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Rev. D. J. Stafford, D. D.

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Lecture

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Grand Opera House,

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Monday Ev'g, April 26.

Under the auspices of the

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Subject: "The American Citizen."

The lecture will be preceded by a musical entertainment of an exceptionally high order.

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Get your spring suit made by us. We make suits in the very latest style for the least money.

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MISCELLANEOUS ADVERTISEMENTS.

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF Luzerne county, No. 963, May term, 1897.
Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the court of common pleas of Luzerne county, or one of the law judges thereof, on Monday, May 10, 1897, at 2 o'clock p. m., under the act of assembly of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, entitled "an act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain corporations," approved April 22, 1874, and the supplements thereto, for the charter of the United States, and for this purpose to have, possess and enjoy all the rights, benefits and privileges conferred by the said act of assembly and its supplements.
Chas. Orion Stroh, Solicitor.

ESTATE OF DANIEL MOORE, late of Freeland, deceased.
Letters testamentary upon the above named estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims or demands to present the same, without delay, to
Alice Moore,
Chas. Orion Stroh, attorney.

PLEASURE CALENDAR.

April 26.—Lecture by Rev. D. J. Stafford, of Washington, at the Grand opera house. Admission, 75, 50, 35 and 25 cents.

CAPITOL BILL PASSES.

PLANS LAID FOR A RAID ON THE NEXT STATE TREASURY.

Expenses of the Structure Limited to \$550,000, But No Limit to the Cost of Decorations and Furnishings—Summary of the Bills Which Have Passed.

Harrisburg, Pa., April 24, 1897.
At last the capitol bill has become a law. The measure appropriates \$550,000 for the erection of a capitol on the site of the old building. The work is to be done under the supervision of a commission composed of the governor, state treasurer, auditor general, president pro tem of the senate and speaker of the house. The building is to be ready for the meeting of the next legislature. It is to be furnished under the direction of the board of public buildings and grounds. The cost of furnishing and decorating is not specified, and this is what caused the offering of the numerous amendments, which were all defeated.

It has been heralded abroad over the state that the new capitol is to cost but \$550,000, and the people applauded the legislature for this seeming economy. This amount is to pay only for its erection, and as there is no law specifying how much the finishing touches are to cost, it is impossible to say what the amount will be. It may be one million or five.

With all the care and precautions the people today have no assurance what it will cost. Just why a specific sum was not named for the decoration and furnishing is difficult to understand. This could have been just as easily estimated as the cost of the erection of the building. If this commission is given power to expend unlimited sums of money for furnishing why was not the amount to be expended for its erection unlimited also? The one is just as important to the people as the other.

The commission met soon after the bill was signed in the executive chamber and organized by the election of the governor as chairman and State Treasurer Haywood secretary. J. B. Patrick, of Clarion, a clerk in the state department, was elected clerk to serve without compensation. Warren P. Laid, professor of architecture in the University of Pennsylvania, was empowered to continue as the professional adviser of the commission. He will be allowed \$2,000 for his services.

One of the most sensational features of this session occurred in the senate last week. A bill of much importance was killed and a resolution passed providing for an investigation into the scandalous reports circulated in connection with the measure. The bill was the one prohibiting the insuring of children under sixteen years of age and other persons legally irresponsible. The members and senators received thousands of letters concerning this measure and considerable interest had been created. During the course of a heated argument it was stated that there appeared in a New York paper a telegram from Harrisburg, to the effect that senators had demanded \$50,000 from the insurance companies interested, to kill the measure. Much other talk was indulged in, when a vote was taken and the bill killed, as the insurance companies desired.

Last week I made mention of a "snake" insurance bill being reconsidered, then laid aside. It was defeated worse than ever last week. The responsibility for the downfall is claimed by the "seventy-six."

Those famous reform measures were given a glimpse of day this week. One prohibiting "executive legislation" by councils was laid to rest by a decisive vote; one preventing the levying of assessments and political contributions was only saved by being amended and laid over for printing. The Stewart bill calling for interest on state deposits went over for the same reason.
The bill requiring interest on state deposits, presented in the senate by Senator Kaufman, of Lancaster, met death last week. It had been reposing in committee for six weeks, and Mr. Kaufman saw that it was not going to be reported, so he moved to have the committee on finances discharged from further consideration of the bill and have it placed on the calendar. Mr. Kaufman defended his motion by stating that 135 leading papers in the state were supporting the bill. The motion was defeated. There is, however, a similar bill on its way through the house.

Mr. Smith, of Jefferson, called up the libel bill prepared by the Pennsylvania State Editorial Association. The measure was defeated some time ago in the house and subsequently reconsidered. Mr. Smith presented a series of amendments, which practically make a new bill and eliminate the most objectionable features. The bill as amended passed second reading.

