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PRICES—50c, 75c and 1.00. Seats on sale at Working's three days before date of show.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

FOR TAX COLLECTOR—

A. A. BACHMAN, of Freeland.

Subject to the decision of the Democratic nominating convention of Freeland borough.

FOR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE—

THOMAS A. BUCKLEY, of Freeland.

Subject to the decision of the Democratic nominating convention of Freeland borough.

PERSONALITIES.

Chas. Orion Stroh, Esq., will make his first appearance before the state superior court at Scranton today. He is attorney for Mary Hudeck in the suit brought against her by Andrew Stephan for the recovery of money loaned to John Hudeck, her husband, now deceased.

Denis Colman, who returned from Leont Gap about a month ago, has a severe attack of Bright's disease and is not expected to recover. He is at the residence of his sister, Mrs. Thomas McGarvey.

Miss Phoebe Riley has returned to Philadelphia, where she is employed as nurse in a hospital, after a brief vacation at her home in Upper Lehigh.

The engagement of Edward Toland, of Drifton, and Miss Laura Gilshon, of Mahanoy City, has been announced.

Michael Mulligan, of Nesquehoning, greeted his numerous friends here last week.

Miss Mary Dugan, of Scranton, spent New Year's Day with Freeland relatives. Morris Ferry, who has been ill off and on this winter, is improving slowly.

Miss Jennie Bachman left today for Bloomsburg normal school.

PLEASURE CALENDAR.

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

Buy your rubbers at the Wear Well.

THE AUDITORS' REPORT.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ARE SURCHARGED WITH \$10,400.90.

This Was the Amount Paid for New Court House Plans to Architect Myers. Also Censured for Extravagance in Employing Detectives.

The county auditors have finished their labors on the accounts of the various county offices for the year 1895, and on Thursday evening filed their report. P. T. Norton, Thomas Dullard and Thomas Smith, the outgoing commissioners, who paid the sum of \$10,400.90 to Architect Myers, of Detroit, Michigan, for a set of plans for a new court house, have that amount surcharged to them. This money, the auditors state, was paid upon a contract for the erection of a court house, which never has and in their opinion, will not materialize and the money which has been paid is a complete loss to the county.

The commissioners are also censured for paying \$25,000 to the Barrington & McSweeney detective agency for running down the murderers of Barney Relek, and the sum paid is considered "extremely exorbitant." The manner in which the contract was executed is also condemned, and the auditors recommend that employment of private detectives be abandoned and a system of rewards submitted. The findings of the auditors referred to, in full, are as follows:

"First, That the moneys authorized to be expended by the commissioners were not legally and judicially expended. We find in the disbursement of the county funds one item of \$10,400.90 paid to one Myers, of Detroit, Michigan, as part payment of a contract drawn up between the commissioners and the aforesaid Myers for the erection of a new court house, which never materialized, and in our opinion, will not, thereby entailing a complete loss of \$10,400.90 to the taxpayers of Luzerne county.

"Therefore it becomes our duty as auditors to surcharge equally between the commissioners, P. T. Norton, Thomas Smith and Thomas M. Dullard, the amount of \$10,400.90 thus expended.

"Second, We further find the sum of \$25,000 paid out of county fund during the year to private detective agencies for the running down of criminals, which amount we consider extremely exorbitant.

"During the investigation which was held in our office the glaring fact was revealed that the contract drawn up between the commissioners and the Barrington detective agency was signed by only one member of the board, the other two having signed it one year later.

"We therefore censure the board of commissioners for such a careless and reckless expenditure of the finances of the county. We would recommend that contracts with private detective agencies be abandoned and a liberal reward be offered instead.

"The following will indicate what it cost to maintain Luzerne county for 1895: To amount of cash paid out of the county fund by county treasurer on warrants drawn out on said fund, \$337,977.78; bridge, \$12,959.45; road, \$2,744.31; school, \$10,860.83; poor, \$2,894.77.

Messrs. Smith, Norton and Dullard will appeal from the report.

Changes in the Court House.

From the Wilkesbarre Record. Today will be moving day at the court house. Officials who have served the terms to which they were elected by the people will take their departure and those who were among the fortunate at the last election will take hold of the wheels of government. The officers affected by the new order of things will be commissioners, treasurer, register and auditors. The change also affects the clerical force and after Monday strange faces will be seen among the busy pen-pushers.

