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ECKLEY B. COXE'S DEATH.

PNEUMONIA CUT SHORT A BRIGHT AND USEFUL CAREER.

The Millionaire Coal Operator and Ex-State Senator Passed Quietly Away at His Home on Monday Morning—Funeral This Afternoon at Drifton.

Hon. Eckley B. Coxe died at his home in Drifton on Monday morning at 10:25 o'clock, aged 55 years, 11 months and 9 days. Death was due to pneumonia. He had been ill less than two weeks, and until shortly before he expired there was no doubt but that he would eventually recover. On Saturday it was thought he was improving rapidly, and such was the information given out to the public. The sudden change of the weather on Saturday night, when the temperature dropped in a few hours from eighty to forty-three degrees in this section, brought with it a change in the patient's condition, and from then on Mr. Coxe's physician, Dr. H. M. Neale, of Upper Lehigh, knew there was danger. Dr. DaCosta, of Philadelphia, was again summoned on Sunday night, but did not arrive until after the end had come.

His death was quiet and peaceful, and he was conscious to the last. Around him were gathered his faithful wife, his private secretary, E. A. Oberlander, Dr. Neale, Rev. J. P. Buxton and his brother, A. B. Coxe, and the latter's wife.

The news of Mr. Coxe's death spread rapidly and reached this office a few minutes after it occurred, but the TRIBUNE had gone to press nearly two hours earlier than usual and we were unable to mention the sad fact in our issue of that day.

Hon. S. P. Wolverton, of Sunbury, who was summoned early Monday morning, arrived half an hour after the death of Mr. Coxe. Mr. Wolverton was the deceased's attorney, and had charge of all his personal legal affairs, and also considerable of the companies' business. It was Mr. Wolverton who drew up his last will, but what is contained in it will not be known for some time.

During the day hundreds of telegrams of sympathy were received from all parts of the nation, for Mr. Coxe was a man with a national reputation for ability and energy, and was on intimate terms of acquaintance with the leading men of the United States. But it was to the people of this immediate vicinity that his death brought grief and sorrow, for only those who lived near him could fully realize what a great loss they were called upon to sustain in his unexpected death.

In accordance with one of his last wishes the remains will be interred this afternoon in the churchyard of St. James' Protestant Episcopal church at Drifton. In desiring to have his body remain in the midst of the people with whom he spent the best part of his life, Mr. Coxe again showed his thorough consistency, and, since death was inevitable, he could not do anything more pleasing to his friends than to make the request above stated.

The funeral will take place at St. James' church at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon. The church will be opened at 1 p. m. and the body will leave the house at 1:30 o'clock. It will not lie in state. William E. Bellas, H. E. Sweeney and George Hufford will act as ushers at the church.

The people of town who wish to attend the funeral will meet at the opera house at 12:30 o'clock and proceed in a body to Drifton.

The Mining and Mechanical Institute students will leave the school at 1:15 o'clock and proceed to St. James' church.

Nearly all the collieries in the Lehigh region were closed since Monday out of respect to the dead operator, and all the stations and locomotives of the D. S. & S. are draped in mourning and flags are floating at half-mast in every part of town today.

In the death of Eckley B. Coxe it can truthfully be said that Freeland has lost its best and staunchest friend. He was by far the greatest and most sanguine believer in Freeland's future that resided in this community. On two public occasions while addressing audiences here he expressed his feelings and intentions in a manner that did more to instill confidence in the people than any number of acts or words which others could offer.

The people believed in him implicitly. So much of his life had been spent in their midst that they had learned to know that he always meant precisely what he said. They did not doubt his words when he told them at the recent banquets tendered him by the borough council and the Citizens' Hose Company that the town was yet in the first stage of its growth, that the plans under way by the Coxe corporations would increase its population many times, that no property owner should fear real estate would depreciate, that all the influences he could bring to bear would be directed for the best interests of Freeland and that the borough was looked upon by him as his ward and he would always be found personally interested in its trials and troubles as well as its growth and prosperity. Notwithstanding that

some of the conditions about us made matters appear in a different light, yet the faith of Freeland's citizens in Mr. Coxe was such as to compel them to accept his utterances as the truth, because they never knew him to make a promise that was not fulfilled or a prediction that failed to materialize.

