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RAILROAD TIMETABLES

LEHIGH VALLEY RAILROAD.

June 13, 1897.

ARRANGEMENT OF PASSENGER TRAINS.

LEAVE FREELAND.

6:05, 8:45, 9:55 a. m., 1:40, 2:34, 3:20, 5:25, 6:10, 7:07 p. m., for Drifton, Jeddo, Foundry, Hazle Brook and Lumber Yard.
6:05, 8:45, 9:55 a. m., 1:40, 3:30, 5:25 p. m., Black Diamond for Weatherly, Mauch Chunk, Allentown, Easton, Philadelphia and New York.
7:07 p. m. for Weatherly, Mauch Chunk, Allentown, Easton and intermediate stations.

ARRIVE AT FREELAND.

8:38, 10:50 a. m. for Sandy Run, White Haven and Wilkesbarre.
9:58 a. m. and 1:38 p. m. for Jeddo, Foundry, Hazle Brook, Stockton and Hazleton.
10:50 a. m. for Hazleton, Delano, Mahanoy City, Shamokin, Pottsville, Ashland, Mt. Carmel, Shamokin and Pottsville.
7:28, 10:51, 11:54 a. m., 3:55 p. m., for Sandy Run, White Haven and Wilkesbarre.

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ARRIVE AT FREELAND.

5:50, 7:28, 9:20, 10:51, 11:54 a. m., 12:58, 2:30, 3:56, 5:38, 6:01, 7:05 p. m., from Lumber Yard, Hazle Brook, Foundry, Mauch Chunk, Allentown, Easton, Philadelphia and New York.
7:28, 9:20, 10:51, 11:54 a. m., 12:58, 2:30, 3:56, 5:38 p. m., from Hazleton.
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For further information inquire of Ticket Agents.

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THE DELAWARE, SUSQUEHANNA AND SCHUYLKILL RAILROAD.

Time table in effect April 18, 1897.

Trains leave Drifton for Jeddo, Eckley, Hazle Brook, Stockton, Beaver Meadow Road, Roan and Hazleton Junction at 5:30, 6:00 a. m. daily except Sunday; and 7:05, 8:25 p. m. Sunday.

Trains leave Drifton for Harwood, Cranberry, Tomhicken and Deringer at 6:30, 6:00 a. m. daily except Sunday; and 7:05 a. m., 2:38 p. m. Sunday.

Trains leave Drifton for Onedia Junction, Harwood Road, Humboldt Road, Onedia and Shepley at 6:30, 6:00 a. m. daily except Sunday; and 7:05 a. m., 3:11 p. m. Sunday.

Trains leave Harwood for Tomhicken, Cranberry, Harwood, Hazleton Junction and Roan at 6:30, 6:00 a. m. daily except Sunday; and 9:37 a. m., 5:07 p. m. Sunday.

Trains leave Shepley for Onedia, Humboldt Road, Harwood Road, Onedia Junction, Hazle Junction and Drifton at 6:30, 6:00 a. m. daily except Sunday; and 8:11 a. m., 3:44 p. m. Sunday.

Trains leave Shepley for Beaver Meadow Road, Stockton, Hazle Brook, Eckley, Jeddo and Drifton at 5:22 p. m. daily, except Sunday; and 8:11 a. m., 3:44 p. m. Sunday.

Trains leave Hazleton Junction for Beaver Meadow Road, Stockton, Hazle Brook, Eckley, Jeddo and Drifton at 5:45, 6:20 p. m. daily, except Sunday; and 10:10 a. m., 6:40 p. m. Sunday.

All trains connect at Hazleton Junction with electric cars for Hazleton, Jeannetteville, Audenriol and other points on the Traction Company's line.

Trains leaving Drifton at 5:30, 6:00 a. m. make connection at Drifton with P. H. R. trains for Wilkesbarre, Sunbury, Harrisburg and points west.

For the accommodation of passengers at way stations between Hazleton Junction and Deringer, a train will leave the former point at 3:50 p. m. daily, except Sunday, arriving at Deringer at 5:00 p. m.

L. UTKER, C. SMITH, Superintendent.

MISCELLANEOUS ADVERTISEMENTS.

POST.—On Centre street, between Main and Chestnut, a rooming place, with bath, and a library room for rent. Register at TRIBUNE office.

CASTORIA.

The family signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher* is on every wrapper.

Forethought.

"Lady," said Meandering Mike, plaintively, "if I was ter ax ye fur work, would ye have de heart to refuse me?"
"No," she answered, "I wouldn't."
"Den," he replied, turning sadly away, "I won't ax ye."—Washington Star.

