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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 Anthracite Detective Agency is after the saloon men of Sheppton and Weston, Schuylkill county.

Many of the business houses of town have their windows and interiors elaborately decorated for the holidays.

Buy a dance and dodge the doctor. Sold at A. Oswald's.

Dr. J. W. Cole, one of Hazleton's best known physicians, died last night after an illness of five days, aged 35 years.

The scientific library of the late Eckley B. Cox was sold yesterday at Drifton. The books were bought by Mrs. Cox.

I. Reinsmith, a carpenter, fell from a new building on North Centre street yesterday and was severely bruised about the body.

Watch the removal sale at Sweeney & Herron's, Hazleton.

Mrs. James McDonald's henery at Ridge and South streets was raided by thieves last night and a dozen fine chickens have disappeared.

The interior of the the Oakdale collieries will be connected with the outside world with telephones. The contract has been awarded to J. J. O'Neill, of Lost Creek.

Removal sale bargains at Sweeney & Herron's, Hazleton.

The Republicans of the borough will hold their primary elections on January 16, and the convention to nominate borough candidates will be held the following Monday evening.

The Trilix Lillian Company, which was engaged to play a week here, was closed out by Manager Welsh after last evening's performance. The company was about the worst that has ever struck the town.

Bargains in furniture at Sweeney & Herron's removal sale.

The eight-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. James Bone, of North Centre street, died at 1 a. m. yesterday of diphtheria, after an illness of only two days. The child was interred yesterday afternoon at Freeland cemetery.

Several parties of town have obtained options on the lots which the Cross Creek Coal Company will offer for sale soon. The land lies between the Lehigh Valley tracks and Cox addition, and contains many desirable business sites.

Every motorman and driver should wear a danco. Sold at A. Oswald's.

The Highland and Jeddo collieries will shut down on December 24 and no work will be done there until January 4. All persons desiring coal from Markle's collieries should order it at once, as none will be delivered between the above dates.

A delegation consisting of Andrew Lee, D. J. McCarthy, G. M. Stauffer and James A. Sweeney called on Adjutant General Stewart at Harrisburg on Tuesday with reference to the placing of a cavalry troop of the National Guard in Hazleton.

Your feet can't get cold when you have them encased in Wear Well shoes.

Despite the precautions of the Board of Health, the spread of diphtheria continues. Failure to comply with the rules and regulations of the board, and the disregarding of the physicians' instructions, have been accountable for the presence of the disease so long.

William Morgan and his wife, Jane, through their attorney, have entered a suit in trespass against Newport township, and claim \$10,000 damages. The suit is based on injuries sustained last February by Mrs. Morgan, who fell into a hole in the sidewalk and broke one of her legs.

Wear Well shoes are warranted to be precisely as represented. You make no mistake in that store.

Richard Roberts, aged 19 years, committed suicide by taking a dose of laudanum. He was head clerk in one of the large stores of Wilkesbarre and was considered a very valuable man, but of late he has been on several debauches and after each one has been very melancholy.

The Schuylkill county newspapers are still booming the proposed hospital at Mahanoy City, and no small amount of pressure will be brought to bear upon the legislature to establish one in that town. From all accounts an hospital is a necessity in that district, and Luzerne members should give it support.

Robber Informs on His Associates. "Mouse" McGee, a notorious fellow of Harwood, surrendered to the Hazleton police on Monday and confessed that he and three other fellows, one Cull, of Harwood, and English and Hoffman, of Philadelphia, had committed several robberies, on the South Side. They were to have robbed and murdered, he said, Patrick Conaghan, collector for William Glover, the Hazleton jeweler. McGee says his partners robbed him, however, and went away to do other jobs alone.

Wilkesbarre Welcomes Rice.

Joe Rice, the American champion six-day bicycle rider, his trainers, Messrs. Campbell and Keller, and his backer, William Rutledge, arrived home on Tuesday night. A demonstration was tendered the plucky little rider that he will never forget. At the depot 8,000 people were packed in a compact mass and a parade was formed, headed by the Ninth Regiment band, and composed of the St. Aloysius Temperance Society, the East End Wheelmen, and the Stafford Club, all of which he is a member, and several other wheel clubs and societies. The procession marched to the Grand opera house through streets crowded with people and aglow with fireworks and red fire.

Rice was seated in a barouche drawn by four white horses and was tendered a constant ovation. At the opera house a mass meeting was held, which was addressed by the mayor and other prominent citizens. Rice also made a short speech. The city is Rice-crazy, and a handsome purse is being raised for the plucky rider, which will be tendered to him on Christmas morning. It will not run short of \$1,000.

Convicted Officials Sentenced.

A sequel of the recent sensational trial of the school directors and officials of Blythe township, Schuylkill county, which was previously reported in these columns, was their sentence by Judge O. P. Bechtel on Monday. The members of the school board were James Kenna, Joseph Clemens, Michael Conroy, Michael Whalen and James Delaney. They all had pleaded guilty to misdemeanor in office, while on the school board. The court sentenced each to pay the costs, \$100 fine, restore the money misappropriated to the district and undergo an imprisonment of one year at separate and solitary confinement.

