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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.

James Kelly, of Philadelphia, is visiting his parents on Ridge street.

William Johnson has secured a position as trap drummer with DePierro's orchestra.

The Blass Overall Company has closed its factory and will not reopen until after the first of the year.

The members of St. Patrick's band will produce a play, "Shaun Arooh," some time in February next.

Prof. P. J. Furey is spending the present part of his life in Lansford, where he is giving oratorical exhibits nightly.

Part of the Lehigh Valley tracks between Drifton and No. 1 Highland caved in last week, and all traffic is now run over the Freeland branch.

Dr. George Urquhart, one of Wilkesbarre's most prominent physicians, died on Saturday, aged 73 years. Heart disease was the cause.

P. J. Boyle, of Centre street, is the happy father of a new baby boy, and Hugh O'Donnell, of Main street, is entertaining a young lady at his home.

The business people of town say that a heavy snowfall would increase business wonderfully. So far, scarcely a flake has fallen in Freeland this winter.

The Wear Well's "Century" shoes is O. K. Several members of the Legion of Honor celebrated the eighteenth anniversary of the order by enjoying a turkey supper at DePierro's cafe on Thursday evening.

Register-elect H. P. Kuntz has appointed Chas. Orion Stroh, Esq., as deputy register for the North Side, and after January 1 the latter will issue marriage licenses direct.

The fair of the Ladies' Aid Society in the basement of the English Baptist church will close on Wednesday evening. All who have not yet called should attend before the fair closes.

M. J. McLaughlin, of Ebervale, is in Philadelphia trying to arrange a match between John Boner, the clever Drifton ball player, and Charles McKeever, to box ten rounds for a purse.—*Hazleton Standard.*

Corra Van Tassel, in "Scenes from Great Plays," will be the Christmas night attraction at the Grand opera house. Miss Van Tassel is a actress of note, and her presentation of the above should be a treat to opera-goers.

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

Andrew Girra has accepted the position of traveling solicitor for *Katholie*, one of the Slavonian papers of town, which is published by Rev. John E. Stas, of St. John's church. Mr. Girra started on Friday for the western part of the state.

John Coll and Miss Annie Helferty, of Jeddo, were married by Rev. M. J. Fallhee at St. Ann's church on Thursday afternoon. The bridesmaid was Miss Julia McCole and John Marley was groomsmen. The young couple will reside at Jeddo.

On Thursday evening the annual entertainment of the Travelers' Athletic Association will take place at the Grand opera house. The prices of admission have been placed at 25 and 15 cents, and the boys promise to give everybody their money's worth.

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

Isaac S. Moister, superintendent of the Wilkesbarre division of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company, died at his home in that city on Friday of typhoid fever. The deceased was born in Pittston in 1859, and was one of the best known coal men in the Wyoming valley.

The requests of the promoters of the Mahanoy City and Shenandoah hospital have been granted by the State Board of Charities. The board will recommend an appropriation of \$30,000, one-half for building and the other for maintenance, and an annual appropriation of \$7,500.

Every purchaser at J. P. McDonald's store this week will receive a handsome souvenir.

The children of the employees of the Drifton companies will have their Christmas tree on Wednesday evening at Cross Creek hall. Every child is given a present annually by the Coxé ladies, and the little ones are looking forward to the event with great delight.

Our stores generally are making fine and elaborate holiday displays. They all seem amply supplied with an abundance of the necessities to make the heart gay and happy. Scan our advertising columns for a list of the progressive merchants of town, and patronize them.

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

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.

Hugh Malloy, collector.

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A Heavy Drop in Tonnage.

As a result of the accumulation of anthracite coal at tidewater and at storage points, there have, it is said, been some concessions in price. One or two companies which run large amounts of coal to tidewater have offered coal at reduced prices in order to empty cars. A part of the coal thus offered is what is known as stock coal, which always brings less than fresh coal. The production of coal for the eleven months ending December 31, which covered the period in which the combination has been in existence, will be a little under 40,000,000 tons, against 42,000,000 tons in the corresponding period in 1895.

A point that is not generally known is that in the production this year there has been counted supply and washery coal and culm where these kinds have been actually shipped and used. This has never before been done. Production of all kinds for the entire year will be approximately 43,000,000 tons, against 46,000,000 tons last year. This year the companies have made a good profit, whereas last year they say they made nothing.

The February Election.

