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## THE AUDITORS' REPORT.

### FOSTER TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS SURCHARGED AGAIN.

Messrs. Baskin and Stultz and Tax Collector Brown Present Unsatisfactory Accounts—Township Affairs in a Mud-dle—One Ex-Supervisor Arrested.

The auditors of Foster have completed their work of auditing the accounts of the officials for 1895-96, and the report of their labors shows that the annual surcharging which began a few years ago is still necessary, in order to keep the supervisors within the limits of the law.

The account of ex-Supervisor James Baskin was the first to attract attention. It contained the following items:

James Baskin, personal labor, 308 days at \$1.50 per day, \$462.

William T. Baskin, horse hire, 308 days, at \$2 per day, \$616.

In the general labor account was an item of \$1.50 per day for 278 days, for Adam Baskin, \$414.

The auditors, William A. Ulrich, Geo. C. Farrar and Thomas G. Argust, considered the account unreasonable, and the following amounts were surcharged against Mr. Baskin.

50 cents per day on horse hire, for 308 days, \$154.

\$1 per day for Adam Baskin, for 278 days, \$278.

\$1.50 per day, three days in February, for James Baskin, \$4.50.

\$1.50 per day on horse hire, for 56 1/2 days, \$84.37.

Total amount surcharged against ex-Supervisor Baskin, \$520.87.

The other supervisor, William Stultz, was more modest in his claims, as the following from his account shows:

Wm. Stultz, personal labor, 303 days, at \$1.50 per day, \$454.50.

Henry Deisenroth, horse hire, 270 1/2 days, at \$2 per day, \$541.

The auditors considered it their duty to also cut down this claim somewhat, and a surcharge as follows was made:

270 1/2 days horse hire, at 50 cents per day, \$135.25.

Time worked in March, 1896, \$9.50.

Total surcharged against ex-Supervisor Stultz, \$144.75.

Tax Collector Thomas Brown has been surcharged with \$59.94, which amount was paid out illegally for road orders, after being collected as special tax.

The assets of the township, consisting of a road machine valued at \$125 and seated and unseated land taxes due from collectors, amount to \$2,010.

The resources consist of amounts due from ex-supervisors, ex-treasurers and ex-collectors, and make a total of \$1,139.30.

All the officials implicated, including the auditors, are Republicans.

### Supervisor Arrested for Perjury.

James Baskin, of Sandy Run, who served as one of the supervisors of the township last year, was arrested by Coal and Iron, Policeman Seiwel on Saturday. The warrant charges him with perjury, by swearing that his time book, as shown to the township auditors, was correct; and that the time charged for a horse was also correct, which statements he knew to be false. The information was given by E. A. Oberender, of Drifton, before Alderman Laubach, of Hazleton.

After his arrest Mr. Baskin accompanied the officer to Freeland, where he entered bail for his appearance next Saturday.

Since the auditors completed their work Mr. Baskin offered to reimburse the township for the amount surcharged against him, but it would not be accepted, hence the arrest.

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### PLEASURE CALENDAR.

April 4.—Fair of Division 20. A. O. H., at Eckley.

April 6.—Annual ball of St. Patrick's corner band at Young Men's opera house. Admission, 50 cents.

## Condition of the Coal Trade.

The anthracite coal trade has been stimulated into activity by March winds. Interior points are also profiting by favorable climatic conditions. As a result consumption for March will be normal, and not far from 3,000,000 tons. This will be an excess over the monthly estimate of 2,500,000 tons. It was understood that the increase was tacitly allowed when the unexpected demand developed early in the month. Full circular prices are being obtained, and general satisfaction is expressed (by the operators and companies) over net returns.

A favorable feature of the situation from the producers' standpoint is that the demand is from hand-to-mouth, indicating that the trade is bare of stocks, and that when it starts in to provide full requirements it will make things lively.

There is considerable talk in trade circles just now as to production for April. It will be no greater than 3,000,000 tons, and may be a trifle less. Prices will not be changed April 1, but may be advanced May 1.

It is understood that the committee in control of the industry determines the allotments month by month. The interests can produce their proportion, less or more, as they see fit, with this reservation, that they will be allowed to make up any deficiency, and must make good any excess.

## The Inquest Concluded.

The jury empaneled by Deputy Coroner McCoombs, to investigate the cause of the explosion on the D. S. & S., rendered the following verdict on Friday evening:

"We, the jury, do say that the cause of the death of Messrs. Chambers, Stewart, Boyle and O'Donnell was due to an explosion of a boiler connected with engine No. 4, operated by the D. S. & S. Railroad Company, which explosion occurred at Gum Run station, in the county of Luzerne, on the 11th day of March, 1896; we do further say that we are of the opinion that the cause of said explosion was due to a weakness on the part of the crown sheet of said boiler, from the effects of the overheating of the same, and we do further say that in our opinion the said company had used all reasonable precaution in providing for the safety of said engine, and is therefore in no way responsible for the said explosion, all of which is respectfully submitted.