His voluntary offer to extend to Freeland all the assistance that could be given it in the way of bringing workers here and providing employment for thousands more than are yet on his companies' rolls, and his statement that no more buildings would be erected by the coal company in this vicinity as he wanted Freeland people to do the building and Freeland merchants to have the trade of the great population that was to come, these remarks were received with joy by those interested in the town, and that they would come true was never doubted. Coxe's word was a sufficient guarantee.

It would be almost impossible to enumerate his many acts of benevolence and charity, in all of which he had the active help of his wife. In providing a hospital at Drifton for the unfortunate who met with accidents in his collieries, and opening its doors to the maimed and injured of other works than his own, he gave one of the first proofs of his charitable and generous disposition. The establishment of a state hospital at Hazleton made the one at Drifton unnecessary, but his employees are still allowed \$5 a week when sick or hurt, and the poor and indigent of the entire North Side can testify to the help they receive from the Coxe family.

The inmates of the state hospital and the Laurytown almshouse have felt the benefits of his money in many ways the public is not aware of, and other charitable institutions were unostentatiously remembered by him at times when they required aid.

In Freeland, especially, he made himself beloved by all classes. The founding of the Mining and Mechanical School, in which he was very much interested, opened up the opportunities for the young men of town to acquire an education in scientific branches at a cost that barely paid the expenses for light.

To the people at large he donated the Public Park, ten acres of land which in time will be one of the finest pleasure grounds to be found in the country. The sewer outlet was another grant the value of which cannot be given in dol-



HON. ECKLEY B. COXE.

lars and cents. The fire department of the borough came in for a share of Mr. Coxe's earnest solicitation, and ever since its first call to active service he assisted the hose company financially at numerous intervals. To the younger element he leased the land for the base ball park, and was very anxious that they should avail themselves of the chance to indulge in athletic games of a healthful nature.

To religious and church bodies of all denominations he was liberal beyond limits that could be expected, and his generosity in this respect is due to the fact that Freeland can boast of so many handsome churches today. Two of the three cemeteries here are located upon land donated by him, and eight of the fourteen churches received their lots free from Mr. Coxe. The others are built upon land which was not owned by the Coxe estate, or they, too, would undoubtedly be treated the same, for in his dealings with his fellow-men he treated all alike, regardless of their religious belief, their nationality or their political convictions, and for that reason all classes realize they have lost a good friend, a broad-minded citizen and a respected neighbor.

Borough Council Takes Action.

The members of the borough council met at 4 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon and took suitable action on the death of Hon. E. B. Coxe. In the absence of Burgess McLaughlin, council requests that all places of business in the borough be closed from 12 noon until 6 p. m. today, and that flags be placed at half-mast. They resolved to attend the funeral in a body, and appointed a committee consisting of Dr. E. W. Rutter, Thos. J. Moore and Hugh M. Breslin to procure a suitable floral emblem. The committee selected a beautiful piece of work of natural flowers, "Gates Ajar," which is surmounted by a dove, and had it sent to the late home of Mr. Coxe.

Citizens of Freeland Meet.

The citizens of Freeland and vicinity

met at the opera house on Tuesday evening to take action upon Mr. Coxe's death. Postmaster William F. Boyle was selected chairman and Chas. Orion Stroh secretary. A committee was appointed to prepare resolutions of condolence, and after a brief deliberation they made a report, which was unanimously adopted by the audience. The resolutions appear on the fourth page.

Chas. Orion Stroh, J. M. Carr, Thos. A. Buckley, Hugh Malloy, James Bohlin and others made short addresses upon the life of the deceased, in which they recalled to mind the many favors he had done for the town and the deep interest he took in its welfare since its incorporation.