The new commissioners, A. D. Hay, John M. Jones and John Guiney, will succeed P. T. Norton, Thomas Smith and Thos. M. Dullard. The new board will make nearly a clean sweep in the clerical force, Thomas R. Peters, assistant clerk, of Wilkesbarre, being the only one retained. The new chief clerk will be M. L. Dreisbach, a well known business man of this city, while L. R. Holcomb, of Pittston; L. H. Woodruff, of Shick-slinny, and Elmer Carpenter, of Pittston, will occupy the places formerly filled by William Peters, Wm. Robinson and Thomas W. Haines. T. M. Dullard has bought out the bakery of S. L. Dougherty, and will hereafter conduct the business, to which he will give his personal attention.

In the treasurer's office William T. Reed will be succeeded by ex-Sheriff Robinson, who has filled the place of deputy treasurer during Mr. Reed's incumbency. So far Mr. Robinson has not indicated whom he has selected to fill the place made vacant by his promotion and also the clerkship filled by George A. Reed.

Stanley W. Davenport, the present register of wills and clerk of the orphans' court, will be succeeded by Hiram P. Kuntz. Mr. Kuntz has selected J. J. Postleiger, of Hazleton, as his chief deputy to succeed Charles P. Campbell, and William Willis, of Nanticoke, to

succeed John J. Brislin. Campbell, the retiring chief deputy, will remain in the office about three months until the new clerks master the ins and outs of the office. Mr. Davenport will confine himself to his growing law practice.

Joseph R. Westover, Edward Morgan and W. E. Bennett, auditors, will be succeeded by Mr. Morgan, W. L. Higgs and A. C. Good. The retiring board made a good record during its term. Since the office of controller has been declared legal by the supreme court, however, the powers of the auditors and the salary have been greatly curtailed.

With the changes on Monday all the offices will be filled with Republicans. The only representation left the "unaffiliated" is minority commissioner and a minority auditor.

Received a Death Blow.

From the Hazleton Sentinel.

A telegram was received in Hazleton on Thursday announcing the death of William Kelley, the South Wyoming street tailor, at Southern Pines, near Asheville, South Carolina. He died on Tuesday night. Deceased was about 24 years of age. He resided in Shenandoah until about a year ago, when he moved to Hazleton, and it was here that he met with an accident that gradually brought about his death. It appears that while visiting an athletic club room one night he engaged in a friendly sparring bout.

During an exchange he received a rather severe blow on the nose that caused free bleeding of the organ. The constant and profuse bleeding caused alarm, and Kelley was taken to the home of his brothers in Shenandoah. He was given the best of medical care and attention, and seemed to recover, but the hemorrhages revived and complications ensued. The attending physicians finally concluded that a sojourn among the pines of North Carolina would be beneficial, and the young man took his departure about eight weeks ago. The change was at first beneficial, but his condition again took a serious turn and grew worse gradually until death.

Mr. Kelly was a member of Hazleton Club, and was a popular young man whose death will be mourned by a large circle of friends hereabouts.

Junior Mechanics' Officers.

Freeland Council, No. 348, Jr. O. U. A. M., has elected the following officers: Junior past counselor—Thomas Klingerman.

Councilor—John A. Smith. Vice councilor—John H. Powell. Recording secretary—Joseph McClellan.

Assistant recording secretary—John Yoeh. Financial secretary—John M. Dwyer. Treasurer—A. W. Washburn.

Conductor—Wm. Lindsay. Warden—Thomas Howey. Inside sentinel—Charles O. Worley.

Outside sentinel—Joseph Troell. Trustee—Alfred Shive. Drum corps commissioner—Jacob Wolf.

Representative of Federal Benefit Association—Joseph McClellan. Chaplain—James Bell.

Secured Another Great Success.

Whatever success the members of the Tigers Athletic Club expected to attain with their ball on New Year's Eve, it is certain that the results, social and financial, exceeded by far anything that they had looked for. The ball was the largest held in Freeland for over three years, and was unquestionably one of the best enjoyed ever held here. The superb decorations of the dancing hall attracted many there, and the excellent arrangements, with the good order maintained, held the crowd almost intact until 5 o'clock next morning. The decorative feature eclipsed anything before attempted in that line, every portion of the hall being given generous attention. Master of Ceremonies P. J. Dever and Miss Mary Dougherty led the march.

