor of Wisconsin. The version of the "Bad Boy" is made up from the funniest incidents in his writings. The company that will present the play at the opera house numbers the best list of play makers that have ever appeared in the play. There is a laugh in every line and a song after every laugh. Some delightfully musical numbers and specialties are interspersed throughout the play. The "Bad Boy" makes a peck of trouble in the play, but a bushel of fun for the audience. Remember the date, Thursday, March 28.

## DRIFTON ITEMS.

The residence of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Deitrick was the scene of a merry gathering one evening last week, the occasion being a surprise party in honor of Mrs. Deitrick. The evening was joyously spent until 12 o'clock, when the guests were served with refreshments of the most palatable order, after which members of the party rendered many high-class vocal and instrumental selections. At a late hour all departed for their homes well pleased with the evening's enjoyment.

James Harkins has accepted a foremanship under Cox Bros. & Co. at old Buck Mountain. Mr. Harkins is an experienced miner and his success as a foreman can be safely predicted.

Misses Mary Kane, Rose Friel and Annie Harty, of New Boston, visited friends and relatives here last week.

Thomas Hanlon and sister Lizzie, of Mahanoy City, called upon relatives here on Thursday.

Alex. Allen spent a few pleasant hours in Mauch Chunk on Friday.

Charles Malloy made a brief visit to Mt. Carmel friends last week.

Several of our young men were in attendance at the Hazleton opera house on Saturday evening.

It is reported that James F. Sweeney and Miss Rose Sweeney, two popular young people of town, will be married next month.

George Mutchler, an employe at the D. S. & S. roundhouse, fell from an engine on Thursday night and received severe injuries about the face and head.

**Tigers New Outfit.**

The Tigers Athletic Club is making unusual preparations for the conduct of base ball here this season. The club has secured the same control of the Tigers Athletic Park as last year, and intends to carry on the national game on a more enterprising scale than ever before attempted in Freeland. The board of directors today placed an order with J. A. Christy to furnish the club with a complete new outfit of Spalding's celebrated base ball goods.

The outfit will consist of the following: Ten suits of light gray material and blue trimmings, with the word "Tigers" across the breast, each suit containing a Chicago cap with two blue bands, shirt, blue stockings, shoes, white and blue belt and padded pants; one body protector, one mask, two large mitts, three infielders' gloves, three outfielders' gloves, one dozen league balls, one-half dozen model bats, and one-half dozen wagon-tongue bats.

The goods were selected from A. G. Spalding & Bros. 1895 catalogue, and are the highest class goods manufactured by that noted firm. The order was completed for by several well-known firms and individuals, but Mr. Christy's bid of \$197.00 for the complete outfit, being the lowest, he was awarded the prize.

The goods are expected to arrive in a few weeks and will be worn by the best amateur players that Manager Gillespie can secure.

**Lecture Tomorrow Evening.**  
The lecture to be given in St. John's Reformed church under the auspices of the Christian Endeavor Society, tomorrow evening, on "Hypnotism," by Prof. W. Cameron Ferguson, of New York, will be a rare treat to those interested in the science. Prof. Ferguson is a practical hypnotist, and will illustrate his talk by practical applications of his power of mind over matter. Enjoy a profitable evening amidst the wonders of mesmerism. Doors open at 7:30 o'clock; lecture begins at 8. Prices in another column.

**After the Prize Fighters.**  
District Attorney Fell and County Detective Eckert are busy obtaining information against the principals and spectators at a prize fight which took place at Maltby last Monday night, between Harry Hayden, of Wilkes-Barre, and Bob Ford, of Maltby. In the fourth round Ford was knocked out and was unconscious for fifteen minutes. A number of prominent men were present. District Attorney Fell says he has their names and all will be arrested.

**Died at Eckley.**  
Mrs. John McCauley died at her residence in Eckley at 8 o'clock on Saturday evening. She had been ill for some time. The deceased was 54 years of age, and leaves several children. The funeral takes place tomorrow afternoon under direction of Undertaker Brislin at 2 o'clock. Interment at St. Ann's cemetery.

**PERSONALITIES.**  
John Mellon and Patrick B. McNelis, two old veterans, are home on a brief visit from Hampton, Virginia.

John M. Powell, of Allentown, called upon friends in town on Friday.

J. P. McDonald and wife are in New York for spring goods.

James Callahan, of Plains, made a brief call upon relatives here yesterday.

Miss Katie Smith, of Wilkes-Barre, spent a few hours in town yesterday visiting friends.

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## The Courthouse Squabble.