As all the arrangements for the funeral were not yet completed, it was decided to appoint a committee to ascertain at what time would be most suitable for the people to meet and go to Drifton to view the body and attend the funeral. Committees from each of the polling districts of town and a committee from South Heberton were appointed to inform the people of the arrangements as soon as possible.

The attendance at the meeting was large and a feeling of sincere sorrow permeated the assemblage.

Sketch of Eckley B. Coxe's Life.

Eckley Brinton Coxe was born in Philadelphia on June 4, 1839. He was one of five sons of the late Judge Charles S. Coxe, and was a grandson of Tench Coxe, the famous statesman, financier and author, who was commissioner of the revenue under Washington's administration. The family homestead was for many years at 1512 Spruce street, Philadelphia. After passing through the preparatory school Mr. Coxe entered the university of Pennsylvania, where he graduated with honors in 1858. Having a decided preference for scientific and mathematical studies he then went to Europe, where he studied in the School of Mines at Paris and the Mining School of Freiberg, Saxony. He subsequently occupied two years in visiting and studying the mines of Great Britain and Continental Europe, and upon his return to the United States began, with his brothers, the business of mining anthracite coal in the Lehigh region, upon property belonging to his family and inherited from his grandfather, Tench Coxe.

In 1865 the coal mining company of Coxe Bros. was formed with Eckley B. at the head. Out of this company has grown the Cross Creek Coal Company, Coxe Bros. & Co., the Coxe Iron Manufacturing Company, the Delaware, Susquehanna and Schuylkill Railroad Company and water companies for each of the larger towns where the Coxe interests predominate. Last fall Mr. Coxe resigned the presidency of the above concerns and also the position of trustee of the Lehigh university.

From 1872 until 1888 Mr. Coxe was compelled to battle for the possession of part of his coal lands in this county. The fight, which became famous, was known as the Derringer-Coxe case. It was ended in the common pleas court in Wilkes-Barre on October 15, 1888. An amicable settlement was arrived at, and the jury rendered a verdict for Colonel Calhoun M. Derringer, the plaintiff, for one-half of his original claim. The land involved covers 2,000 acres in Black Creek and Sugar Loaf townships. It contained valuable deposits of anthracite coal, and the whole is valued at about \$10,000,000. The land was purchased by Henry Derringer, of Philadelphia, and he paid taxes upon it from 1826 until 1869, when he died. In 1828 the land was sold to the county commissioners, as a defaulting county treasurer's accounts had not been turned in. The lands were surrendered to Derringer when the error was discovered and the taxes were marked paid. Derringer's heirs paid taxes from 1868 to 1872, when they leased the land, which was five tracts, to some Philadelphia firm. At the same time the Coxe heirs took possession and erected valuable mining plants thereon. A civil suit of ejectment was then instituted. The litigation ended by dividing the one-ninth portion equally between the plaintiff and defendants.

Mr. Coxe has had frequent litigation with the railroads that transported the product of his mines to the markets. His contests with the Lehigh Valley were conducted with such skill that in 1891 that company was compelled to carry his anthracite at the rates paid on bituminous. In 1891 he changed his whole product of more than a million tons a year to the Reading system, but when President Harris took hold this contract was annulled and Mr. Coxe returned to the Lehigh Valley. During the litigation he saw the great advantage to be derived in having an independent road which would be connected with each of the leading lines to tidewater. This induced him to build the Delaware, Susquehanna and Schuylkill Railroad, a sixty-mile road, which is equipped with its own locomotives, coal cars, passenger cars and all necessary rolling stock, and is connected with the Lehigh Valley, Reading, Jersey Central and Pennsylvania. An agreement with the Valley gives his trains and crews the right to use the latter's tracks direct to Perth

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Firemen's New Uniforms.

