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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.

Mrs. Manus Brennan, of South street, is very ill, and her condition at present is extremely low.

John McHugh, station agent at Highland, purchased a handsome Kentucky trotter this week.

Dr. Wright has resigned as assistant to Dr. G. S. Wentz at Eckley, and will return to Philadelphia.

A mission will begin on Sunday, September 13, at St. Ann's church. It will be conducted by New York priests.

Several of Freeland's saloon men attended a clam bake and corn roast at Ed. Henry's hotel Conyngham, yesterday.

M. H. Hunsicker's horse, "Dude," has been entered in the Labor Day races at Mt. Laurel Park. He will run in the 2.33 class.

The Daughters of Liberty councils of Freeland, Hazleton and Audenried will picnic at Lakeside, Schuylkill county, on the 26th inst.

John Davaronok and Miss Mary Luckas, both of Drifton, will be married on Saturday morning at St. Mary's Greek Catholic church.

John Powell has been appointed paymaster for the Upper Lehigh Coal Company, succeeding Paul Dasch, whose resignation took effect on Tuesday.

Rev. J. V. Moylan, of St. Gabriel's church, Hazleton, will leave this month for Washington, D. C., where he has accepted a position in the Catholic university.

A typographical error in the report of the Board of Health meeting was made in the last issue of the TRIBUNE. The name of Mrs. DeFoy was inserted instead of Mrs. Dugan.

Anthony Reilly, of Hazleton, a member of the mine inspector's examining board, has been appointed assistant mine foreman in No. 2 slope of A. S. VanWinkle at Coleraine.

Burglars broke into the residence of Postmaster Killen, at Luzerne, on Monday night and secured \$250, a gold watch and Killen's revolver. The post-office was untouched.

A social was given in Cross Creek hall last evening by a number of young ladies of Drifton. Dancing was the main form of amusement, and at 12 o'clock refreshments were served liberally.

Summer shoes cheap at the Wear Well.

James, a young son of Mr. and Mrs. Cindy O. Boyle, of Centre street, died on Monday afternoon, aged 8 months and 1 day. The funeral took place yesterday. Interment at St. Ann's cemetery.

A large barn belonging to Mrs. Bernard Gallagher, of Sandy Valley, was destroyed by fire on Monday morning. A quantity of hay and oats was in the barn at the time. The live stock was saved.

Frank Putala, a Pole boarding at South Heberton, while playing with some more of the boarders in the house on Sunday last, fell and broke his ankle. He was removed on Tuesday to Hazleton hospital.

J. Pierpont Morgan denies emphatically the rumor that the banking house of which he is the head is negotiating for the purchase or lease of the mines, railroads and other industrial enterprises of Coxe Bros. & Co.

A rule was granted in court yesterday to have cause shown why the detective license of R. P. Riley shall not be revoked. War has been declared on Riley's detective agency by the Hazleton Truth, and the above action is one of the results.

A straw ride was given on Monday evening by Dr. M. E. Mooney and Miss Lizzy Crawford in honor of the Misses Cunningham, of Allentown, who are visiting Miss Crawford. The party was composed of about a dozen young couples and enjoyed the ride to Conyngham and return.

The committee of the Schuylkill Coal Exchange has fixed the rate of wages to be paid miners in that region for the last half of August and the first half of September at 4 per cent above the \$2.50 basis. This is the first time wages have been so high above the basis since February, 1894.

The fire at the Blackman mine, Wilkesbarre, is spreading, and serious results are anticipated. Work was begun to put down an eight-inch bore hole to get at the fire. Quantities of water and culm will be pumped into the opening and it is expected it will be extinguished in this manner.

Rev. Dr. Griffith, the able and popular pastor of the English Baptist church, preached last Sunday evening in the Weatherly Reformed church. The reverend preached a very able sermon on the "Ascension." The church was crowded to the doors and every one was intensely interested in the discussion.

DIRECTORS' MEETING.

School Controllers Pay Several Bills and Agree Upon Teachers' Salaries.

There was a full attendance at the borough school board meeting last evening. A large supply of bills was the first matter considered after the minutes of previous meetings had been approved. The following were ordered paid: Mrs. Frank Sweeney, cleaning school rooms, \$5, and \$1 for expense; D. O'Donnell, cleaning yard, \$9.75; Dr. F. Schilleher, disinfectants, 50c; Mrs. Donlin, cleaning school rooms, \$8, and 80c for expense; E. H. Butler & Co., books, \$20.16; Lehigh Valley Railroad, freight, 45c; James McCollum, work around schools, \$2.70. These bills were laid over; Mrs. Marshman, cleaning school, \$4; Kross Stationery Co., books, \$51.27 and \$26.38. The secretary reported that the books ordered at the last meeting from Hines & Co., New York, to the amount of \$200.38, were on their way here.