New Year's Shooter Shot.

William Gilbert and Charles Stegler were celebrating New Year's Day near Plymouth by discharging firearms. Gilbert got in the way of Stegler as the latter pulled the trigger of his weapon, and the charge entered Gilbert's breast, instantly killing him. He was 28 years old and married. Stegler surrendered himself and the coroner's jury returned a verdict of involuntary manslaughter.

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, ss.

LUCAS COUNTY, FRANK J. CHENEY makes oath that he is the senior partner of the firm of F. J. CHENEY & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of CATARRH that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH CURE. FRANK J. CHENEY.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1895.

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DRIFTON ITEMS.

Alexander B. Coxe and wife, Mrs. Daniel Coxe and Eckley B. Coxe, Jr., left on Thursday afternoon for Philadelphia, where they will spend the remainder of the winter.

Harvey Hoffman was at New York last week to see his brother, Fresno, who is having a tumor removed from his stomach.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gilshon, of Mahanoy City, who spent New Year's with friends here, returned to their home today.

William Welsh, of Scotch Hill, had his henery robbed one night last week. Ten fine chickens were stolen.

Daniel McCole is confined to his bed with a sore leg, and will be unable to work for some time.

Miss Sarah Carr, formerly a resident of this place but now of Philadelphia, is lying seriously ill.

Miss Mary Lyon, of Warrior Run, called on friends in town for a few days last week.

Edward Phillips, of Philadelphia, is spending a few days with friends in this section.

William Anderson has returned after spending an enjoyable week in Philadelphia.

Thomas Edmunds spent New Year's Day with his parents at Wilkesbarre.

William Malloy, of Scranton, spent New Year's with his parents.

All the collieries resumed operation today.

The First Was Well Received.

The first of a series of refined musical and literary entertainments was held last evening under the auspices of the Young Men's Corps at the Grand opera house. The following programme was carried out:

Address of welcome, D. J. Boyle. Overture, St. Patrick's band.

Recitation, Patrick McGlynn. Vocal solo, Miss Ella O'Donnell.

Comic song, James Feeley. Recitation, Bernard Kenney.

Vocal solo, Mr. Hill. Comic song, Daniel Brennan.

Recitation, Cecelia O'Donnell. Selection, Freeland Mandolin Club.

Vocal solo, Peter Hoeckburg. Recitation, Edward Wynnewood.

Comic song, James Feeley. March, St. Patrick's band.

A fair-sized audience was present and showed its appreciation by requiring almost all of the above to respond to encores. The corps intends to make a feature of these entertainments on Sunday evenings and will endeavor to keep them up to the high standard of the first.

Anthracite Coal Trade.

The last of the anthracite companies completed their fiscal year on Thursday. With prices weak, consumers wary and stocks on hand large, the obvious thing, from their point of view, is to reduce the production sharply and this proposal meets with more general favor in trust circles than it did a month ago.

The probability is that the January output will not exceed 3,000,000 tons and may be only 2,500,000 tons, some interests urging the lower figure strenuously. This will enable the companies to work off their stocks at tidewater and prevent an accumulation of coal, and also means that mine workers will have another month at one-third or one-half time.

Young Men's Corps Elect Officers.

The Young Men's C. T. A. B. Corps yesterday elected the following officers:

President—D. J. Boyle. Vice president—Hugh Kennedy.

Recording secretary—Condy Johnson. Financial secretary—J. J. Gallagher.

Assistant—Thomas McLaughlin. Treasurer—Alex. Mulhearn.

Trustees—W. F. Ward, Harry King. Delegates to district convention—George McLaughlin, Harry King, Thos. Conahan.

Miner Killed at Sandy Run.

John Loays, a Hungarian miner, was killed in No. 11 stripping, Sandy Run, on Saturday morning. The unfortunate man went out that day to prepare coal for the breaker on Monday. While engaged in barring down a lump a great mass of coal and clay fell on him from above and crushed out his life instantly. Loays boarded at Sandy Run. He was aged about 30 years and a wife and two children survive. His family lives in Hungary.

Officers of the Band.

The St. Patrick's band has elected the following as officers:

President—John Trimble. Vice president—Thomas Welsh.

Financial secretary—John Johnson. Recording secretary—Martin Broderick.

