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FREE-LAND, PENNA., MAY 21, 1896.

An Issue That Will Not Down.

It may not be to the liking of the politicians, or to those who dabble occasionally in fourth district politics, to see the shadow of a new county rise up in the distance.

But apart from the pain it gives the men who oppose it in season and out, it is worse than a nightmare to those who desire to serve this district at Harrisburg.

It has been quietly given out that some of the candidates think they have solved the puzzle. It is said they are preparing to run the gauntlet by doing the "double-face," a piece of political trickery which at one time was worked quite successfully.

The Tribune does not believe the plan will be a success. An "anti" is respected by the people, so is the other kind by the corporations, but only when the candidates are sincere and the same to all questioners.

Hon. H. S. Julian, of Kansas City, who made an important record in the last general assembly of Missouri, discusses franchises in another column from the standpoint of a close observer and one who is zealously watching the interest of the people.

Here we find a strange question in morals—viz, that many good men will conspire to get a franchise from a town, city or state, offering no adequate return, who would not dream of asking individuals for any advantage whatever.

The annual march of the brush fire has begun. County commissioners have the power to stop this if they wish. They should do it.

She Will Get Along. Down in South Georgia there is a man who has a strong admiration for one type of the up-to-date woman.

The other day a man in Bangor, Me., wished to send a dispatch from that city to Portland. By reason of the destruction of the bridge at Benton direct communication with Portland was impossible.

"Why is it," inquired the hungry man, as he pushed his fork about in the salad dish and asked the barkeeper to "fill 'em up again."

Apropos of the "new woman," somebody resurrected an old story the other day about Mrs. Julia Ward Howe that may or may not be true.

A LAWSUIT to recover pew rent was brought a few days ago by a church in Saco, Me., says an eastern exchange.

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LIVE QUESTIONS. A Series of Articles Contributed by Advanced Thinkers.

THE VALUE OF FRANCHISES. A year or two ago I was going by boat up the historic and beautiful River Rhine from Bonn to Bingen.

I was told that a few centuries ago the old German baron who held sway over that part of the world took a notion that there was an immense amount of commerce passing up and down the Rhine and through his domain.



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vented the idea of a franchise. He was a genius and has been followed by many alleged statesmen and lawmakers.

Where nature has not provided natural ways, such as oceans, seas and rivers, men have supplied roads, canals, railroads, etc.

By virtue of this governmental privilege these persons or corporations can do the same things and exercise the same powers as the government itself in opening up highways.

There is an opinion that the railroad companies own their roads and right of way. It is erroneous as a proposition of law.

All that they have a right to charge is a reasonable amount to pay them for the expense of opening the highway and maintaining and operating it.

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"WHY IS CRIME INCREASING?" The timely article by J. W. Caldwell, showing the discrepancy between the teachings of the last census report and those of President Cleveland's late missionary address.

Both of these questions are answered by answering the first one. If one can point out the cause of increasing crime, then the decrease of crime can be accomplished by the removal of that cause.

To take up the first question, the general cause of crime is poverty. From actual conditions of poverty and from conditions which spring from these—such as the fear of poverty and the false standard of life which the fear of it and a corresponding worship of wealth sets up—nearly all crime springs.

Crime is greatest in the east because there is the greatest concentration of wealth, and because under our present system of wealth accumulation the increase of poverty regularly accompanies the concentration of wealth.

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29c — will buy good men's White Shirt Linen Bosoms. There's the best you can get for the money.

45c — will buy men's good laundered White Shirts. Here's a bargain you won't get every day.

25c — will buy men's Outing Flannel Shirts, good quality and up-to-date style.

\$4 — will buy a \$8 suit of men's Clothes. I am closing them out; have about 50 suits left yet.

\$1 — will buy 20 yards of Muslin. A good material getting pressed by a large stock; must have the room it takes.

\$1 — will buy a pair of ladies' fine Shoes. A well made article in various shapes and styles.

30c — will buy one yard of Ingrain Carpet. We will give you special prices on better grades, as we are closing them out.

\$20 — will buy a Bed Room Suite, solid oak, eight pieces. A very rare bargain.

\$4 — will buy a Baby Carriage. We have 75 different styles in stock; all first-class make.

\$50 — will buy a \$65 Parlor Suit. Numerous other bargains in our Furniture department.

\$1 — will buy a fine Hat. We have the latest styles in Plug Hats; other popular shapes also.

Wall Paper. The improving season is here. We have a larger stock of Paper than ever. Could not get any for 1c a roll, but have fine Gilt Paper for 10c a double roll—numerous styles.

Dry Goods and Notions. We have an extra large stock, which is crowding our space, so that we must get some of them away in order to get room to move around.

Groceries. You all know where to get something good to eat—at Berner's, of course, where you always find fresh goods.

J. C. BERNER.

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POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER—FRANK DEPIERRO, of Freehold.

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER—R. E. DONAUGHEY, of Hazleton.

FOR REPRESENTATIVE—THOMAS M. POWELL, of Hazleton.

FOR REPRESENTATIVE—E. W. RUTTER, of Freehold.

FOR SENATOR—DANIEL J. MCCARTHY, of Freehold.

FOR TAX COLLECTOR—C. D. ROHRBACH, of Freehold.

RAILROAD TIMETABLES

THE DELAWARE, SUSQUEHANNA AND SCHUYLKILL RAILROAD.

Trains leave Drifton for Jeddo, Eckley, Hazle Brook, Stockton, Beaver Meadow Road, Roan and Hazleton Junction at 5:30, 6:00 a. m., 4:15 p. m., daily except Sunday; and 7:03 a. m., 2:38 p. m., Sunday.

Trains leave Drifton for Onondia Junction, Harwood Road, Humboldt Road, Onondia and Shepton at 6:45 a. m., 12:45 p. m., 4:45 p. m., daily except Sunday; and 7:03 a. m., 2:38 p. m., Sunday.

Trains leave Hazleton Junction for Onondia Junction, Harwood Road, Humboldt Road, Onondia and Shepton at 6:23, 11:00 a. m., 4:46 p. m., daily except Sunday; and 7:37 a. m., 3:08 p. m., Sunday.

Trains leave Drifter for Tomhicken, Cranberry, Harwood, Hazleton Junction, Roan, Beaver Meadow Road, Stockton, Hazle Brook, Eckley, Jeddo and Drifton at 2:35, 5:40 p. m., daily except Sunday; and 9:27 a. m., 5:07 p. m., Sunday.

Trains leave Shepton for Beaver Meadow Road, Stockton, Hazle Brook, Eckley, Jeddo and Drifton at 3:09, 5:47, 6:23 p. m., daily except Sunday; and 10:08 a. m., 5:38 p. m., Sunday.

Trains leaving Drifton at 6:00 a. m. Hazleton Junction, Onondia Junction and Hazleton Valley connect at Onondia Junction with Lehigh Valley trains east and west.

Train leaving Drifton at 5:30 a. m. makes connection at Drifter with P. R. R. train for Wilkesbarre, Sunbury, Harrisburg and points west.

For the accommodation of passengers at way stations between Hazleton Junction and Drifter, an extra train will leave the former point at 5:50 p. m., daily, except Sunday, for Drifter at 6:00 p. m.

LEHIGH VALLEY RAILROAD, May 17, 1896.

ARRIVAL AT FREE-LAND. 6:05, 8:45, 9:30, 10:41 a. m., 12:28, 2:30, 4:31, 6:12, 7:10, 7:58, 8:45 p. m., for Drifton, Jeddo, Lumber Yard, Stockton and Hazleton.

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