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THE NEW OPERA HOUSE.

DESCRIPTION OF THE STRUCTURE OPENED YESTERDAY.

Freeland now has a place of amusement that is a credit to the town. The opera house opened yesterday and an entertainment last evening.

Freeland's new opera house, which is being built by St. Ann's Young Men's C. T. A. B. Corps, and which was informally opened to the public yesterday, is now almost complete. Only a few more weeks' work will be required to put it in finished condition, and when this is accomplished it will be no exaggeration to say that Freeland will be in possession of a thoroughly up-to-date amusement place, and one that will fully meet the requirements of the town for many years. The building is the third largest in town and is advantageously located at Luzerne and Ridge streets, one block above the railroad station and one block away from the principal business thoroughfare. Its solid dimensions and exterior compactness commands the attention of all passers-by.

The ground upon which the building stands was secured a few years ago by St. Ann's Pioneer Corps. This society took the first move for the erection of the building, and selected W. F. Wise, of Tyrone, Pa., an experienced architect to draw the plans. After this much was done the matter laid dormant for some time, until the Pioneer Corps was consolidated with the Young Men's C. T. A. B. Society. The latter organization, being financially stronger than the first mentioned, accepted the plans of the building with a few alterations, and backed by the combined strength of the two societies, the structure was begun.

Competition was lively among contractors for the work of construction, but Knolly & Frederick, of Hazleton, were awarded the job. This firm began operations in the early part of October, 1895. Patrick Meehan, of Freeland, constructed the foundation, and the remainder of the work was done by the contractors.

The building has a frontage of fifty feet on Ridge street and extends ninety feet along Luzerne street. It is forty-three feet high. The first floor is devoted entirely to the opera house, and constitutes the handsomest and costliest part of the building. Three large doors lead from Ridge street to a capacious lobby in the front and two entrances admit from thence to the body of the house. The box office is located directly in front of the centre door, and access is gained to the balcony by large stairways on either side.

The floor of the house is inclined, and will seat 364 persons. It is fitted up with comfortable chairs of modern design, and nothing interferes with the view of the stage. The sides and ceiling are frescoed in brilliant designs and bright colors, which harmonize well with the varnish of the chairs and woodwork, giving the interior a rich appearance. There are numerous exits on both sides, to be used in case of fire or other trouble, and an audience can vacate the building in a few moments.

The balcony, like the lower floor, is also commodious and admirably arranged. It will have a seating capacity of about 250.

The stage comprises the most salient feature of the house and is calculated to meet all requirements. The entire rear of the building, to a depth of twenty-three feet, is devoted to this, and is furnished with all modern appliances for handling scenery. The proscenium is 26 feet wide and 22 feet high. Under the stage are several dressing rooms.

The scenery is beautiful and varied. It was painted by Carl Berger, of Philadelphia, a German artist of note. There are several drop curtains, representing mountain, garden, landscape and street scenes, and slides to make parlor, kitchen, chamber and other settings, with wings to match. The main curtain is executed in light colors and is taken from a scene in Venice in the time of Louis XIV. All of the painting is indicative of a master hand and will no doubt meet the approval of play-goers.

The various scenes were mounted and strung by Adam Estreicher, an experienced stage carpenter of Tyrone.

The top story of the building is divided into two large rooms, one of which will be fitted up suitably for society meetings. The other will be used exclusively by the Young Men's Corps and will contain a library, pool room and other features.

When occasion requires the opera house can be converted into a ball-room, by placing the portable floor in position. This will extend from a short distance inside the auditorium doors to the rear of the stage, and will give a large area of space for dancing purposes. The building is lighted throughout with electricity, the extensive wiring having been done by G. A. Kiley, of Hazleton. It is claimed by electricians to be as fine a piece of mechanism in that line as can be seen outside the large cities. On the stage there is a slate slab upon which are mounted all the switches and cutouts necessary to control the incandescent lights in the different parts of the house. There are also three of the most improved pattern electrical

dimmers, for the purpose of raising and lowering the lights. The fixtures are all polished brass of very pretty designs. The work has been examined by Albert Braddell, of Philadelphia, electrical inspector for the Underwriters' Association, who pronounced it perfect in every respect.

William Williamson, of Freeland, placed the heating fixtures in position, and every part of the structure will receive steam heat. Every precaution has been taken to guard against fire, and a plentiful supply of hose, etc., is at hand to combat flames, if such should at any time break out.