An important meeting of the public property committee of the city council of Wilkes-Barre was held to hear arguments by citizens and attorneys in regard to the advisability of the city giving the county a plot of land on River street for a courthouse site. The most prominent property owners and attorneys in that town were present. Alexander Farnham said there had been considerable criticism of the commissioners for their decision to build a new court house, but he wished it understood that, according to the finding of two successive grand juries, the commissioners have no discretion in the matter and are under obligations to build. The recommendation of the grand juries is equally as binding as an act of the legislature. Ex-Attorney General Palmer vigorously opposed the change, saying that the commissioners had no right whatever to move the courthouse from the Square. He said the commissioners had already done considerable that was not right. He was vigorously applauded when he had finished. The consensus of opinion was that the site should be given to the county on a ninety-nine years' lease at a nominal rental of \$1 a year. The committee will report at the next meeting of the council.

**Board of Health Organized.**  
The members of the Freeland board of health met on Friday evening and organized for the year of 1895 by the election of Dr. F. Schlicher, president; T. A. Buckley, secretary, and John B. Quigley, health officer. D. J. McCarthy and Hugh Malloy were appointed a committee to wait on the members of the council at the next meeting, and present the claim of the board for an appropriation for the ensuing year. The president and secretary were instructed to draw up a notice and publish the same in the papers of town as well as by circulars, calling upon the citizens and property holders of the borough, to have their premises cleaned up and disinfected, as soon as the snow gets off the ground. It is expected that the people will respond to the appeal when it is made, so that proper measures may be taken to have the town in a good healthy condition when the warm weather comes. The annual report of the board will be presented to the council at its next meeting.

**P. O. S. of A. Report.**  
The annual report issued by State Secretary William Weand, of the P. O. S. of A. of Pennsylvania, contains the following figures: Number of members initiated during the year, commencing January 1 and ending December 31, 1894, 7,079; admitted by card, 158; reinstated, 762; total membership December 31, 1894, 48,136; amount of sick and funeral benefits paid during the year, \$107,382; total receipts, \$320,259; total expenses, \$293,069; amount of cash in subordinate camp treasuries, \$140,876; amount invested, \$489,560; value of paraphernalia, \$206,706; total valuation, \$837,143.

**Lost His Eyes in the Mines.**  
Andrew Boriski, a Pole, was brought out of No. 2 mine, Ashley, on Friday afternoon totally blind. Two months ago while Boriski was working in his breast a piece of flying coal struck him in the left eye, destroying it. He then resolved to give up working in the mines, but on Friday he applied for work despite the protests of his wife, who did not want him to go inside a mine again. He went to work, and about 3 o'clock while drilling, a piece of flying coal destroyed his remaining eye.

**Coal Men to Meet Again.**  
The special meeting of the representatives of the anthracite coal carrying and producing railroad companies was held in New York on Thursday. Every company was represented. The meeting adjourned after a committee of five had been appointed to consider the question of percentages of production, which committee will report at a meeting to be held next Thursday. Everything looks favorable for a satisfactory settlement of all the questions dividing the companies.

**The Religious Garb Bill.**  
The religious garb bill is agitating the Methodists of Lancaster and adjoining counties more than it is the Catholics, notwithstanding that it is specially directed. J. A. Ressler, a Mennonite school teacher of eleven years' experience, has written a strong letter to Governor Hastings urging him to veto the bill should it ever come before him. At present it is sleeping soundly, and the senators are in no hurry to burn their fingers with the bill.

**PLEASURE CALENDAR.**  
March 26.—Lecture by Prof. W. Cameron Ferguson, on "Hypnotism," at St. John's Reformed church. Adults, 25 cents; children, 15 cents; reserved seats, 35 cents.

March 30.—"Policeman's Luck," comedy drama, by the Juvenile Dramatic Company, at Freeland opera house. Admission, 5 and 10 cents.

April 15.—Annual ball of St. Patrick's corner band, at Freeland opera house. Admission, 50 cents.

April 22.—Ball of the Shamrock Drum Corps, of Eckley, at Freeland opera house. Admission, 50 cents.

## 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.**

Don't do a thing until you see "Peck's Bad Boy."

The financial report of the borough appears on the fourth page today.

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

Prices remain 25, 35 and 50 cents, during the Peck engagement. Now get your seats.

A handsome outfit of maps from Rand, McNally & Co. has been placed in the borough schools.

Machemlock Tribe, Red Men, of Freeland, will visit the Hazleton lodge of that order this evening.

The Jr. O. U. A. M. drum corps made its first appearance on Monday evening and serenaded several residents.

The annual Easter Monday ball of the St. Patrick's corner band will be held at the opera house on the evening of April 15.

John Williams, of Mill Creek, has been placed under \$300 bail for taking part in a rooster fight in the upper part of the county.

John J. Slattery, of Tuscarora, who was prominently identified with Schuylkill county politics for thirty years, died last week, aged 66 years.

