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POLITICAL MATTERS FORM SUBJECTS FOR PASSING OPINIONS.

Popular Sentiment Rapidly Dritting Towards the Democratic Candidate for Foor Director—How the Campaign is Progressing in the Borough.

As election day draws near the sentiment of the voters of the middle coal field poor district becomes more and more favorable to John Schwartz, the Democratic candidate for director. In fact, it is hard to understand how enlightened and intelligent people could feel otherwise when the circumstances surrounding the contest are fairly sifted. On the one side is seen a broad, liberal minded citizen, who has proven his honesty, ability and intelligence as abusiness man in the city of Hazleton; aman who is esteemed and respected by all parties in his own home, where all men are best known; a man to whom the care of the poor and afflicted of the community can be safely entrusted; aman in whose hands the finances of this great district will be safe and secure, and who possesses the judgment to expend the people's money as the law makers intended it should be. Mr. Schwartz is the candidate of one of the great political parties of the country, not the tool of a clique at whose bidding men must sacrifice their manhood and become slaves of ignorant and selfam matter. His past record, public and private, is as clean as falling snow, and to secure his nomination he did not have to take an oath which arrays them in bitter strife against their friends and neighbors. Should Mr. Schwartz become the next director he can take his different to the legal obligation with the honest intention of Iulifiling it. When the cry of needy humanity arises he can go to its aid with alms, without stopping to near the providence of a prostriptive association.

In the borough the only office which is attracting the attention of all the voters is that of justice of the peace. It is a nosition which Freelan citizen who r

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COUNCIL MEETING overal Matters of Public Interest Tal Up on Monday Evening.

HEALTH BOARD MEETING.

MEMBERS INTEND TO INSIST THAT
THE LAWS BE OBEYED.

Health Officer Ward's Report for January Shows That a Total of Twenty-two Cases of Diphtheria Had Been Reported During Last Month.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Health was held at the office of Dr. F. Schilcher, on Friday evening of fast week, every member of the board and the health officer being present. After the minutes of previous the board and the health officer being present. After the minutes of previous meeting were approved Health Officer Ward made his monthly report, as follows: That twenty-two cases of diphtheria had been reported to him since the last meeting of the board, and that two of them had died and were interred with all necessary precessory precessory or the most of the made the second precessory precessors precessory precessors precessory precessors preces lies of Oliver Reinsmith, Chestnut street; Condy McLaughlin, Adams street; Francis Brennan, Centre street, and James F. Ledger and James Richards, Coxe addition; that scarlet fever had been reported existing in the family of Ador Leippert, Johnson street; that all homes containing contagious and infectious diseases had been duly placarded according to law, and that he had offered a reward for the arrest and conviction of any person tearing down such notices or visiting infected houses without authority from him or the attending physician.

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D. J. McCarthy, on behalf of the school board, explained that on account of the appearance of diphtheria in the family of which Miss McLaughlin, at teacher, is a member, he, in company with the secretary of the school board, waited upon the president and secretary of the Board of Health, and in accordance with their instructions the school had been closed and the teacher was instructed to keep away from the infected house until the attending physician had declared all danger of further infection passed.

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The secretary then read a communication from the secretary of the State Board of Health, calling the attention of the local board to important laws passed by the late legislature, as follows: Act No. 124, entitled "an act to provide for the more effectual protection of the public health in the several municipalities of the commonwealth," which enables local boards to act by direct authority of the state in all matters pertaining to the control of contagious and infectious diseases and making obligatory upon physicians the prompt reports

SCHOOL BOARD AFFAIRS Monthly Meeting of the Ditors Held Last Evening.

Regular Monthly Meeting of the Directors Hold Last Evening.

The school board met in regular session last night with all the directors present, Messrs. Shelhamer, Welsh, Ferry, McCarthy, Timony and Rute. A communication from Mr. Schmidt, of the Birvanton school, and Miss Timony, of the Coxe Memorial school, for books was ordered to be investigated, and if found that they can't get along without them to procure the supplies. The following bills were ordered paid: U. S. Express Co., express, 95c; James McHugh, hauling freight, 50e; James Gorman, Hazleton. call-bell, 50e; Cross Creek Coal Co., coal, 82t; J. M. Cunnius, balance on contract, labor and supplies, \$15.53.

The following bills were laid over. Silas Woodring, supplies, \$7.39; Wm. Williamson, supplies, \$42.95; D. O'Donnell, hauling coal, \$12.

The president and secretary were ordered to investigate the coal bill of the Cross Creek Coal Co. and the hauling of the same and if found correct to approve it.

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The following money was received from taxes: Hugh Malloy, collector, \$511; Thos. Brown, collector Foster township, \$10.72; Frank Fairchilds, ex-collector, on outstanding account, \$35. Treasurer Welsh reported that he had \$572.72 in the treasury.

The closing of Miss McLaughlin's school was explained by President McCarthy, who stated that after a conference with the president and secretary of the Board of Health it was deemed advisable to prevent her from teaching for awhile. Diphtheria had appeared at her home and to avoid all danger she had been requested to take up her abode elsewhere for a week. This was done by the teacher and she reopened her school last Monday.

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The Upper Lehigh Coal Company elected the following officers at the annual meeting held last week:

President—John Leisenring.

Vice president—Dr. J. S. Wentz.

Secretary and treasurer—Harry B. Price.

Directors-Robert H. Savre, San Directors—Robert H. Sayre, Samuel Thomas, George D. McCreary, John Thomas, Harry B. Price, Samuel B. Price.
Following are the officers of the Nescopeck Coal Company, elected the same day.