The directors decided to renew the \$3,000 insurance for three years on the Coxe Memorial school.

A motion to adopt Fry's primary geography was lost.

A motion to allow Mr. Hanlon to introduce general history, geometry and introduction to Latin in his school was agreed to.

The treasurer's report was laid over for the present.

Directors Sweeney, Smith and Ferry were appointed a committee to inquire into the advisability of equalizing the attendance at the schools, and to procure suitable rooms for those schools which at present are being conducted for only half a day. The double session plan of teaching is not giving general satisfaction.

The salary of each female teacher was fixed at the same rate as was paid last year, \$40 per month. Messrs. McLaughlin and Schmidt will also be paid the rate made last year, \$50 per month.

The Counterfeiters Remanded.

Adam Hoyer and Daniel Gross, the two men who were arrested in Nanticoke on August 22, were given a hearing on Monday at Wilkesbarre before United States Commissioner Gustave Hahn. A secret service detective, Matthew F. Griffin, was the principal witness. He testified to interviewing the counterfeiters at the jail. Hoyer told the detective that he saw Gross making nickel 5-cent pieces at a house in Nanticoke and that Gross gave him some and he promised not to tell.

Gross admitted to the secret service man that there was a plaster of paris mould at his house, but he did not know where it came from. Supposed it belonged to Mr. Hoyer, together with the nickel coins found. Said the mould had been about the house for a couple of months.

The prisoners had nothing to say to the serious charges and did not seem to realize the grave nature of their offense. Both were remanded to jail in default of \$1,000 bail for another hearing.

Honored Their Pastor.

Rev. S. Cooper was pleasantly surprised on Saturday evening by a number of the members of his congregation gathering at his residence. They came prepared to make the evening an enjoyable one, and soon loaded down the pastor's tables with all the delicacies of the season. Rev. Cooper and wife made the call as pleasant as possible, and showed that they appreciated the courtesy. Before returning to their homes the visitors left substantial evidences of their visit.

Farewell Hop Tomorrow Evening.

The friends of Dr. H. W. Monroe, of town, and G. W. Barager, of Drifton, will give a farewell hop in their honor at Cross Creek hall tomorrow evening. Dr. Monroe goes on Saturday to make his future home in Philadelphia, and Mr. Barager leaves for Lafayette college. Both are bright young men, and their friends could not allow them to depart without giving some evidence of the esteem in which they are held.

A Sudden Death at Wilkesbarre.

Hon. Michael Crogan died very suddenly on Tuesday afternoon at the county seat. He lay down on a couch after dinner, and an hour afterward, when a friend called to see him, he was dead. He was 57 years old, was a member of the state legislature in 1876-77, and had been street commissioner for a number of years. He had also served as a deputy sheriff and a school director.

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INSPECTORS' REPORT.

Investigation of the Pittston Disaster Is Said to Be Thorough.

Mine Inspectors Stein, Roderick and Brennan, the commissioners appointed by the governor to investigate the Twin shaft disaster, will submit their report about the middle of this month. It will be a comprehensive document, and besides covering the Twin shaft horror completely, will suggest legislation which it is believed will be suitable to prevent the recurrence of similar accidents.

The report will be a combination of individual reports furnished by each of the inspectors. Several weeks ago these were finished and presented to the governor, but the latter, fearing that some confusion might ensue, suggested that the three members collaborate and present one report, which will be done and finished at the time mentioned.

The report will be thorough. It will go into the history of the mine, into the facts and circumstances leading up to the cavern, and to the methods pursued to recover the bodies. The report will state that Superintendent Langan, one of the men entombed, erred in judgment in allowing the men to work in the midst of the squeeze on that fatal Sunday morning. Further it will say that even though there were no squeeze, it was not safe to work in the mine at that time on account of the dangerous bodies of gas which suddenly appeared.

The report will not censure Mine Inspector McDonald. It will argue that as Mr. McDonald had half a hundred collieries to look after, it could not be expected that he could visit any one or more of them every week or two.

The points of the report so far may then be summed up as follows: 1. Description of the mine and its pillars, chambers and gangways; theory of the defect in strata by dislocation. 2. The superintendent erred in judgment in allowing the men to go down with such a dangerous squeeze in progress and with such a sudden appearance of gas. 3. The operators cannot be held responsible for the presence of the men there at that time. 4. Mine Inspector McDonald cannot be held responsible because he was not informed of the seriousness of the squeeze.