The building, when completed, will cost in the neighborhood of \$14,000. It will be formally opened on May 19 next, when the convention of the Catholic Total Abstinence Union of the Scranton diocese will be held in it. George McLaughlin, of Freeland, has been appointed manager of the house, and will open it for theatrical purposes next season.

Quarterly Temperance Convention.
The quarterly convention of the C. T. A. societies of the fourth district was held at the new opera house yesterday afternoon. As this occasion marked the informal opening of the building the attendance was quite large, and every society in the district was represented. Jas. F. Sweeney, of Freeland, as chairman, opened the convention with prayer. T. A. Kelly, of Audenried, the district secretary, received the credentials of the delegates, and the business of the day was then taken up.

One of the questions given by the last convention to the societies for discussion was the advisability of forming a new union, to consist of the societies in the lower end of the Scranton diocesan union and some from the Philadelphia archdiocesan union.

The answers of the societies were as follows: In favor of new union Hazleton society and cadets, Beaver Brook societies, Audenried societies, including the ladies' society. Harleigh thought it not advisable at present, Freeland was satisfied with the present union, and Harwood, Eckley and Jeanesville took no action.

The best way to promote the temperance cause and the organization of ladies' societies were two questions that were entertainingly discussed and many points were made by delegates in giving their views on these subjects.

The debate on one of the most intricate questions connected with temperance was next taken up. It was: "Resolved, that moral suasion has done more to advance the temperance cause than legal suasion." The affirmative side of the subject was handled by J. J. McMenamin, of Freeland, and the negative by William O'Donnell, of Audenried. Both gentlemen presented their sides of the argument with strong proof.

An address was made on temperance matters in general by J. F. Sweeney, and he was followed by James F. Judge, of Scranton, who advocated the spreading of the anti-treating league. The habit of treating he strongly condemned and claimed if this could be broken up the cause of temperance would stride forward more rapidly.

Audenried was selected as the place for holding the next district meeting. The convention then closed with prayer. The delegates were tendered a supper in the building by the Young Men's Corps.

The Opening Entertainment.
The opening entertainment at the Young Men's opera house last evening gathered an audience that filled every seat in the building and made standing room a scarce article in some quarters. Over 800 admissions were registered at the doors, many of the people being from Hazleton, White Haven and the South Side, who attended to show their appreciation of the efforts of the society in successfully overcoming the many difficulties that the members encountered since the project was begun. James F. Sweeney, the president of the corps, opened the evening's programme with a brief address of welcome, in which he called attention to the temperance movement and made an eloquent plea to the parents of this community to give over to the Young Men's Corps the care of their boys, promising that the society would guide them right and have them grow up with the spirit of true manhood instilled in them.

Mr. Sweeney's remarks were well received, and he was followed by the ladies and gentlemen on the programme, as announced last week, with a very few exceptions. In addition to those whose names have been published, Geo. Slattery, of Hazleton, and Thomas Dougherty, of Audenried, took part.

Funeral Benefit Association.
The Funeral Benefit Association of the Junior Order United American Mechanics held its fourteenth annual meeting at Baltimore last week. During its existence it has paid out to councils, on the death of members, \$719,769.77. It has been the means of greatly assisting councils in their growth, besides giving much comfort to the friends of deceased members. A. W. Washburn represented Freeland Council, No. 348, at the recent session of the association.

ANOTHER INDUSTRY.

Overall Factory Appears to Be on Its Way to Town.

The proposition to locate an overall and jumper factory here, which was made to the Board of Trade some time ago, has been investigated by the committee to which it was referred, and the members report that it is an industry which the citizens should bring here. The factory would employ at least 125 hands. It will require \$25,000 to put the plant in operation. Of this amount the company will invest \$20,000 and ask the people of town to accept bonds for the balance, \$5,000. The bonds will bear interest at the rate of 5 per cent per annum. J. C. Berner, who is a member of the committee, is accepting subscriptions for the bonds, and of the amount required \$3,075 have been subscribed. Those desiring to invest will have to attend to the matter immediately, as the entire lot will be taken before a few more days.

The rapidity with which money has been subscribed for the bonds of the proposed silk mill and the overall factory is sufficient evidence that any bona fide industry will be welcomed by the people of Freeland. There is yet some stock in the new brewery for sale, and this, it is said, will not be long on the market until it is all taken.

These three industries, all of which are expected to be in operation before the end of next summer, will give the town a start which should keep it moving onward and upward, and every encouragement possible should be given the Board of Trade to continue in the excellent work now under way.

Three Hungarians Injured.