The following information about nominations for the election of February 16, may prove of interest:

The last day for filing certificates of nomination for county offices with the county commissioners is January 19; nomination papers for county officers with the commissioners, January 26; certificates for nomination for township and borough officers with the county commissioners, January 29.

Last day for filing nomination papers for township and borough offices with county commissioners, February 1.

Last day for filing objections with secretary of commonwealth, January 26; for other offices, except township and borough offices, January 29.

The last day for filing withdrawals for offices, except township and borough offices, is February 1; for township and borough offices, February 4.

The county commissioners shall certify the nominations to the sheriff not later than February 6.

An Ex-Editor in an Angry Mood.

Thomas J. Joyce, formerly editor of the Mahanoy City *American*, on Thursday night beat the present editor of the paper, John O'Donnell, formerly of Hazleton, so badly that he will be confined to his room for some time. The newspapers throughout Schuylkill county have been claiming that Joyce intends going to Cuba to join the insurgent army. The *American* humorously commented on the fact, and Joyce took offense at the article. He called at the office, knocked O'Donnell down and kicked him severely. O'Donnell then broke away and went upstairs to the composing room. Joyce followed and kicked him in the hand, shattering a glass which O'Donnell held and badly lacerating the latter's hand.

Joyce is under \$500 bail for assault and battery with intent to kill.

Odd Fellows May Keep Hats On.

At the recent convocation of the sovereign grand lodge of Odd Fellows, a change in the funeral ceremony was made, whereby the hat can be kept on during the rendition of the last rites in cases of inclement weather or excessive heat.

Heretofore it has been the custom to uncover, no matter whether in rain or snow, hot or cold. The new rule will go a great way toward preventing sickness, as it hazardous and foolhardy to uncover the head at the grave in inclement weather. Cases of serious illness have made frequent from exposure at funerals. In keeping the head covered no disrespect is shown to the dead.

Attention, Taxpayers.

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Music Every Evening.

Music at the Mayberry band fair every evening enlivens the place and makes it pleasant for visitors. On Thursday evening the Hazleton Liberty band was present. The Mayberry band on Friday evening and the St. Patrick's band on Saturday evening. The attendance so far has been very good, and the band boys are pleased with the interest taken in the fair by the general public. The fair will continue every night this week.

The musical programme for the next few evenings is as follows: Tonight, Mayberry band; Tuesday, Freeland Slavonian band; Wednesday, DePierro's orchestra. The attraction on Wednesday evening should draw a large audience.

One of the features of the fair is the voting contest for the most popular lady of Freeland. Votes are coming in thick and fast, and the rivalry among the belles of town is increasing. The lady receiving the most votes will be presented with a gold watch.

Valuable Coal Land in Dispute.

A big ejection suit was filed at Pottsville on Friday, which promises to rival the famous Shepp-Coxe case. The action is for the possession of two large tracts of land situated in New Castle township, and is brought by Mary Dobson, Franklin Williams, et al, heirs of the late Thomas W. Williams, of Philadelphia, against the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company.

The tract is known as the Gett'e and Wagner tract, extending into New Castle township, and comprising nearly 600 acres of land. The property at present is held by the Coal and Iron Company, and everything points to a bitter fight. It is upon this land that the Beechwood colliery is located.

Auditor C. F. McHugh at Work.

Auditor C. F. McHugh, of Wilkesbarre, examined the accounts and financial standing of Freeland borough and Foster township, also the school districts' affairs of the same, at Attorney Carr's office on Saturday. This is done to determine what is due from one to the other, owing to the annexation of South Heberton. The auditor was unable to obtain on Saturday all the information required for his report, and another examination will take place next Saturday.

Special School Board Meeting.

A special meeting of the Freeland school board was held on Saturday evening. Director William Johnson presented his oath of office and took his seat on the board. It was decided to pay off \$1,500 of the debt due the Markle Banking Company, of Hazleton, and to give the teachers and pupils a vacation from December 23 to January 4. The teachers will also be paid a half-month's salary before the holidays.

Talking Base Ball for 1897.

From the Mauch Chunk Democrat.

The Philadelphia *Press* contains a despatch from Freeland which states that First Baseman McFadden, Second Baseman Boner and Left Fielder Gillespie expect to play with the Mauch Chunk club the coming season. We hope these men will all be of the same mind when the season opens, as three better players cannot be found anywhere.

Boy Hunter Wounded.