The report will recommend that the number of inspectors be increased, or that there be assistants, that operators and the inspector confer as to the manner of working the mine, that the working of the mine should be from the foot to the head, and not from the head to the foot. Drive gangways from the shaft into the coal and then start to work from the far end of the gangway into the shaft. The commissioners will insist that this last recommendation be embodied in a law.

POLITICAL PICKUPS.

State Chairman John M. Garman announces that Candidate Bryan signified his willingness to talk in the coal field next month on his way from Buffalo to Philadelphia. Mr. Garman, in compliance with Mr. Bryan's request, will send him a map of the railroads, showing the best route to take to visit Scranton, Wilkesbarre and Pottsville. On his way between the two latter places it is very likely that Mr. Bryan will pass through Freeland. An effort will be made to have his route arranged with this in view.

It has been definitely settled that W. H. Hibbs, Esq., of West Pittston, will be called upon to take the chairmanship of the Democratic county committee, and that he will be formally elected when the new committee is named and they meet to organize.

Hon. W. A. Stone, of Pittsburg; W. I. Shaffer, of Chester, and a Mr. Perry, of Wilkesbarre, addressed a Republican meeting on Tuesday night at Hazle Park.

Daniel F. Guinan, of Mahanoy City, will address the Hazleton Silver Club tonight.

PERSONALITIES.

Misses Laura Koons, Mattie Forrest, Belle Crawford and Mame Lindsay returned to West Chester normal school this week.

Patrick Burke and daughter, Mrs. Denis Ferry, are at Atlantic City.

Miss Annie Boner has returned from an extended visit to Wilkesbarre.

Mrs. George Christian is spending the week with Laceyville relatives.

Miss B. Sweeney, of Ononda, spent yesterday in town.

Dr. John H. Bowman, of Hazleton, has been appointed deputy coroner of lower Luzerne by Coroner McKee to succeed Dr. William McCombs, who has gone to Philadelphia.

Thomas McHugh, station agent at Foundryville, has removed his family to the Coxe addition.

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PAYMASTER DISAPPEARS.

C. B. Wolfe, of Pittston, Has Not Been Seen Since Friday.

From the Wilkesbarre Record. Considerable excitement has been caused in certain circles in Pittston for the last few days by the sudden disappearance of C. B. Wolfe, paymaster for the Newton Coal Company, the operators of the Twin shaft. He has been gone since Friday evening and nothing has been seen or heard of him since. Wolfe has been engaged as paymaster for the Newton Company for the past six years and in addition he has also kept the books for the Girard Coal Company. He was well liked by the officers of the company and considerable responsibility and large sums of money were entrusted to him. It was his custom to keep a record of the employees and make out the checks for wages. He also made the deposits of the company's money and altogether handled thousands upon thousands of dollars.

It seems that last Friday General Manager Law discovered some error in his accounts and spoke to him about it. Mr. Law then went to Wilkesbarre and did not return until Saturday morning. When he reached the office he found a letter dated Friday evening, written by Mr. Wolfe, which stated that he had resigned. The keys were also enclosed.

Mr. Law stated that men had been sent to work auditing the books and accounts. Some deficiency had been found, but he did not think it would amount to a great deal. It might, however, be counterbalanced by an error in the figures further on.

Mr. Wolfe is about 40 years old and has a wife and five children.

Twenty for Fifty.

From the Wilkesbarre Leader. A bit of sharp work by a sharper or crook Friday morning on East Market street is worthy of note. The crook walked leisurely along Brewery Hill and seemed to watch the people who came behind him as well as those who passed. At an opportune moment he was seen to drop a handkerchief. Right behind was an innocent looking Hungarian. The Hun stooped to pick up the bit of muslin, and as he did the sharp appeared on the scene to inquire what he had found. Unrolling the handkerchief a bright \$50 bill was exposed.

"Good," said the Hun. "Good, again," said the sharp. "Let's divvy." The poor Hun had \$20 in his clothes which he gave the stranger, who immediately went "out o' sight." Down town the Hun tried to change the bill but it was found to be a rank counterfeit.

All afternoon he was in the Exchange hotel basement crying about the loss of his \$20.

Cut His Wife's Throat.

George Van Horn cut his wife's throat on Friday night at Scranton, inflicting a wound from which the hospital surgeons say she will die. Van Horn and his wife were separated, and under the name of Mrs. Westcott she conducted a boarding house on Franklin avenue. Van Horn was seen about the place frequently of late and appeared to be watching for an opportunity to enter the house. He accused her of unfaithfulness and had her arrested. Then he threatened her.