Three Hungarians employed at No. 5 colliery, Pink Ash, were injured on Saturday by an explosion of dualin caps. The men were engaged unloading rock and dirt from cars outside, which owing to standing under the weather the night previous had become frozen into a solid lump. While picking it loose the caps were exploded. Two explosions occurred. In the first, one man was seriously injured, having both eyes blown out. In the second, which occurred a few hours afterward, two men were badly hurt about the head and body.

The cause of the accident is attributed to the carelessness with which the dualin is handled in the rock tunnel that is being driven in the colliery. When a charge is made up, several caps are thrown amongst the loose rock on the bottom, with the expectation that they will explode when the blast goes off. Oftentimes they fail and are thus left lying around amongst the rock. When this is loaded in the cars and must be removed by force outside, there is great danger in the caps exploding, as was proved by Saturday's accident.

Fitzsimmons Won the Fight.

The same blow by which Fitzsimmons three years ago knocked out Jim Hall at New Orleans won for him on Friday the title of Champion of the World. A lightning right-hand hook on the jaw put Mr. Maher to sleep in less than one full round. The fight over which so much has been said and written, which caused congress to become so agitated that it passed a law prohibiting it in the United States, and which kept Texas rangers and Mexican rurales awake for three weeks to prevent it from being pulled off on either side of the Rio Grande, was all over in one minute and thirty-five seconds from the time the men faced each other in the ring. They fought on Mexican soil.

Death of Mrs. Reese Lloyd.

Mrs. Reese Lloyd died at her home on Ridge street shortly after 9 o'clock on Friday morning. Death was due to an illness which she contracted during confinement a few weeks ago. Mrs. Lloyd before her marriage, which took place in 1894, was Miss Nellie Bellas, a daughter of Joseph Bellas, of Drifton, and was regarded by all her acquaintances as a most estimable young lady. The funeral takes place at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Services will be held at the residence by Rev. C. W. Twigg, of St. James' Protestant Episcopal chapel. Interment will be made at Freeland cemetery.

Deserving of Support.

A basket luncheon and social will be given in the Cottage hall on Friday evening, March 6, for the benefit of the M. E. church. No pains will be spared to make it a grand affair. In view of the circumstances of the case, it is earnestly hoped that this entertainment will be liberally supported by the public, both in its preparation and patronage.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria.

When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria.

When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria.

When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

FOUND A NEW VEIN.

The Pittston capitalists who are prospecting for coal in the vicinity of Pond Creek have struck a vein twenty-three feet thick, which is claimed to be in virgin ground, never worked either at Sandy Run or Upper Lehigh. Prospecting will continue, as expectations are that another vein, at present worked at Upper Lehigh, will be found.

RESIGNED HIS POSITION.

I. Refowich, Jr., the popular young manager of Refowich's clothing store, has resigned his position in that establishment and will leave town about the latter part of this week. During the six years that Mr. Refowich resided here, the last two of which he spent as general manager of the store, he made a large circle of friends and built up a business that far exceeded the expectations of himself or the proprietor. No small amount of the trade which the establishment now enjoys is due to the energy and push of the manager, who devoted himself to the work before him with a tact and ability that would have done credit to an older and more experienced man.

He has made himself very popular with the patrons of the store by his courteous and obliging disposition, and in business matters has given strict attention to every department. His friends heard with regret his intention to leave town, but will, no doubt, be pleased to learn that he has already received some good offers, and will likely accept one of them, which will take him to the vicinity of Pittsburg, where he has been offered the management of a large establishment in the same lines of business.

JUDGES CANNOT BE REMOVED.

Attorney General McCormick has sent an opinion to Governor Hastings relative to the removal of judges in Schuylkill county. Recently J. O. Ulrich, of Pottsville, the Schuylkill county solicitor, wrote to the governor asking him under certain provisions in article five of the constitution to remove two judges of that county who have been incapacitated from work; one for three years and the other for over one year.

The attorney general advises the governor that he has no power under the law to take the initiative in such a matter. A judge can only be removed from office, he says, by process of impeachment or by an address to the governor signed by two-thirds of the members of each house of the general assembly. Under the circumstances the attorney general holds that no action can be taken.

A FIRE IN TAMAUQUA.

Fire broke out Friday morning in the building occupied by Bender's confectionery store, Tamauqua. The firemen fought the fire with rare skill, and in a short while had the fire under control although it was not until three hours and a half after the alarm was given that all the firemen left the building. The occupants of the houses were not aware of the existence of the fire until the firemen had entered the house. Then Bender gathered up his two children and rushed to the awning where a ladder was suspended and he descended with his children in his arms. The damage is covered by insurance.