It provides that in all criminal prosecutions for libel the truth may be given in evidence to the jury and if it shall appear that the matter charged as libelous is substantially true and was published with good motives and for justifiable ends the defendant shall be ac-

quitted and the jury shall have the right to determine the law and the facts.

These bills passed the house finally: Validating the increase of indebtedness of any municipality or incorporated district made pursuant to the assent of the electors thereof obtained by a public election held at any time since June 19, 1891; empowering boroughs without petition of property owners to improve streets when they do not exceed 500 feet in length and connect two streets theretofore paved and improved, and providing for the payment of the costs, damages and expenses; a bill requiring the platforms of trolley cars to be inclosed with glass or screened during November, December, January, February and March. A penalty of \$25 in each case is provided for violation of the law. This bill was defeated in the last legislature through traction influence. The Foelt bill to allow pupils in public schools to have the use of school books during the vacation also passed finally.

The following bills passed the senate finally: Changing the time for corporations to make report to the secretary of internal affairs; to protect the purity of inland waters; to prohibit political assessment on state, county or city officers and employees; to prohibit the payment of poll tax by any other than the person on whom it is assessed. The bill to amend the act relating to the expenses of candidates was indefinitely postponed.
Nissley.

Grand Farce of the Season.

The greatest traveling humbug that has struck the region in several years was at Hazleton last week, when the legislative investigating committee held forth in that city. The commission is a grand farce from start to finish, and while some of the legislators composing it may be earnest in their desire to ascertain the extent of the involuntary poverty in the coal regions, the methods taken to ascertain the real condition of affairs stamp the whole proceeding as a fraud, gotten up for the purpose of hiding the truth and to give a few senators and representatives a junketing tour at the expense of the taxpayers.

The first session was held on Thursday in the parlors of the Central hotel. D. J. McCarthy, special agent of the Drifton companies, was the first witness. He swore he knew of no destitution, gave some information regarding the number of days worked at his company's collieries and refused to answer any questions which might have a tendency to show where the coal companies and the carrying roads make their profits.

The affair is not a mere money-making scheme, as a crowded house is necessary to pay the expenses of the artists alone, therefore it should receive unstinted patronage.
Dr. Stafford will arrive here from Washington at 6.07 o'clock this evening. The entertainment will begin at 8 o'clock.

Convention to Be Held Here.

The executive committee of the Tri-County Christian Endeavor Union met last week and decided to hold the next annual convention at Freeland on Friday, June 11. The sessions will be held in St. John's Reformed church. Prof. and Mrs. Lowe, of Bethany church, Philadelphia, will have charge of the singing, and State President Philliputt, of the same city, will preside. The evening address will be delivered by Rev. H. C. Fowler, of Albany, N. Y.

Another Newspaper Talked Of.

Notwithstanding the fact that Freeland has two Republican newspapers, a semi-weekly and a weekly, there is talk of a quiet movement being under way to launch a Republican morning daily in town. Some of the leading lights of the party on the North Side are considering the project, but no definite steps have yet been taken in the matter. The new venture, if it is decided to make it go, will be a strong defender of local and general corporate privileges.

Hazle Brook Children Lost.

Two little tots of Hazle Brook strayed from their homes on Thursday morning and all efforts of the people of the town to find them have been futile. One is the four-year-old son of an Italian, and the other a three-year-old daughter of a Tyrolean. The entire locality has been diligently searched by the parents and friends of the missing children. It is believed that they wandered towards Eckley and got lost in the swamp between the two towns.

Sentenced for Aggravated Assault.

Joseph Balansk, of Sandy Run, who was charged with aggravated assault and battery upon John Glasosky, of the same place, was sentenced on Friday by Judge Bennett to pay a fine of \$10 and serve one year in the county jail. The assault was committed on October 4 last at Sandy Run. Glasosky was struck with a stone. Nearly five weeks after Dr. H. M. Neale took the stone from the wound in his head.

Base Ball Games.

The Stars defeated Lattimer at the Tigers park yesterday afternoon by a score of 11 to 10. The game was played well by both clubs.
The Junior club of town defeated a Jeddo team at the park yesterday, 15 to 3.

Quarterly Temperance Convention.

The quarterly convention of the temperance societies of the Fourth district was held at the Grand opera house here yesterday afternoon. All the societies comprising the district, with the exception of White Haven and Beaver Meadow, were represented. Numerous questions peculiarly appropriate to the temperance cause were taken up and discussed, but in a quiet and unenthusiastic manner, and little business was transacted.

President McMenamin appointed a committee of one from each of the societies having delegates present to consider ways and means of establishing a literary bureau.