The jury consisted of H. C. Mills, A. S. Monroe, Thomas Monroe, R. L. Martin, William M. Powell and August Schabener, all of Hazleton.

## The County Superintendency.

On Tuesday, May 5, the school directors of the state will assemble at the county seats of their respective counties for the purpose of electing a superintendent of schools to serve for the next three years. In this county T. B. Harrison is a candidate for re-election. He is opposed by two teachers, E. E. Ross, of Luzerne, and W. Fenstermaker, of Kingston. Prof. Harrison has made an excellent county superintendent, and many people would be pleased to see him elected again. He is a successful teacher, and his merits are recognized wherever they have been thoroughly tested. He has administrative capacity of a high order and the happy faculty of imparting knowledge, possessed by few.

The school directors would make no mistake in selecting him to fill the office of county superintendent of public schools for another term.

## Thursday Evening's Play.

Thursday evening's play at the new opera house was attended by a fair-sized audience, and "Alabama" was given a cordial reception by the theatre-goers of this vicinity. The company was, individually and collectively, one of the strongest that has ever appeared on a Freeland stage, and the piece was rendered in a style that reflected credit upon the talents of its members. The fine scenery of the opera house added materially to the beauty of the play, and the people of town are now thoroughly satisfied that Freeland is up-to-date in affording facilities for producing anything in the theatrical line.

## Another Orphan's Home.

An orphanage is to be constructed by the Odd Fellows in Pennsylvania to care for the children of deceased members, which is but one of the many great charities carried on by that order. Dallas, this county, has made a bid for the location. Towanda, having about twenty-five acres of land desirably located, has also made application for the institution, with hopes of receiving it.

Freeland should get in line and also make an effort to rescue the institution. No other town in the state has so many natural advantages to offer.

## "Scaldy" Lost the Decision.

At New York on Thursday night Paddy Purtell, of Kansas, fought ten hot rounds with William Quinn, better known as "Scaldy Bill." There was hard hitting throughout the bout and both were fighting hard as the bell rang for the end of the last round. The spectators were in favor of a draw, but the judges decided in favor of Purtell.

## DIRECTORS IN TROUBLE.

### Serious Charges Preferred Against Officials of Hazle Township.

District Attorney Fell on Thursday applied for a writ of quo warranto requiring Daniel McGeehan, Daniel Conaghan, Frank Conaghan, John McGinnis, Charles McGuire and John Curran to show by what authority they are exercising the duties and functions of school directors in Hazle township. The statement accompanying the application says that the respondents have held the offices of school directors in Hazle township since January 1, 1895, without warrant of law, and that on the above date and at other times were unlawfully interested in certain contracts to furnish school supplies, which were awarded to Daniel S. Murphy, Daniel Campbell and Hugh M. Boyle, and for accepting money from J. P. Costello, at one time a candidate for township superintendent.

It is alleged that the members of the board were paid 14 per cent by Murphy, 14 per cent by Campbell and \$162 by Boyle.

Deputy Sheriff Williams served subpoenas on the directors on Friday, and each of them entered bail before Alderman Laubach, at Hazleton, in the sum of \$1,500 for their appearance at court on April 8. Jas. P. Gorman and Daniel Levan qualified for Frank and Daniel Conaghan and Charles McGuire; A. W. Drake for John McGinnis, and Daniel J. McCarthy for Daniel McGeehan and John Curran.

The charges created a lot of excitement, as they were preferred by E. A. Oberender, a representative of Coxie Bros. & Co.

The Hazleton Standard says: "After it was all over a reporter attempted to get at the bottom of the whole affair, and ascertained that it was all due to the fight for the superintendency, and is more a case of sour grapes than anything else. While the charges are very serious, the directors should be given the benefit of the doubt until proven guilty. It is doubtful if the charges can be proven, or that the case will even come to trial."

## Two Bad Men Sentenced.

James Passarella and James Carone, who were on trial at Wilkesbarre for three days last week for arson and assault and battery, were found guilty on Saturday and sentenced. The men are the leaders of the gang which has been terrorizing the vicinity of Hazleton many years.

When the court asked if the men had anything to say before sentence should be pronounced, Passarella looked up defiantly, but he refused to ask for mercy. His companion hung his head. Attorney Thornton very briefly asked for mercy, after which Judge Woodward said:

"There is no doubt but these men are connected with an organization or Mafia to rob, burn and murder. You have been found armed with stiletos and revolvers which no peaceful men would carry. I intend to stop this work of robbery and pillage if possible and will impose such severe sentences as will stop you people from committing such deeds as have terrorized the Hazleton region and rendered life and property unsafe."