The Citizens' Hose Company held an interesting meeting last evening. The members adopted a new uniform, which will be worn for the first time in the parade on Memorial Day. It consists of a blue cap, red shirt and white pants. A committee, consisting of William Williamson, John M. Powell, Timothy Boyle and T. A. Buckley, was appointed to prepare resolutions on the death of Eckley B. Coxe, who was a friend of the company and took much interest in it.

There was also some discussion on the Public park question, and it was shown that since the park was placed under the control of the hose company they have received something like \$300 for its use, and have expended over \$200 in repairs on platform, grounds, etc. The profit to the company in three years has been only \$38.

It was stated the council would not agree to the removal of the platform unless it could be done without destroying any trees, and as this is impossible it will remain as it is. The platform will be repaired and covered, but no further work will be done unless the company is given a guarantee that control of the grounds will be left in its hands for a while longer.

Michael Moore Dead.

Michael Moore, who was a resident of town until about eight months ago, died of pneumonia at his residence on Broad street, Hazleton, at 4 o'clock this morning. He was ill for three weeks and was on a fair way to recover until the cold spell came on Sunday, when a change occurred. He was employed as a conductor by the Lehigh Traction Company, and was known as a young man of excellent character. His death will be regretted sincerely by his friends on the North Side. Mr. Moore was 31 years of age, and leaves a wife, also one son, about one year old. He was a brother of Councilman T. J. Moore and James Moore, of Freeland; Patrick, of Philadelphia; Mrs. P. M. Boyle, of Hazleton, and Mrs. James Harkins, of old Buck Mountain. The funeral will arrive here via trolley cars at 2 o'clock on Saturday afternoon. Interment will be made at St. Ann's cemetery.

Hendricks Is Guilty.

From Today's Hazleton Standard. The jury in the case of James Hendricks, who has been on trial for the past two weeks, for the murder of Barney Reick, of Wilkes-Barre, returned a verdict of guilty in the second degree at 9:15 o'clock last evening. The *Newdealer* says that the verdict caused no little surprise in view of the fact that Judge Woodward instructed that a verdict of murder in the first degree should be returned, or it must be one of acquittal. The jury during the day stood 9 to 3 for acquittal, and the verdict was evidently one of compromise.

A Death on Adams Street.

Mrs. Michael McGroary, of Adams street, died yesterday at the Laurytown hospital, where she was removed last Monday for treatment. She had been ill for several weeks. The deceased leaves one son, Michael, and three daughters, Misses Annie, Maggie and Bridget. All reside at home except the latter, who is married and lives at Fort Sheridan, Illinois. Arrangements for the funeral will not be made until it can be learned how soon Bridget can arrive here.

Temperance Convention.

The convention of the Catholic temperance societies of the Scranton diocese opened at Carbondale yesterday. Reports of the officers showed a membership of 7,514 in eighty-eight societies. There are nearly 300 delegates attending. Lower Luzerne intends to make a strong contest to capture one of the principal officers or one of the delegates to the national convention. Freeland will be a candidate for the next convention.

Quay Bill Postponed.

The Quay county bill was not called up yesterday in the house at Harrisburg. The attendance was very small, many of the friends of the measure being absent at the hour set for the final vote. Representative Jeffrey secured a postponement, thereby preventing the enemies of the bill from giving Quay county its death-blow. There are still good hopes that it will be passed by the house.

Married Today.

Henry Zierdt, until recently of Tamaqua, and Miss Phoebe Phillips, of town, will be married at the former place today. Phillip, a brother of the groom, will be best man, and Miss Maggie, a sister of the bride, will be bridesmaid. They will reside here, where both young people have many friends who wish them success.

I. O. O. F. To Philadelphia.

Low rates via L. V. R. R.—Special low rate of single fare for the round trip to Philadelphia via Lehigh Valley, on account of dedication of Odd Fellows' temple. Tickets sold May 20 and 21, good for return to the 23d. Special arrangements will be made in the way of train service for this occasion. Consult agents or see bills for further particulars.

Ladies' percale waists, 25c, at Neuburgers.

Knee pants, 19c, at Refowich'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.

