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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.

After today there will be no more leap years until 1904.

Samuel Kemp, of Butler, was killed in the mines at Milnesville yesterday.

William and Thomas Powell, of Allentown, are spending the week with friends in town.

St. Vigilio's Tirolese Society will hold its annual ball on the second floor of Yannes' hall this evening.

The Wearwell's "Century" shoe is O. K. Miss Annie Haggerty has returned to town after an extended visit to her parents in Providence, Pa.

A hop on Tuesday evening wound up the fair of the Mayberry band. All the articles were disposed of on that evening.

Rev. D. J. Stafford, of the Catholic university at Washington, D. C., will lecture at Hazleton on Friday evening of next week.

The Hocking Hat Company intends to remove the factory from Hazleton to Philadelphia. Additional capital is required, and this can not be secured in Hazleton.

Auditor C. F. McHugh took additional testimony yesterday afternoon in the South Heberton annexation case. The next hearing will take place at his office in Wilkesbarre on Tuesday, January 5.

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

Monday was the coldest day of the winter at Wilkesbarre, the thermometer registering four degrees below zero. The Susquehanna river is frozen thick enough for skating. At Harvey's Lake it was fifteen below.

The Upper Lehigh Company has erected a boring plant near the old butcher shop and will sink the drill 1,000 feet. It is believed a good vein of coal underlies Upper Lehigh, and a thorough test will be made at this hole.

The Freeland Gas Company was granted a charter at Harrisburg on Monday. The capital stock is \$5,000, and the directors are Henry Fisher, B. F. Davis, B. R. Davis, Freeland, and John Flanigan and William E. Sarah, Wilkesbarre.

The county commissioners on Tuesday appointed James Clare, of Wilkesbarre, as mercantile appraiser of Luzerne for 1897, and designated the *Pittston Gazette*, Hazleton *Sentinel* and Hazleton *Standard* as the papers in which the appraisement shall be published.

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

The first of a series of literary and musical entertainments will be given at the Grand opera house on Sunday evening. Popular prices of admission, 10 and 15 cents, will be charged. The committee is charge promises an evening of refined and elevating pleasure.

A fair-sized audience witnessed the show at the opera house last night, which consisted of hypnotic work and magic lantern pictures. The latter were fair, but the former was very weak and had the appearance of "fakism." Another performance will be given tonight.

Dr. John Fruit, of Hazleton, has been sued by David Clark, of Wilkesbarre, for damages in the sum of \$15,000. The shooting affray, in which Clark received a ball in his thigh, occurred recently. In addition there is also a criminal charge against Fruit as a result of the shooting.

The ceremony attending the reception of a candidate for the veil in the Order of the Sisters of Mercy was performed at St. Joseph's convent, Hazleton, on Monday, and was witnessed by the friends of the young lady, Miss Bridget Reilly, of Jennessville. Bishop Hoban, of Ashley, was the celebrant.

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

The first attempt to elect women school directors in Hazleton was made Monday, when the controllers met to select a director to fill a vacancy on the board. E. P. Kisser nominated Mrs. S. C. Jack, but his colleagues unanimously voted against her, electing A. L. Grubb. Women may be nominated at the next election.

"Strong Boy" William Jones, of pugilistic fame, has composed a song entitled "The Maid of Fern Glen." He offers a prize of \$25 for the best musical composition to accompany the words. The song is published on the fourth page of the *Tribune*. Mr. Jones also sends New Year's greetings to his friends in this vicinity.

DEATHS.

Sweeney.—At Hazleton, December 23, Frank Sweeney, formerly of Eckley, aged 42 years. Funeral will leave his residence, 304 South Vine street, Hazleton, on Friday at 1 p. m., via trolley. Interment at St. Ann's cemetery, Breslin.

An Increase of Accidents.

The past year's fatal mining accidents in the eight anthracite districts of Pennsylvania have aggregated 497, exceeding those of the previous year by 106, and those of 1894 by 58. The following record by districts shows the number of accidents resulting fatally and the widows and orphans for the year ending December 1, 1896:

First district—Edward Roderick, inspector, Scranton; total accidents, 186; fatal, 45; widows, 17; orphans, 50.

Second district—Henry Prythorok, inspector, Scranton; total accidents, 202; fatal, 49; widows, 15; orphans, 29.

Third district—Hugh McDonald, inspector, Pittston; total accidents, 320; fatal, 112; widows, 59; orphans, 173. It was in this district the Twin Shaft disaster occurred last June.

Fourth district—G. W. Williams, inspector, Wilkesbarre; total accidents, 381; fatal, 80; widows, 35; orphans, 67.

Fifth district—W. H. Davis, inspector, Hazleton; total accidents, 147; fatal, 46; widows, 22; orphans, 37.

Sixth district—William Stein, inspector, Shenandoah; total accidents, 179; fatal, 66; widows, 26; orphans, 57.

Seventh district—Edward Brennan, inspector, Shamokin; total accidents, 206; fatal, 71; widows, 28; orphans, 19.