A debate, "Resolved, that Father Mathew did more for the Irish people than Daniel O'Connell," followed. The affirmative side of the question was handled by Secretary William O'Donnell, of Yorktown. In his address he drew a fine comparison of the work of the two men, and whilst admiring the great achievements of both, he summed up in favor of Father Mathew on the ground that O'Connell's work led to the Irish people's conquering another, whereas Father Mathew's achievements were infinitely greater, morally and intellectually, inasmuch as his doctrine enabled man to conquer himself.

James F. Sweeney, in the absence of the regular debaters, took up the negative side and made a brilliant extemporaneous address. He, like Mr. O'Donnell, evinced a great admiration for both men, but thought that O'Connell's life work was of more importance to the Irish people, and the man was, he said, divinely inspired.

D. J. McCarthy also made a few remarks on the subject.

Amateur was selected as the place for holding the convention in July.

After the convention the delegates were tendered a banquet by the local society.

In the evening an entertainment was given. A well-arranged programme was rendered and the attendance was fair.

Tonight's Great Entertainment.

One of the largest audiences that ever assembled in Freeland is expected to gather in the Grand opera house tonight to hear Rev. Stafford and the other talented people on the programme. This is certainly the greatest musical and literary treat which has yet been arranged for Freeland, and the effort deserves the appreciation of every person who desires to see the town advance. The affair is not a mere money-making scheme, as a crowded house is necessary to pay the expenses of the artists alone, therefore it should receive unstinted patronage.

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Arrangements will be made for special trains and reduced rates of fare on all railroads centering at Freeland.

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Buck Mountain Water Tapped.

The immense body of water in the old workings at Buck Mountain was tapped on Friday. The water rushed forth with terrific force, tore its way down the mountain side and carried destruction to everything in its path. Fortunately no valuable property was situated on the route taken by the water. Several stables, outbuildings, fences, etc., were swept away and many residences were partially flooded. The force of the water, which had been pent up for over a dozen years, was greater than the officials expected.

The water was tapped by a tunnel driven in the mountain side. When the surveys showed that the tunnel was dangerously near, an extra heavy charge was exploded and the barrier of rock was broken through.

The tunnel was one of the many schemes that the late Eckley B. Cox had planned to recover large bodies of coal on the land of the Cross Creek Coal Company. The success of this means that several hundred thousand tons of coal, that were given up by the former operators at Buck Mountain, can now be mined. The coal will be taken to Eckley to be prepared for market.
Several hundred people visited the scene yesterday.

Organized Efforts for Reform.

From the Wilkesbarre Telephone.

As a result of the constant agitation for a readjustment of the assessed valuation of coal lands a large number of the farmers and citizens in the agricultural districts have organized to compel the county commissioners to fix an equitable tax valuation on coal properties when the next tri-ennial assessment is levied. The farmers in Union and Hunlock townships have made their organization permanent. They intend to urge all taxpayers to unite in petitions to the county commissioners, asking that inequality in the rate of assessing coal lands at less than 2 per cent of actual value, which has prevailed heretofore, shall be abolished; and that all local assessors be held responsible for violations of their sworn obligations or unjust discrimination in returning unfair assessments.

Now then, if the local officials of cities, boroughs and townships desire to see the general rate of taxation reduced in the county next year, they should at once unite in an organized effort with the farmers to secure this much needed reform.

A Sweeping Accusation.

A suit for \$100,000 damages against thirty defendants was filed by John G. Jennings in Scranton last week. The defendants are the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company, Attorney General McCormick, Judges Archbold, Gunster and Edwards, ex-Sheriffs Robinson and Fahy, Prothonotary Prior, Deputy Prothonotary Kasson, District Attorney Jones and the several attorneys and county officials concerned in the famous suits of Jennings to recover from the Lehigh Valley Company \$100,000 damages for the injuries to his son in the Mud Run disaster.

The general charge against the thirty defendants is that they conspired to pack the jury, tampered with the judges and resorted to various unlawful means to procure a verdict in the railroad company's favor.

Boy Burned to Death.

A peculiar accident occurred at Duryea on Saturday by which John McHale, the fifteen-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John McHale, was burned to death. The young man was employed in the mines and had a bottle of kerosene in his trousers pocket. In some manner the bottle was broken, completely saturating his trousers. It was annoying, and he endeavored to dry them with his mine lamp.

Instantly he was a seething mass of flames, and in a short time, and before his shrieks brought anyone to his aid, he was burned beyond recognition. The body, after the flames were finally extinguished, presented such a sight that men sickened and turned away when they gazed upon it.

Children Ate Phosphorus.

Two young children of Fred Stachel, Scranton, were poisoned by eating phosphorus last week and are now dead. One of them, Annie, aged 5 years, died in frightful agony, and next morning Fred, aged 3 years, succumbed. On Friday morning the children were playing in a back yard and found a substance which they thought was candy. They ate freely and shortly after were taken ill. Physicians were summoned, but their efforts were unavailing. By the examination the physicians discovered the children had eaten phosphorus.