On Friday night he gained entrance to the house and came upon the woman so suddenly she had no chance to escape. He grabbed her by the head and, pushing her backward, quickly flashed a large pocket knife across her throat. The wife fell senseless, and before the inmates of the house were aware of the tragedy Van Horn had escaped.

Keep Your Name Before the Public. Every person in business should remember that the public has an exceedingly fickle memory. The buyers forget you in a short while unless you do something to keep your name constantly before their eyes, and no one in business desires to be forgotten by the buyers of the community. There are various methods of making a business name and location familiar to the public, but none has yet been devised which can take the place of a local newspaper. As a medium to bring together the one who wants to sell and the one who wants to buy the local papers stand above everything else. Space in them costs less, gives the business a standing in the locality where it is established and if given ordinary attention pays for itself ten-fold.

There is more catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease, and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven catarrh to be a constitutional disease and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from ten drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address: F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.

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NOT UP TO THE MARK.

EXAMINER BERRY SAYS DAVIS DID NOT MAKE 90 PER CENT.

Fraud Is Charged In the Recent Examination of Applicants for Mine Inspector of This District—It Is Said Politics Entered the Contest.

The recommendation made last Saturday to Governor Hastings by the board of mine inspector examiners, that William H. Davis, of Nesquehoning, be appointed inspector of this district, was not unanimous, and the minority report, which the TRIBUNE mentioned on Monday would likely be presented, is almost ready and will be submitted to the governor. It has been prepared by John W. Berry, of Pittston, one of the members of the board of examiners, and, if his statements can be substantiated with proof, it is time that the examining business, from the mine inspectors' board down, should be given some attention by the authorities.

The examination of applicants was conducted during July at Wilkesbarre by the board, which consists of the following persons: Elmer H. Lawall and William R. Jones, Wilkesbarre; Anthony Riley, Hazleton, and John W. Berry and Allen Moffat, Pittston. It was during the examination that a man had been "slated" for the position and would be recommended if he came anywhere near the standard of efficiency required by law, irrespective of what percentage might be made by all other applicants.

The examination, it was said, was merely a formal outward compliance with the act of the legislature. The recommendation, as made, therefore created no surprise, and very few, if any, of the men examined were disappointed at the result.

Four members of the board agreed in recommending Mr. Davis. The dissenting member is Mr. Berry, who is a civil engineer and is not employed regularly by any of the coal companies or operators, being in business on his own account.

For the present Mr. Berry does not deem it advisable to make public the details of his report to the governor, as that would give the other members of the board an opportunity to counteract his arguments, but the principal objection it will contain will be the allegation that none of the applicants examined reached the standard percentage. Mr. Berry said not one of them secured 90 per cent in their answers, although Mr. Davis' percentage was bolstered up to 91 in order that he might stand at the head.

The Wilkesbarre Record states that "the allegation has been made that Mr. Davis' appointment was brought about by the late congressional campaign Congressman Leisenring had a valuable worker in James H. Davis, of Lansford, and as a return favor the latter asked Mr. Leisenring to have his brother appointed inspector of the vacant district. This allegation is, however, strongly denied by members of the examining board. Mr. Berry does not favor the present method of examining the applicants. He believes the examinations should be made in public before a judge of the courts. The questions and the answers could then be seen by the public. At present only the questions are made public."

Mr. Berry, it will be remembered, objected last year to the recommendation of the examiners reappointing Inspectors McDonald, Roderick and Williams, their terms having expired. His objections were on the ground that they did not reach the required percentage in answering the questions. His minority report was presented to the governor, but the latter overruled the objections and made the appointments as per the recommendation of the majority. Then, as now, rumor had it that politics entered largely into the appointment in this district, and that merit was overlooked through the necessity of paying political obligations.

If the minority report, when made, is strong enough to call public attention to the present system and thereby inaugurate a demand for an investigation, it will accomplish wonderful work. For some time past the examinations as conducted by the mine inspectors' board, some of the mine foremen's boards and some of the miners' boards, have been subjected to much criticism. The laws passed for the protection of mine employees have been openly violated and their provisions disregarded by some examiners, and in justice to those affected by placing unqualified men in responsible positions there ought to be no delay in having the entire system investigated.

The News-Leader had a good article yesterday upon the Philadelphia newspapers which suppress news, and gave the Graham case as an example. Somehow, the body of the article had a very familiar tone to readers of the TRIBUNE.

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