Trustees—P. J. Duffy, James Quigley. Teacher—A. P. Mayberry.

Leader—John Johnson.

Patents Granted.

Reported by C. A. Snow & Co., Washington, D. C. W. Bynon, Audenried, drilling machine.

E. P. Davies, Scranton, toaster. H. Hunt, Wilkesbarre, tobacco pipe.

W. Stubblebine, Bethlehem, air heating apparatus for furnaces.

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.

John Washida and Miss Suzie Hibal, both of Jeddo, will be married this week.

Working mittens, 15c. At Sippel's. E. B. Shelhamer is erecting another large ice-house near the Lehigh Valley tracks.

The borough council will meet tonight and the school board will meet on Wednesday evening.

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

The Wear Well Shoe House has had a large sign painted on the fence of the Tigers ball park.

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

J. B. Quigley will move his tobacco and confectionery store to Schwabe's building, near the postoffice, this week. He will also reside in the building.

The Reading Archdeaconry of the Episcopal Church, of which Rev. J. P. Buxton, of Drifton, is archdeacon, will meet at Mauch Chunk next Monday.

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

The return of the favorite play, "Sporting Craze," on Friday evening, is an assurance that the opera house will be crowded that evening. Regular prices will be charged.

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

The Union Council Club banqueted at their rooms in the Birkbeck building on New Year's Eve. Dr. F. Schleher was the host, and an enjoyable evening was spent by the club and its guests.

Bernard Boyle has purchased a horse and wagon and has entered the huckstering business. Mr. Boyle was severely injured in the Highland mines last February and has been unable to resume work since.

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

New Year's Day was ushered in with the usual amount of bell-ringing and shooting. The St. Patrick's, Mayberry and Slavonian bands and the Junior Mechanics drum corps tendered their annual serenades during the day.

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

John McGinness, while cleaning a mine lode at Beaver Meadow yesterday morning, fell under the wheels in some manner and was killed. Every bone in his body was crushed. There was no one about when the accident occurred.

Mrs. J. J. Powers has disposed of the merchant tailoring stock of her late husband and will remove to Hazleton today. John Cannon and family will occupy the dwelling she vacates, and James Cannon will remove his barber shop to the same building.

Don't pay more for shoes than they're worth. Full value at the Wear Well.

John McGeandy, a D. S. & S. employe, was burned in a peculiar manner on Saturday. He opened the fire-box of an engine, and the draught, being reversed, forced the gas back just as he looked in, and burned him severely about the head and face.

Suits and overcoats and gents' furnishings of all kinds reduced. Geo. Sippel.

The viewers appointed by the court a month ago to ascertain the damages done to the Dever property by the widening of Centre street, near Chestnut, have agreed upon \$300. It is quite likely that the borough council will appeal from the finding of the viewers.

Poor Director Schwartz stated yesterday that suffering among the poor is constantly increasing. Since the first of October up to the present time twenty persons have been admitted to Laurytown from this part of the district. The outdoor relief is also enormous.—Standard.

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

The Wilkesbarre Record's almanac for 1897 was received on Friday, and it proves to be all that its publishers claimed for it. The almanac contains a large amount of valuable information, arranged especially for Luzerne county, and compares favorably with similar books from the larger cities.

Shoes that fit the feet at prices to suit your pocketbook can be had at the Wear Well Shoe House, 55 Centre street.

The Lehigh Valley Railroad has abandoned that part of its road which lies between No. 2 Highland switch and the Freeland branch junction near No. 1 Highland. All traffic on the Highland branch now passes through Freeland. John McHugh, operator at the Highland signal office, has been suspended temporarily in consequence of this change.

\$1.50 a year is all the TRIBUNE costs.

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.

Overcoats at cost. You can buy for \$4.50 the same coat for which you paid \$7 before.

Winter Suits undergo the same treatment. Children's Reefers, \$1.50 can't be beat.

Fine Astrachan or Boucle Reefers, worth \$5, at \$3.50. Our 28c Wool Knee Pants are going like hot cakes.

Winter Caps, every kind, every style, for comfort and beauty. Get one for the time of need. Meanwhile

Wear a nobby Derby Hat as long as the weather permits. If you do not wish to pay \$3 or \$2 or \$1.50 nobody will be the wiser if you get a 99c Derby at Olsho's.

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