Times are never so hard but that some one has seen it worse, and comedies are never so funny but what Peck can come in strong at the finish.

All the arrangements have been completed for the joint excursion of the Tigers Athletic Club and the Hazle Club to Glen Onoko on June 22.

The Hazleton and North Side Railway Company has accepted the ordinance granting it permission to extend its track and run cars through Freeland borough.

John Smoulder, of Nanticoke, was re-elected chairman of the Democratic committee on Saturday. He accepted the position until the opening of the next campaign.

A Hungarian of Highland was held up by a number of tramps on the road leading from town to that place at 8:30 o'clock this morning, and relieved of \$15 and a quart of whisky.

Mrs. Jeffrey, of Ridge street, mother of Representative Jeffrey, had the index finger of her right hand broken and badly lacerated by a window sash falling upon it on Saturday.

An infant child of Daniel W. Richards, of Buck Mountain, Schuylkill county, was buried at Freeland cemetery on Saturday. Mr. Richards was formerly a resident of town.

Freeland Council, No. 348, Jr. O. U. A. M., will attend services at the English Baptist church on Sunday, April 7, at 2:30 p. m., when the pastor will preach a sermon on "The Four Anchors of State."

The overcoat given out in mistake at the ball last Monday evening, notice of which was published on Thursday, was returned on Friday evening, and both parties have received their own. A little ad did it.

Have you read Refowich's spring announcement in today's issue? This reliable clothing establishment can be depended upon to carry out every promise made to its patrons. See the ad in another column.

The mercantile appraisal was given out last week by the county commissioners, Dullard choosing the Wilkes-Barre Leader, Norton the Pittston Gazette and Smith the Freeland Progress. It is worth about \$290 to each paper.

Isaac A. Harvey, of Ebensburg; Jeremiah Snyder, of Allentown, and D. T. A. Wheelock, of Warren, have been appointed commissioners to survey the proposed new county of Grov to be created out of a portion of Luzerne county.

W. C. Miller, who for the past year has been traveling with several theatrical companies, is home on a visit to his parents. He is accompanied by J. H. Gordon, another actor. With the aid of local talent they expect to produce a play here next month.

"Policeman's Luck" is the title of a comedy which will be produced by the Juvenile Dramatic Company at the opera house on Saturday evening. This is the third season for the boys to appear on the stage. All their previous plays have been rendered successfully.

Gaze on this array of talent! Louis Wesley, Lynn Welcher, Fred Wenzel, Sol. Aiken, Alf. Hampton, Clayton White, Louis Braunstein, the Misses Fanny Temple, Dot Karrol, Gladys Atkinson, Frankie St. John and Edith Moray. No stronger company has ever stepped on the Freeland stage.

A new time table went into effect on the Lehigh Valley Railroad this morning. The only change on the Freeland branch is an additional train leaving here at 9:16 a. m., connecting with a western train at White Haven. It was expected some local trains would be taken off, but this has not been done.

## A STYLISH SHIRT COMPLETES THE STYLISH APPEARANCE.

You will find it at Olsho's clothing and hat store. Percales, negligees, laundered and unlaundered fancy bosom white shirts, etc. None of the cheap imitations, but the genuine celebrated Emery brand. Imported material, fast colors and perfect fit give this particular shirt its unrivaled elegance.

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Groceries:

1 bag best flour,	\$.65
23lbs granulated sugar,	1.00
13 cans corn,	1.00
13 cans tomatoes,	1.00
5lbs raisins,	.25
7lbs 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
50-cent dress goods, cloth,	.35
Yard-wide muslin, by piece,	.42
Lace curtains, 2 pair,	.90

CALL AND SEE OUR Ladies' kid shoes, every pair guaranteed, \$1.00 21c counter. Wall paper, 5c per double roll. Men's hats and caps, latest styles and lowest prices; a boy's good hat or cap, 21c. Furniture, carpets and oil cloths in endless varieties.

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For the past few months the tailors employed by us have been kept very busy manufacturing one of the largest and finest stocks of spring clothing ever seen in our town. In a few more days our complete stock will be open for inspection, and we will offer to the public great bargains, as usual.

No Shelf-worn Stock. No Old Styles. No Old Patterns. But an entire new stock. Remember it was only last fall that we opened up business again in this town, with an entire new stock, therefore every spring article which we will have in our stock will be new and of the latest styles and patterns. Our spring stock in our tailoring department is open for inspection. We have as fine and large a variety of piece goods to select from as you will find anywhere.

A NOBBY ALL-WOOL SPRING SUIT MADE TO ORDER FOR ONLY \$12, which is fully worth sixteen or eighteen dollars. A perfect fit guaranteed. All goods made on our own premises.

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