Minors Attention.

Two instructive lectures will be delivered at the Mining and Mechanical Institute, third floor, Birkbeck Brick, to the students and miners of the town and neighborhood on Wednesday and Thursday evenings, April 28 and 29, by Professors M. C. Hilseng and H. H. Stock. All miners are welcome whether they are students of the institute or not. Subjects to be considered in the lectures will be "History of Coal Mining, Safety Lamps and Timbering." These professors are from the School of Mines, Pennsylvania State College. Remember all are welcome.

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.

Expert machinists from Hartford, Connecticut, are placing the machinery in the silk mill building.

Miss Mary Hagerty, formerly of Eckley, was married at New Philadelphia last week to Bart McDonald.

The ladies' latest shoe, the Majestic, is sold only at the Wear Well.

The open summer cars made their appearance on the North Side branch of the electric road on Saturday.

Easter Sunday was celebrated yesterday by the Greek Catholics with much ceremony at St. Mary's church.

The street sprinkler came out of its winter quarters last week and is doing good work in keeping down the dust.

If you want a good mince pie buy your mince meat at A. Oswald's.

The Lehigh Press completed its fifth year on Thursday, and its appearance shows that time is dealing generously with it.

Edward F. Gallagher returned on Friday from East Hartford, Connecticut, where he has worked for a year past. He will shortly leave for the West.

The All-Star Company played "The Rag-Pickers' Child" before a large audience at White Haven on Saturday evening. The performance gave satisfaction.

J. Bellezza's stock of spring shoes is now ready for your inspection.

Miss Jennie Toomey, of Freeland, was a guest at the Dunningham homestead this week. Miss Toomey is a grand daughter of Mrs. Dunningham.—*Weatherly Herald.*

Rev. W. P. O'Donnell, who has many relatives and friends in this region, has been appointed pastor of the new parish at Bellevue, near Scranton, by Bishop O'Hara.

Ira Carl, justice of the peace of Kingston, and Mrs. Fletcher, widow of the late Dr. Fletcher, were married on Friday. The groom is 84 years of age and the bride a few years younger.

A. Oswald sells the freshest eggs in town. Every egg is guaranteed.

Diphtheria has broken out at Foundryville and new cases are being reported daily. Markle & Co. have issued orders to suspend all employees who reside in houses where the disease exists.

John E. McHugh has entered the real estate business and today he opened an office on Centre street near Walnut. There is room in town for just such a business and Mr. McHugh is well qualified to conduct it.

After experimenting for some months with various sizes of anthracite, the D. S. & S. Company has concluded to use bituminous coal on the Perth Amboy engines. The trainmen do not take kindly to the order.

Just received some handsome spring suits and trousers. Sippel, tailor.

The overall factory is one of the busiest establishments in town these days. The company is crowded with orders for the neat summer shirts they make. The entire output of this department is taken by a large house in New York city.

The first half of the pool game between Julius Dusbeck, of town, and Archie Bitner, of Weatherly, was shot at Llewellyn's saloon on Saturday night. The score stands 150 to 146 in Dusbeck's favor. The balance of the game will be played at Weatherly tonight.

The Wear Well's russet shoes led everything in town last season, and will do it again this year.

The commissioners of Carbon and Luzerne counties held a meeting and decided to construct a new bridge at Lehigh Tannery, across the Lehigh river. The engineers appointed to examine the old bridge reported that they consider the present structure absolutely unsafe.

The Central Railroad passenger station at Mutch Chunk was broken into early Friday morning, and an attempt was made to force the safe. The company's pay car, with two officers on guard, was within 100 feet of the scene of operations. Nothing of value was obtained.

Building Lots for Sale.

The Howey estate, now the property of M. Schwabe, will be opened for public sale today. A survey has just been completed, wide streets and alleys, to join other streets and alleys, have been opened and today we open for sale the largest and cheapest building lots of any yet sold in Freeland, measuring 40 feet front and 180 feet deep, to be sold at the low price of \$200 each. Twenty-five dollars down and all the time you desire and in whatever amounts you wish to pay the balance. There will be no interest charged upon your standing debt. Those paying spot cash will be allowed 5 per cent off or \$12, giving the cash purchaser the \$200 lot for \$188.

On and after April 26 the maps can be examined and all desired information obtained from John E. McHugh, real estate agent, old postoffice building, four doors above present postoffice, Freeland, Pa. Office hours: 9 a. m. to 12 m.; 1.30 to 4 p. m., and 6 to 7.30 p. m. Five minutes walk will bring you to the centre of the plot.

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