Travelers Athletic Association has engaged the Public park for a picnic on July 20.

Spring neckwear, 23c at Refowich's. The Luzerne county Prohibition convention will be held in Wilkes-Barre on Sunday, May 26.

Ladies' fine laundered waists, 50c, at Neuburgers.

A new time table went into effect on the Lehigh Valley Railroad on Sunday. None of the changes affect Freeland.

Suits to order, \$12 and up, at Refowich's, Freeland.

A festival will be given in the basement of St. Paul's P. M. church on Saturday evening by the Wesley League.

Satisfaction in every respect guaranteed at Refowich's, Freeland.

Resolutions of respect on the death of ex-Senator Eckley B. Coxe were passed by the Pennsylvania senate on Tuesday.

Are you thinking of getting a suit to order? Try Refowich, Freeland.

Albert Santee, of Butler valley, has leased the Upper Lehigh hotel for the coming summer, and will take charge next week.

Refowich sells the best \$1.50 and \$2 children's suits to be had anywhere.

The Carnegie Steel Company has granted a voluntary advance of 10 per cent to its 25,000 employees in the vicinity of Pittsburgh.

The "Wear Well" working shoe for men cannot be found in any other store in town.

Sister Marsales died in a Buffalo convent yesterday. She was Miss Mary Mulligan, of Hazleton, before entering the religious life.

Refowich, the leading tailor and clothier, is where you should buy your clothing.

The picnic of the Hustlers Athletic Association, to be held at Drifton park, has been postponed from Saturday evening until Wednesday, the 22d inst.

The best is the cheapest in the end. Go to the Wear Well Shoe House. Their shoes all wear well.

The Slavonian base ball club has received its new uniforms, and the players are ready now to cross bats with any clubs of that nationality in the region.

Try the Wear Well Shoe House. Their goods cost no more and give better satisfaction than any other store in Freeland.

The classis of the Reformed Church of northeastern Pennsylvania will meet at Conyngham today. Henry Stuntz will represent St. John's church of Freeland.

St. Paul's P. M. church is becoming too small for the rapidly growing congregation, and the trustee board is preparing to have the edifice enlarged and improved.

The railroads of town intend to make a big success of the union meeting here next Sunday. All the brotherhoods will be represented by distinguished labor leaders.

The base ball attraction for Sunday next at the Tigers park will be the strong P. & R. club of Reading, one of the best semi-professional teams in the Schuylkill valley.

The trustees of the Hazleton hospital and Lehigh University and the middle coal field poor directors have passed resolutions of condolence on the death of E. B. Coxe. Delegations from each will attend the funeral today.

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.

I. O. O. F. On to Philadelphia. Going to the encampment and grand lodge? If so, the Lehigh Valley is the line to use. Frequent trains; superior accommodations; fast time; excellent service. See that your card orders and tickets read via L. V. R. R. Remember also the open rate on the 39th and 21st, on account of dedication of temple. One way fare for the round trip.

DEATHS.

CAMPBELL.—At Freeland, May 13, Joseph, son of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Campbell, aged 2 years. Interred yesterday afternoon at St. Ann's cemetery.

COXE.—At Drifton, May 13, 1895, Eckley B. Coxe, in the 56th year of his age. Funeral at St. James' church, Drifton, Thursday, May 16, at 1:30 p. m.

PLEASURE CALENDAR.

May 22.—Second annual picnic of the Hustlers base ball club, at Drifton park.

May 23.—Organ recital at Freeland Presbyterian church. Admission, 50c.

May 29.—Annual ball of St. Ann's T. A. B. Pioneer Corps, at Freeland opera house. Admission, 50 cents.

May 30.—Sixth annual picnic of the Tigers Athletic Club, at Freeland Public park.

May 30.—Literary and musical entertainment of the Christian Endeavor Society at Upper Lehigh Presbyterian church. Admission, 25c; children, 15c.

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6lbs oat meal,	.25
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24 yard wide sheeting, per yard,	.14
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