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President—Samuel Thomas.
Secretary and treasurer—H. B. Price.
Directors—Robert H. Sayre, John Leisaring, George D. McCreary, Samuel
B. Price, John Thomas.
The capital stock of the Nescopeck
Company, by a unanimous vote of the stockholders, was reduced from \$300,000 to \$240,000.

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The tunnel driven by Coxe Bros. & Co. to tap the coal in the old Buck Mountain colliers was finished on Saturday. It was commenced about five mouths ago. After boring through solid rock for half a mile the vein was struck.

by the tunnel and carried by rail to the Eckley breaker.

The old Buck Mountain mines were abandoned about ten years ago, the company thinking then that the coal had been taken out. Since Coxe Bros. & Co. have taken the mine in charge it has been found that not more than 30 per cent has been extracted, and that the mines will last for years.

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Despite the search being made for him, no trace has yet been found of Rev. J. M. Morris, the pastor of the First Baptist church at Duryea, who mysteriously disappeared last Thursday. It was ascertained that he left Duryea in a carriage which he engaged from a liveryman, and drove it himself. Reaching Scranton he left the horse and carriage at a livery stable, saying he would call for them in a few hours. He was not seen there again.

Much to the surprise of friends of the family nothing has yet been heard from the wife further than saying she knew nothing of her husband's whereabouts.

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The Blackman mine murder case was given to the jury at Wilkesbarre on Tnesday after an eight days' trial. The testimony closed Monday afternoon and the concluding pleas and the judge's charge occupied the court until Tuesday afternoon, when the jury retired. While waiting for a verdict Jemmitz was asked by a reporter if he would marry Mrs. Yeasley, whose husband he is accused of having murdered, in the event of his acquittal. He said he would not, as she had caused him trouble enough already. At 2 o'clock yesterday the jury returned a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree.

Notice to Taxpayers.
All taxes for 1895 that are not paid on or before February 20 will have a penalty of 5 per cent added. This law will be strictly enforced.

Hugh Malloy, collector.
Yon can rely upon goods bought at the Wear Well Shoe House. Try them.
Sweet roll butter, always fresh, at Tour the street was the street was a fersh of the region. Every there are not did not help and many persons were presented, and many persons were fair was represented, and many persons were fair was thoroughly enjoyable and was fair was thoroughly enjoyable and

iynopsis of Local and Miscellaneous Oc-currences That Can Be Read Quickly. What the Folks of This and Other Towns are Doing.

New uniforms have been received by the Jr. O. U. A. M. drum corps.

The fire in the Pettebone mine at Wilkesbarre is not yet under control.

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The ground hog seems to have guessed right this time. Winter has just begun.

A large party of sleighers from Hazleton were entertained yesterday by James J. Maloy.

The Lehigh Valley Railroad employes on the Freeland branch will receive their January pay on Tuesday.

Eggs sold by A. Oswald are guaranteed to be fresh.

James Jackson, formerly of Jeddo, died in Connecticut on Monday. The remains will be brought here for interment.

The fair of Division 20, A. O. H., will open on Friday evening, the 14th inst., in the basement of Eckley Catholic church.

Business' colleges in Hazleton are amusing themselves with a little war of their own. Scholarships can be had now at half-price.

St. John's Reformed congregation has contributed \$210 to the new Christian college in Japan. One member donated \$50 and four others \$25 cach.

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The members of Freeland Company,
Knights of the Mystic Chain, are getting
things ready for the opening of their
fair in the Cottage hall on Friday of
next week.

John, the two-year-old son of Francis
and Annie Brennan, died early Tuesday morning. The funeral took place
yesterday afternoon. Interment at St.
Ann's cemetery.

Fresh fish every Thursday and Friday.

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Fresh fish every Thursday and Friday at McNells' meat market.

Coxe Bros, & Co.'s collieries began working eight hours per day yesterday. The Drifton shops have been reduced to seven hours per day and the foundry department to eight.

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Henry Smith and wife celebrated their silver wedding anniversary at the Cottage hotel last evening. A large number of friends were present and they received many handsome presents.

Rev. Father Hoban, of Ashley, has been appointed coadjutor to Bishop O'Hara, of the Scranton Catholic diocese. The latter is now unable to perform all the duties of his position, and an assistant was considered necessary.

While driving on Centre street vester-

tant was considered necessary.

While driving on Centre street yested day the runners of a sleigh containin George Shambora and Miss Annie Canteaught in the electric railway track and was capsized. The sleigh was severely damaged but the occupant escaped injury.

The superintendent of public instruction has appointed the following committee on permanent certificates for Luzerne county, in accordance with the

great snoe house, at \$2 the pair.

The Lehigh Valley Coal Company decided to tear down their Laurel, breaker at Hazleton and erect inster structure that will be capable of ha ling the output of their Sugar L Laurel Hill and No. 3 collieries.

new breaker will be one of the big, in the arthraite reader. in the anthracite region

A Leap Year Social.

The young ladies of Drifton gave the most successful leap year social, yet held in 1896, in the new Cross Creek hall on Tuesday evening. The affair was inauguated a few weeks ago, and hundereds of invitations were sent out to every part of the region. Every town in the vicinity was represented, and many persons were present from outlying places. The affair was thoroughly enjoyable and was admirably conducted throughout.

the Wear Well Shoe House. Try them.

Sweet roll butter, always fresh, at Oswald's grocery store. Try it.

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