Edward and William Carr, aged respectively 13 and 14 years, were hunting rabbits in the woods near Harwood on Friday, when William started one which he chased in the direction of his elder brother, who carried the gun. Edward fired at the fleeing rabbit, but missed it, and William, who was following close, got the entire charge in the side, making a painful and dangerous wound.

Presidential Postoffices in Luzerne.

The presidential postoffices of Luzerne county and the annual salaries attached may interest some of our Republican readers. They are as follows: Freeland, \$1,400; Hazleton, \$2,500; Luzerne, \$1,100; Kingston, \$1,500; Nanticoke, \$1,600; Pittston, 2,400; Plymouth, \$1,800; White Haven, \$1,100; Wilkesbarre, \$3,100.

The Schuylkill Traction Company will pay the borough of Girardville \$5 a piece on twelve cars, or \$60, as a tax for the use of the streets in operating its road in that borough.

Drifton collieries will work eight hours today, eight tomorrow and five on Wednesday, then shut down for the balance of the week.

Leopold Holland, the famous bass drummer of the Mayberry band, was in Butler valley yesterday, paying a visit to lady friends.

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

Big blizzards come at short notice. Buy a dance at A. Oswald's and be prepared for them.

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

The dance will never let your ears or face get cold. Sold at A. Oswald's.

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

HOW ECKLEY WAS SAVED.

NARROW ESCAPE FROM A DISASTROUS CONFLAGRATION.

Audacious "Lemonade" Accomplished Good Work Away Back in the Early Seventies. When Fire Threatened to Destroy the Town.

A correspondent in the Lansford Record, in advocating a licensed hotel for Audenried, tells the following:

"Here is what an old Buck Mountain bartender told me. He said that at Fillmore, or Eckley, the company storehouse containing kerosene oil took fire back in the 70's, and threatened destruction not only to the coal breaker, but to the town. No apparatus was on hand to fight the fire, and it was painting the sky a bright red, when it occurred to a citizen that he had a few gallons of the Audenried lemonade on hand. He went for it, and when he dashed it on to the roaring flames the fire was subdued faster than it could be done by the best chemical engine in the world. And the town of Eckley was saved. It is certainly better to have a licensed hotel than to have the wagon fluid encouraged. Give Audenried a licensed hotel."

Electricity in the Mines.

The statement comes from Wilkesbarre that Mine Inspector Williams believes he has discovered a clue to the cause of the explosion in No. 3 mine of Lehigh and Wilkesbarre Coal Company, at South Wilkesbarre, by which six lives were lost, and the mine damaged to the extent of \$50,000. He believes electricity from the trolley lines finds its way through the earth to the iron water pipes, and is then conducted into the mines.

The fact was demonstrated recently as a result of an investigation into a recent explosion of gas in one of the nearby mines. While the men were at work repairing the damage, the joint of a pipe in the mine was hit by a hammer and immediately a series of sparks flew from the pipe. An investigation was made, and as a result all the joints of the pipes were insulated.

Forced to Support Another's Wife.

Some months ago B. F. Cutler, Pittston, deserted his wife, and was sentenced to pay her \$20 a month. W. L. McDougall, also of Pittston, became Cutler's bondsman, furnishing \$1,000 bail for the faithful performance of the sentence.

After paying for three months Cutler refused to give his wife any more money and McDougall has been compelled to pay \$20 a month for three months. He had Cutler brought into court on Saturday to surrender him and be released from further liability. This the court refused to do.

Mr. McDougall, who is a married man with a family, argued that he should not be compelled to support another man's deserted wife. Judge Bennett said the court was powerless to relieve him of the responsibility and he would have to pay.

Deafness Cannot be Cured

by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the eustachian tube. When this tube gets inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars, free.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by druggists, 75c.

Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Mrs. Rorer Stops Her Magazine.

Mrs. Rorer's magazine, *Household News*, has been absorbed by *The Ladies' Home Journal* in order to make it possible for Mrs. Rorer to form an exclusive editorial connection with the latter magazine. All of Mrs. Rorer's literary work will hereafter appear exclusively in the *Journal*, of whose domestic department she will have entire charge. Several pages of the magazine will be given her each month, and in these she will begin by giving a new series of simple cooking lessons, to be followed by domestic lessons treating separately the care and arrangements of each room in a house.

PLEASURE CALENDAR.

December 21 to 24.—Fair at English Baptist church basement. Admission, 5 cents.

December 21 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 Krouse's hotel, South Heberton.

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.

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