ALL TO BE PAINTED BLACK.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company has issued orders to have all rails, hand bars, pipes and brass work on the engines painted black. All ornaments must also be removed. The order meets the approval of all the firemen, for it reduces the amount of work, which has been considerable of late. The old engineers of the road, however, are greatly displeased. They have been used to have the brass and copper work of their engines polished to a high degree. That part of the order relating to ornaments also displeases them, some of the engines having deer horns that had been taken care of for years.

New Masonic Lodge.

District Deputy Grand Master W. D. White, of Wilkesbarre, will institute a new lodge of Free and Accepted Masons at this place on Tuesday evening. The ceremonies will take place in Goepfert's hall, which has been fitted up for the purposes of the new organization. It will be known as Arbatus Lodge, No. 611, and the officers to start with will be: Rev. J. W. Bischoff, worthy master; Charles H. Richards, senior warden, and John P. Powell, junior warden.

Senator Kline Declines.

Senator Kline, who was urged by the Republicans of lower Luzerne to be a candidate for re-election to the state senate, came out in a card in the Hazleton *Sentinel*, declining the offer of his friends. He says that after carefully considering the matter from the standpoint of business and health, he concluded not to be a candidate for re-election. In justice to himself, he says, he could pursue no other course.

Dr. Schaeffer May Resign.

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Schaeffer may retire from office before the expiration of his commission, which runs until June, 1897. He has been tendered the position of superintendent of Reading schools, to take the place of Samuel A. Dear. The salary is \$3,000 a year and it is likely that Dr. Schaeffer will accept.

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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.

The fair at Eckley is open every evening and the attendance is very good.

Strictly fresh eggs at Oswald's store.

Washington's birthday was observed in town by the bank and postoffice. Many flags were displayed.

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

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. John Thomas, of South Washington street, on Thursday evening.

Fresh fish every Wednesday and Friday at McNelis' meat market.

Camp 144, P. O. S. of A., accompanied by the Jr. O. U. A. M. drum corps, attended a school dedication at Hazleton on Saturday afternoon.

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

The court has appointed C. F. McHugh as receiver of St. Mary's Co-operative Association, which conducts a general grocery store on Fern street.

You can rely upon goods bought at the Wear Well Shoe House. Try them.

The pupils of the Washington street public school celebrated Washington's birthday on Friday with pleasant and instructive exercises, including drills, recitations, debates, etc.

The "Fashion" is the ladies' favorite shoe. The price, quality and fit is right. Can be had only at the Wear Well, the great shoe house, at 22 the pair.

John Fahy, president of the United Mine Workers of America, will this week make an effort to organize branches in the Wyoming region and as a preliminary will hold meetings in every town.

Jos. P. McDonald offers some very desirable bargains in ladies' and gents' footwear. He is closing out his entire line. Prices are no consideration.

Hugh Brogan and wife, of Washington street, were at Sugar Notch on Friday attending the funeral of Mrs. Brogan's brother, Thomas McGrane, who was a miner and was killed on Tuesday while loading a car.

If you desire an excellent pair of shoes at less than the cost of manufacture, call immediately at J. P. McDonald's. He is closing out everything in that line.

John Pakanek, Aleck Lavine and Anthony Zintostky were arrested in Pittston for the murder of Andrew Kenisky. They quarreled with Kenisky on Tuesday night and beat him so severely that he died.

A fire broke out in Thomas Clement's new saloon at Lansford on Friday and gave the town a scare. The fire company responded promptly, but the engine was useless. Fortunately, a good plug stream was at hand and the flames were quickly extinguished.

NOTES AFTER THE ELECTION.

Freeland polled the highest vote in its history, 770, on Tuesday.

John Mohan received every vote but five at his home in Jeddo.

Ryan, Democratic candidate for auditor in Hazle, is elected by two votes.

The judges of election will meet at Laurytown tomorrow to count the poor district vote.

At Drifton (Hazle) poll there were 215 ballots cast, the largest vote ever recorded there.

The figures of Freeland and Foster, published by the *Tribune*, correspond exactly with the official result.

Jeddo borough elected seven councilmen on Tuesday, and the council there will consist of eleven members after March 2.

George Wagner, of Drifton, was not elected school director in Hazle, as reported last week, but his partner on the ticket, Mr. Morgan, was.

Reports from all parts indicate that candidates who were recent converts from Democracy to Republicanism were slaughtered unmercifully. The three in Freeland, one in Foster and one in Hazle met an unenviable fate.

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