The judge then sentenced each to pay a fine of \$500, costs of prosecution and be confined in the eastern penitentiary at hard labor for five years. This is the limit allowed by law.

There are eight other indictments, including fourteen cases, against these men and other members of the gang, nine others of whom are in jail awaiting trial. The indictments include burglary, robbery, arson, attempt to blow up a house, conspiracy and murder.

## Liquor League at Work.

The Hazleton branch of the State Liquor League, working in conjunction with the state officers, began work there in earnest. A meeting, which was largely attended, was held last week. The situation was reviewed and a plan of procedure was adopted. It is said that there are 400 unlicensed saloons in the locality and vigorous war against them will be inaugurated. Money was voted to defray the expenses of the detectives, who will start in at once, by the state organization.

## An Unfavorable Outlook.

The outlook for the State ball league is not very favorable. Some of the cities included in the league are known to be poor base ball towns, and in none of those which have entered is there enough enthusiasm to make the game pay. Besides this, few people have confidence in those at the head. They were accused of shuffling games to make a certain club win the pennant last year, and they would undoubtedly do so again if it meant money in their pockets.

## Patents Granted.

Reported by C. A. Snow & Co., Washington, D. C.  
A. M. Bollinger, Williamsport, shoe.  
F. J. Prbyl, Hazleton, stove.

L. Olsho has secured the agency for the famous Globe shirts. They are beautiful and young men should examine them before purchasing anything in that line.

## A Gigantic Water Company.

A great water deal by which a syndicate secures control of all the water plants from a point above Scranton to Nanticoke was consummated last week and the money paid over. The price paid for the entire property purchased is \$3,200,000. The bonded debt is \$5,000,000, of which \$1,000,000 remains in the treasury of the company to provide for betterments, increase of plants, storage reservoirs and general improvements. This purchase includes twenty-six water companies, and the new corporation will supply all the water needed from Moosic to Nanticoke.

It will be entirely a gravity system, except that a pumping plant will be erected above the Lackawanna for use in cases of emergency. It is proposed to use the waters of Crystal Spring reservoir and the Huntsville reservoir for colliery and railroad purposes, and the waters of Spring Brook, Laurel Run, Mill Creek and other mountain streams for domestic purposes.

Hon. L. A. Watres, ex-lieutenant governor; J. R. Maxwell, president of the Central Railroad of New Jersey; George T. Baker, president of the First National bank of New York; W. F. Holstead, general manager of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad, and Hon. Lemuel Amerman, of Scranton, are the principal stockholders of this gigantic company.

## The New Brick Works.

The White Haven Brick Company, Limited, which was recently organized to operate a new brick plant in Sandy valley, will locate on the Upper Lehigh branch at Sandy Run junction, on what is known as the Fairchild farm. The farm has 170 acres which have been secured on a perpetual lease. Track connections with both Lehigh Valley and Jersey Central Railroads are afforded with but trifling expense, thus making an important saving in the cost of handling the product.

The farm is practically a solid bed of clay and shale, of a superior quality, and especially adapted to the manufacture of building brick, vitrified paving brick and fire proof tiling. It has been thoroughly tested, and the samples shown equal those of any brick works in the country.

The company is endeavoring to raise a capital of \$100,000. Over one-half of this amount is subscribed. It is intended to erect one of the biggest and most extensive brick plants in the state. Much of the machinery is already ordered and the work of getting ready to begin building is well under way.

## \$25 for a Name.

Chas. S. Lee, general passenger agent of the Lehigh Valley Railroad, announces that the company is now having constructed two trains of elegantly equipped cars for service between New York and Buffalo, which, it is claimed, for completeness of detail, comfort and safety will surpass any train now in operation in the world. The company has decided to adopt some appropriate title for these trains and has offered a prize of \$25 in gold for the suggestion of a name that shall finally be adopted.

Communications should be sent to Mr. Lee, 228 South Third street, Philadelphia, prior to April 16 and the envelopes should be marked "name contest." The name suggested must be short and to the point, original in application to railroad trains, and one not in use by any railroad at the present time.

## Had Heard It.

"Baroness, have you heard already that—"  
"Is it a secret, your highness?"  
"Yes."  
"Then I have already heard it"—  
Fliegende Blaetter.

## Always Ready to Tell.

"When I grow up," observed Walter, "I'm going to be the editor of a newspaper."  
"You'll make a good one," put in Sallie, scornfully; "you're such a tattletale."—Harper's Round Table.

## Not Appropriate.

Maud—I hate a man that takes all evening to propose to you.  
Marie—Why?  
Maud—Why? How are you going to say: "This is so sudden!" when he has finished?—N. Y. World.