The convicted auditors, their clerk and the treasurer of the township, found guilty of conspiracy, were next called. They were Michael Fogarty, James Dumphy and Moses Finley, auditors; Justice P. F. Devine, clerk, and James McKenna, treasurer. Judge Bechtel sentenced each to pay the costs, one dollar fine, and serve ten months imprisonment.

Temperance Advocate Dead.

Edward Fallon, after a serious illness, died at his home in Hazleton on Monday. He was born in Ireland seventy-six years ago. Emigrating to America he located at Beaver Meadow, where he resided until 1862, when he removed to Mifflinville. Nine years ago he went to Hazleton. Besides a wife the following children survive: Bridget, wife of Stephen Burke, Mifflinville; Annie, wife of John Pugh, Oneida; John and Daniel, Wilkesbarre; Patrick, Mifflinville; Peter, Baltimore, Md.; E. J. and Ellen, Hazleton.

Mr. Fallon was one of the foremost temperance advocates in this region, having taken the pledge in Ireland in 1842. Always a strict advocate of the cause and constantly being associated with the total abstinence movement, his death has removed from the ranks one of the most devoted workers.

Eckert's Life Was Insured.

A fact in connection with the suicide of Abram I. Eckert in the county jail last week is that he had \$1,000 insurance with a mutual life insurance association of New York state. The policy was taken out in 1893. A clause in the contract rendered the policy void if the person insured should meet death on the scaffold or by other means prosecuted by law. In this instance an additional reason for Eckert's desire to escape the gallows is apparent.

However, it is claimed the company now refuses to pay the money, and Eckert's widow has engaged an attorney to prosecute her claim. The property in Nanticoke which Eckert owned is valued at \$1,000, but is mortgaged for \$500. With the insurance money the debt could be liquidated and his widow would have \$400 to spare.

The Wear Well's "Century" shoe is O. K.

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Mayberry Band Fair Opened.

The annual fair of the Mayberry band was opened at Yannes' opera house last evening. The spacious hall is decorated in a becoming manner, and the hundreds of pretty and useful articles on exhibition give it an appearance that at once captivates and interests the visitor. Last evening's attendance was fair, considering the weather. The St. Patrick's cornet band was present and rendered several selections during the evening. Tonight the Liberty band of Hazleton will attend.

Among the articles on exhibition at the hall is a handsome bed room suite, a fine dining room suite, a beautiful side board, couch and several easy chairs, rockers and other pieces of furniture. The list of smaller articles is almost innumerable, there being so many.

The fair is open every evening, and will continue until Saturday evening of next week, the 26th inst. Music by one of the local or visiting bands will be rendered nightly.

Worked a Trick in a Jewelry Store.

A clever thief got away with a \$200 diamond ring from Mrs. Hoyer's jewelry store, Wilkesbarre, Monday afternoon. He selected one costing \$200 and asked that it be put in an envelope, saying he would go to his hotel and get the money. In half an hour he returned and offered Mrs. Hoyer a check for \$175 and \$25 in money, but she refused to accept it, as he was a stranger. He had by this time put the envelope in his pocket, and when she refused to accept the check, he said: Well, I will go over to the bank and get it cashed; you keep the envelope until I return.

He walked out and no more was thought of the matter until after banking hours, when Mrs. Hoyer, thinking the fellow had changed his mind, opened the envelope to put the ring back in the case. Then she discovered the swindler had exchanged the contents, placing instead of the valuable diamond, a plain brass one like those given away in candy packages.

Fate of the Mining Village.

Bells Tunnel, one of the best known burbs of Mt. Carmel, and a place where at different times in the past many well known citizens have resided, will soon be a thing of the past. The Lehigh Valley Coal Company has served notice on all the people residing in that little village to vacate their homes, as it is the intention of the company to entirely abandon the locality as a site for residences.

The locality has been considered as unsafe and the action of the company was not unanticipated. The residents of the north side of the street moved away some time ago and the houses they lived in were torn down. The same course of action will now be taken with those on the south side, and it will not be long until the picturesque little mining village will be a thing of the past.

Card of Thanks.

The trustees of the Presbyterian church of Freeland would and hereby do express their appreciation of and sincere thanks for the prompt and efficient services of the Citizens' Hose Company and of all others who assisted in extinguishing the fire which threatened to consume our church property on Sunday night, December 6.

At the same time the trustees would and hereby do publicly acknowledge that the damage by fire and water to our church building and furniture has been promptly and satisfactorily settled by the Hamburg-Bremen Fire Insurance Company, thanks to the prompt attention of Mrs. S. E. Hayes, who so ably and courteously represents the company in this community.

John Cunningham, President.
W. E. Oberrender, Secretary.

Art Calendars for 1897 Free.

The publishers of the Philadelphia Press announce that they will give free to every reader of the Sunday Press art calendars for 1897, worth easy \$1. The calendars will be in four parts, one of which will be given free with the Press on each of the next four Sundays—December 20, December 27, January 3 and January 10. The first part will be supplied with a silken cord, which will serve to fasten all the parts together. Each part is a work of art which will beautify any room. The supply of these calendars is limited, so that all who want them had better order in advance.