Eighth district—John Maguire, inspector, Pottsville; total accidents, 183; fatal, 43; widows, 23; orphans, 71.

For the year the total record is as follows: Accidents, 1,894; fatal, 497; widows, 225; orphans, 571. In 1895 the record was 1,543 accidents, of which 391 were fatal, with 189 widows and 515 orphans, and in 1894 it was 1,433 accidents, 439 having a fatal result, leaving 219 widows and 666 orphans.

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 cured 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.

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Lots for Sale.

Fifty-two lots in Woodside Addition to the borough of Freeland, south of the Lehigh Valley Railroad, divided up into sections of three or four lots, will be offered for sale until 4 o'clock p. m., January 8, 1897. For terms and full particulars with plans apply at once to Arthur McCallan, secretary.

The Cross Creek Coal Company, Drifton, Pa.

Cheap Gum Boots and Rubbers.

I am selling out several hundred pairs of men's and boys' gum boots and ladies' rubbers at 20 per cent below cost. Call at once, as everything must be sold before the new year. Hugh Malloy, corner of Centre and Walnut sts., Freeland.

Fresh Cows for Sale.

Five fresh cows are offered for sale cheap at Mrs. August Widdick's farm, Dorrance, Pa. The animals are in first-class condition and of fine stock.

Attention, Taxpayers.

All property taxes for 1896 not paid on or before December 30 will be returned to the commissioners to be sold.

Hugh Malloy, collector.

PLEASURE CALENDAR.

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.

January 2.—Literary and musical entertainment at the Grand opera house. Admission, 10 and 15 cents.

January 25.—Annual ball of the Citizens' Hose Company at Yannes' opera house. Admission, 50 cents.

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Weddings of the Week.

John B. Hanlon, of Bivanton, and Miss Catharine McLaughlin, of Adams street, were married by Rev. M. J. Fallis at St. Ann's church on Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock. The bride was Miss Julia Ruddy, of Miners Mills, and the best man was Edward F. Hanlon, a brother of the groom. Immediately after the ceremony the wedding party returned to the home of the bride's parents, where the young couple received the congratulations and expressions of good will from hundreds of friends. Very many valuable and useful presents were received. Mr. and Mrs. Hanlon have taken up their residence in a well-furnished house on Centre street, near North.

Bartley Bayle, a well-known and popular young man of Mauch Chunk, who resided in Drifton for many years, was married to Miss Katie Otis, of East Mauch Chunk, in the Catholic church of the former town on Tuesday morning, Joseph Kennedy, of Drifton, acted as groomsmen.

A Notable Success.

The banquet and social given by the young ladies of St. Ann's parish on Monday evening attracted hundreds of people to the opera building, and a crowded house was the result. The ladies had made preparations on a large scale, but the attendance surpassed their hopes. The dancing floor was filled from early in the evening until 4 a. m., and the dancers enjoyed themselves unstintingly with the music of DePierro's orchestra and St. Patrick's band.

In the banquet room over 850 meals were served, and the half-hundred waitresses were kept busy from 10 to 2 o'clock.

The ladies have many reasons to feel proud of their success. They spared neither time nor labor for three weeks before, and the results prove that their efforts were well directed, as a neat sum has been realized for the opera house building fund.

Steam Laundry Nearly Ready.

In a few weeks Freeland will have a first-class steam laundry in operation, which will be conducted by John and Edward Brelsford. The plant is located in Schwab's building on the lower end of Birkbeck street, and is expected to be put in working order in a few days. It comprises the best improved machinery used in laundering at the present time, and will have a capacity to meet extensive demands.

The Messrs. Brelsford are well known in this and surrounding towns, and will no doubt make the establishment a profitable one, as well as provide a desirable addition to the town's enterprises. They will likely open a receiving room on Centre street for the accommodation of patrons, and will also collect and deliver goods by wagon.

Prodding the State Treasurer.

City Treasurer Oellers, of Philadelphia, left for Harrisburg on Tuesday, taking with him \$46,776.15, the balance due the state on the personal property tax account. The treasurer paid this over to the state treasurer and then demanded payment of the \$1,015,478.56 due the city by the state on this account. The amount, however, will not be immediately paid, as the state treasurer is always slow about it, notwithstanding the fact that the last report of the state treasurer shows there are over four millions in cash owned by the state. On the school fund there is due Philadelphia \$585,000, which should have been paid by the state treasurer on July 1.

Will Dance the Old Year Out.

The old year will be danced out tonight by a merry throng at Yannes' opera house, where the members of the Tigers Athletic Club will hold their eighth annual ball. The hall is in fine condition for the large crowd which is expected will attend, and the arrangements made for the accommodation of guests are well nigh perfect. The decorations, which are always one of the many features at the Tigers ball, will even be more beautiful than last New Year's Eve.

Mrs. Falk's Sudden Death.