## Abreast of the Times.

Traveler (in the west)—Those Indians are more or less civilized, are they not?  
Native—Civilized? Why, the medicine man is treating six cases of appendicitis!—Puck.

## Retaliation.

"Hurry up, Maud, Mr. Jones has been waiting an hour already."  
"Humph! Let him wait. Didn't he keep me waiting three years before he spoke?"—Harper's Bazar.

## Cut Out for the Work.

"What made Blimmer become a detective?"  
"He wanted to be able to poke his nose into other people's affairs while minding his own business."—Chicago Record.

## Felt a Responsive Thrill.

"Darling, did you sing any pretty songs at Sunday school?"  
"Yes, mamma, we sung a lovely one, about 'Greenland's ice-cream mountains.'"—Chicago Record.

## 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.

Dr. N. Maley will open his branch dental parlors at White Haven next Monday.

Call at Oswald's for fresh eggs.

William Karchner, of Eckley, has removed to Scranton, to accept a position as mine foreman.

Michael Gallagher, of Ridge street, and Mrs. D. J. Kennedy, of Centre street, are very ill.

Shoes, shoes, shoes, at McDonald's.

Wednesday is April Fools' Day and the small boy is studying up tricks to play on the unsuspecting.

George Chestnut, of town, has closed his branch shoe store at Macadoo and removed the stock to Freeland.

McDonald is closing out his big stock of reliable shoes.

J. B. Laubach, who had a leg broken by falling on the ice on the 2d inst., is making rapid progress towards recovery.

Daniel Sigafoss, of White Haven, and Miss Mary Hawkins, of Upper Lehigh, it is reported, were married on Saturday.

Roll butter bought at Oswald's is always fresh and sweet.

Thomas Morris, a six-year-old boy of Stockton, died of hydrophobia on Thursday. He was bitten by a mad dog about six weeks ago.

The churches of town are preparing for their Easter services next Sunday, and in some they will be conducted on an elaborate scale.

Fresh fish every Wednesday and Friday at McNeil's meat market.

Poor Director John Schwartz was sworn into office at Mauch Chunk on Saturday, and will take his seat on the board on Wednesday.

Joseph McClellan and Miss Verna Miller, both of town, were married on Saturday at the residence of Rev. J. W. Bischoff, Upper Lehigh.

The Wear Well has just the kind of shoes you need for this weather.

The handsome new three-story brick building of the Citizens' bank will be completed soon, and will be ready for occupancy about April 15.

A Democratic convention will be held at Hazleton on April 13 to elect three delegates from the fourth legislative district to the state convention at Allentown.

Eggs sold at Oswald's are guaranteed to be fresh. Try a dozen or two.

The Lehigh Press appeared as an eight-page paper last week, and the improvements which Editor Watson has added should be appreciated by his readers.

Michael Waskalis, of town, has sworn out a warrant against Rev. Joseph Mazotas, the Polish priest, charging him with embezzling \$296, which he gave to him for safe keeping.

A pair of Wear Well shoes will outlast anything bought at the same price.

W. J. Timney will leave Hazleton hospital this afternoon and return to his home here. His foot is now encased in the plaster cast, which will not be removed for a month or more.

D. O. Krommes, James Lawson, E. Shelly, W. D. Kline, Henry Fisher and Isaac Ashman have been appointed as a committee upon annexation by the property-owners South of Heberton.

The "Twentieth Century" shoe is the ladies' favorite. At the Wear Well only.

Next Monday evening the St. Patrick's cornet band will hold its annual ball at the new opera house. This is always one of the largest balls of the season, and will likely be so this year.

Mrs. Jane DeFoy, of town, has leased a cottage at Atlantic City, and will take charge of the same when the season opens. Mrs. DeFoy has had extensive experience in the hotel business, and her new venture should be successful.

Shoes at McDonald's at rock-bottom prices. All kinds at the lowest prices.

Bernard Boyle, John Sheaman and Domiate Gallagher, Freeland workmen who are inmates of the Hazleton hospital, expect to leave there within a month. Mr. Boyle intends to spend Easter at home, returning the following day.

Ladies should not miss the bargains in shoes which McDonald's closing out sale offers. Some choice bargains left.

An application for a charter has been filed in court by the Old Forge Mining Company's Empty Keg Fund Society, of Duryea. The society is formed for the benefit and protection of its sick and needy member from a fund collected by the sale of empty powder kegs and the collection of dues.

Watch the date on your paper.

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of Freeland.

Subject to the decision of the Republican county convention.

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER—

R. E. DONAUGHEY,

of Hazleton.

Subject to the decision of the Republican county convention.

FOR REPRESENTATIVE—

THOMAS M. POWELL,

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### CHAS. ORION STROH,

### Attorney and Counselor at Law

### and Notary Public.