Attention, Taxpayers.

All taxes for 1896 not paid before December 22 will be subject to a penalty of 5 per cent. All property taxes not paid by December 30 will be returned to the commissioners to be sold.

PLEASURE CALENDAR.

December 17 to 24.—Fair at English Baptist church basement. Admission, 5 cents.
December 17 to 26.—Annual fair of Mayberry band at Yannes' opera house.
December 24.—Entertainment under the auspices of Travelers' Athletic Association at Grand opera house. Tickets, 25 cents.
December 24.—Masquerade ball at Krause's hotel, South Hazleton.
December 28.—Banquet and social, under the auspices of the Young Ladies of St. Ann's Parish, at Grand opera house. Tickets, 35 cents.
December 31.—Eighth annual ball of Tigers Athletic Club at Yannes' opera house. Admission, 50 cents.
December 31.—Fourth annual ball of St. Vigilio's Tirolese Society at Yannes' hall. Admission, 25 cents.

BLEW OUT HIS BRAINS.

TRIED TO MURDER ANOTHER MAN, THEN COMMITTED SUICIDE.

Morris Pope, After Shooting John E. Keithline, at Wilkesbarre, Ran Upstairs and Was Found Dead on a Bed with a Bullet Hole in His Head.

A double shooting affray occurred at Wilkesbarre on Tuesday. Morris Pope blew out his brains after failing to kill his friend, John E. Keithline. Keithline is badly but not dangerously wounded. Keithline and his brother own a house and Pope and his wife have lived with them for some months, Mrs. Pope taking care of the house and doing the cooking. There is considerable mystery about the shooting, no definite cause being apparent.

Keithline says that at 6 o'clock in the morning he was sitting at the table waiting for breakfast, when Pope came down stairs, stood behind him and shot him in the head. The bullet glanced on the skull and buried itself in the muscles of the neck. Evidently thinking he had killed Keithline, Pope ran upstairs to his bedroom. Mrs. Pope, who, according to Keithline's story, was in the kitchen, ran at once to his assistance, but before he could explain what had occurred there was another shot.

They both ran upstairs and found Pope lying on the bed across the body of his little daughter. She screamed with fright while Pope's life blood oozed from a hole in his right temple and stained the child's night clothes. Pope was quite dead. He had pressed the revolver close to his temple and sent a 38-calibre bullet into his brain. A doctor who was summoned said that Keithline's wound was not serious.

Keithline told this story to the newspaper men, but to the police he said that Pope came down stairs flushed and angry, and attacked his wife, near a cupboard, in the dining room. Keithline interfered, and then Pope shot him. Pope's daughter also told the police that before her father went down stairs he took his revolver from the bureau and kept muttering "I'll fix them both, I'll fix them both."

Mrs. Pope is too much upset to give any story of the affair, and her sister, who was in the house at the time, absolutely refuses to say anything to the police.

Pope was 60 years old, and his wife about 45. Pope was very jealous and suspicious, but had no apparent cause to suspect his wife.

One explanation of Pope's strange action is found in his health, which has been bad for a long time. About a month ago he was confined to the house by an attack of extreme nervousness, and the services of a doctor were necessary.

He recovered from the attack, and has been attending to business pretty regularly ever since. But he showed the traces of an ailment and it frequently made him low spirited and nervous. The police are very much mystified by the case and are making a thorough investigation. As yet they have discovered nothing which points to any plausible cause for the act. Pope left no papers or documents to throw any light on the affair.

Chas. McShea vs. Foster Township.

From the Hazleton Plain Speaker.
The above case has been in the courts of the county since 1892. Mr. McShea sued the township for stone and mason work on the stone bridge over Sandy Run creek. It was not disputed that McShea did the work, but he also did more work than his contract with the supervisors called for, and he contended that because one of the supervisors employed him to do the work that the township had to pay for the same.

The case was tried at Wilkesbarre in the alderman's court and Mr. McShea secured a judgment for nearly \$200. An appeal was taken on the part of the township and the case was tried before arbitrators in this city. Through some error Mr. McShea lost the case and then he appealed to the court at Wilkesbarre. The case was on the trial list and the lawyers agreed to refer it to City Solicitor Thos. F. McNair. After many hearings the evidence was all taken and argued by the attorneys. Referee McNair has come to the conclusion that under the law McShea cannot recover and the township has won the victory.

Much interest was taken in the case, as many Freeland and Hazleton people had claims that they expected would be paid, and many points of law were involved. Mr. McShea fought hard for his rights and from the beginning to the finish of his case he had employed a half dozen lawyers from Hazleton and Wilkesbarre, but at last has failed and now has to pay all the costs. Charles Orion Stroh, Esq., was the township lawyer. Mr. McShea resides in this city.

Mr. McShea is not yet satisfied that justice has been done, and he proposes to take it back to the Luzerne court. Big blizzards come at short notice. Buy a danco at A. Oswald's and be prepared for them. The danco will never let your ears or face get cold. Sold at A. Oswald's.

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