Mrs. Helma Falk, wife of Jacob Falk, of Wilkesbarre, and a sister of Joseph Neuberger, of Freeland, died very suddenly at her home on Monday evening of heart disease. Her age was 62 years. Mrs. Falk was a most estimable lady and was esteemed by a wide circle of friends. She had lived in Wilkesbarre almost fifty years and is survived by her husband and four children.

Lodge Officers Elected.

The following have been elected as officers of Arbutus Lodge, No. 611, Free and Accepted Masons, of Freeland: Worshipful master—Rev. J. W. Bischoff. Senior warden—Dr. C. W. Richards. Junior warden—J. P. Powell. Secretary—H. B. Price. Treasurer—H. E. Sweeney.

Victims of the Weather.

Ben Reynolds, a D. S. & S. engineer, is suffering from an attack of fever at his home in the Core Addition. Editor Fowler, of the *Progress*, is slowly recovering from a dangerous cold. Daniel Boner is confined to his home with a severe attack of the grip.

ECKERT'S DEATH PROBED.

NO EVIDENCE AS TO WHERE THE POISON CAME FROM.

The Jail Officials, a Couple of Reporters, the Death Watch, and Mrs. Eckert and Relatives Tell of the Final Scenes, But No Evidence as to the Poison.

The inquest in the poisoning of Abram I. Eckert at the county jail on the morning set for his execution was begun on Tuesday afternoon in the arbitration room of the court house, and was conducted by Coroner McKee. The proceedings are reported as follows by the *Wilkesbarre Record*:

Watchman Foley knew nothing about the poisoning. He had never heard Eckert say he would not hang and had never said any indication that he was to end his life in this manner. His friends gave him nothing but a package of tobacco.

Mr. Mitchell, on duty the forenoon before, had given Eckert the medicine according to the doctor's orders. Visitors, even after the death watch was appointed, were allowed to shake hands with the prisoner. He could not tell anything about two strangers who visited Eckert the day before. Had never known Eckert to be visited alone. The death watch was with the prisoner continually. Eckert's friends were compelled to have every package examined, but he did not know whether their pockets were searched or not. The son denied to Warden Boland that he had given his father anything.

Dr. Lenahan, jail physician, testified as to the condition he found Eckert in after the poisoning. The symptoms were those of opium poisoning. He gave some morphine to Eckert as medicine, but not more than two grains altogether. Dr. Lenahan thinks Eckert took the morphine after the last time he spoke to the watchman.

Abram Eckert, son of the dead man, said he visited his father the day before death. Mrs. Abram Eckert, Jr., was called, and she told of the visit of the family.

Mrs. Sarah O'Rourke told of her last visit to the jail. She admitted saying to Warden Boland last July that her brother would never hang, giving as her reason for the statement that she had a dream in which some visionary person told her that he would not die upon the scaffold.

Night Watchmen Fallon and Mitchell had nothing new to tell, going over the story as told by the other witnesses. Chemist Dean submitted the result of the examination he conducted. He said he found traces of morphine in the stomach, kidneys and urine, but none in the liver.

Warden Boland had nothing to offer that would throw light upon the death. He told of the pains taken to keep a watch upon the man and of the visit of the family the day previous to the morning set for the execution.

Deputy Ritterspach told of his duties at the jail and of how packages were examined.

Owen P. Keenly and Richard Ward, reporters, told of their presence the day before and the morning after the poisoning and of the farewells. Their stories threw no light upon the poisoning.

Mrs. Eckert, widow of the deceased, was also called. Her examination was quite brief. She denied having any knowledge of the poison or who gave it and he had not told her that he would do anything of the kind. She said that the crime was bad enough at first, but now it is worse. The only thing her husband said to her was to be strong and to have hope, that he would only have to walk up the scaffold and it would all be over in a twinkling. Mrs. Eckert, while she told her story, was considerably affected and had hard work trying to keep back the tears.

The jury yesterday returned a verdict. Death was due to morphine, they say, administered by an unknown person.

Baptist Church Notes.

At a meeting of the church congregation on Tuesday evening a resolution was passed expressing the thanks of the members to all who assisted so liberally and kindly in making the recent fair such an unexpected success. The sum realized was beyond the most sanguine expectations, and will assist materially in removing the amount yet due upon the church property.

D. S. Jones, clerk pro tem. Bi-monthly entertainments will be a feature hereafter. William Williams and William Davis, musical directors, Walter Moses, chairman of literary, and Miss Elizabeth Parry, organist, are now arranging for those events. A new organ has been placed in the basement and will be used at the entertainments.

The subjects of next Sunday's sermons will be as follows: Morning, "The Christian's Three-Fold View of Life;" evening, "The Purchase and Retention of Truth."

Rev. J. T. Griffith left for Lansdale this morning, where he was called to perform the marriage ceremony for two young friends. The wedding took place at noon, and in the evening he will preach in the Lansdale Baptist church. Rev. Griffith will return home tomorrow.

Winter Blasts

Will be late again this year. Good for the buyer; bad for the merchant. We can't think of profits now. We're glad to get our money back.

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