The Test of Wisdom.

How much of wisdom we can see With sages who with us agree. But folks who hold some other view— Oh, bahn! They're not worth listening to. —L. A. W. Bulletin.

JUST LIKE THE REST OF US.

"I say, old fellow, how long did you know your wife before you married her?"
"I didn't know her at all, dear boy."
—Leslie's Monthly.

Revenge on a Rival.

He traced Maud's name upon the sand— A tribute to the lovely bud— A jealous wave rushed up the land, Washed out the "a" and left it "Maud." —Chicago News.

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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.

Silas Woodring is arranging to give gramophone concerts in the surrounding towns and villages.

Organizers of the United Mine Workers are forming branches of the order in the Lansford region.

Patrick McNellis, of Jeddo, who was injured in the mines a few weeks ago, is still in a serious condition.

Patrick Furey was discharged from the lockup at 9 o'clock Friday evening, having completed another five days' sentence.

The new breaker at Pond Creek will be completed this week. The company expects to run coal through about November 1.

Do you want to sell furniture? Consult Neill-Ward, purchas'g ag't., Ward's gallery, Miss Jennie Spangler, of McAdoo, was elected state guide of the Daughters of Liberty at their state convention held in Shamokin last week.

Last week was spent by the Democratic county candidates in Butler and Conyngham valleys. They found the sentiment there very favorable.

William Gillespie, of Washington street, and Miss Maggie Jacobs, of North Centre street, were married at St. Ann's church on Friday evening.

The miners of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Company have appointed committees to present their grievances to the company's officials.

THE TRIBUNE was misinformed last week and erred in stating that twins were born to Mr. and Mrs. John B. Hanlon. A son was born on the date given.

Jack Stivets, pitcher for the Boston club, arrived at his home in Ashland last week. He was met at the station by a brass band and several hundred of his townsmen.

A committee of the borough council will meet Superintendent Smith, of the Cross Creek Coal Company, relative to the surveying of the Public Park, tomorrow evening.

The injunction applied for by William Birkbeck, to restrain Joseph Birkbeck from doing business here, the details of which have already been published, was denied by the court on Friday.

High Constable Mollick on Friday sold a horse for \$1.75 at the borough pound. It was found roaming through the streets a few days previous and the owner failed to redeem the animal.

Everyone desires to keep informed on Yukon, the Klondyke and Alaskan gold fields. Send for large compendium of vast information and big color map to Hamilton Pub. Co., Indianapolis, Ind.

The arbitrators in the suit of Charles Wood against Thomas T. Friend, for damages in selling patent rights which have been previously sold to other parties, have awarded the plaintiff the sum of \$10,000.

Joe Barkus, of Highland, employed in the stripping at that place, was seriously hurt on Saturday by a heavy fall of clay and coal. He was removed to his home, where he lies in a precarious condition.

John J. Davis, of Eckley, and Miss Lyala Mason, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mason, were married at the bride's home, near White Haven, at 8 o'clock Saturday evening. They will reside at Eckley.

A special meeting of Wyoming classis of the Reformed Church is being held today at Hazleton to make provisions for installing Rev. J. B. Kerschner, of Conyngham, as pastor of St. John's congregation, of Freeland.

On Thursday the damage suit of Patrick Carey against the Freeland Beef Company was postponed until next term of court. Over a score of witnesses spent two days at the county seat waiting for this case to be called for trial.

The Grand opera house was crowded to the doors on Saturday evening by the audience which witnessed "Patent Applied For." The scenery was very realistic, the dancing was good and the whole play met with a cordial reception.

Special services will be held five nights of this week in the English Baptist church basement, commencing this evening. Short sermons will be preached on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights. An oyster supper will be given Saturday evening.

A hop will be given at Yannes' opera house this evening by the young ladies of town. The committee in charge consists of Misses Mabel Deban, Mary Dougherty, Nellie Rowlands, Bella Brennan and Josephine Brennan. DePierro's orchestra will furnish the music.

Thomas J. Wittaker, of Hazleton, through his attorneys, Frank Needham and J. M. Garman, has entered against the Delaware, Susquehanna and Schuylkill Railroad Company and the Lehigh Traction Company. He claims \$25,000 damages for injuries received in the collision at Hazleton Junction a year ago.

Another School Board Meeting.

A special meeting of the borough school board was held on Saturday evening. All the members were present, except President McCarthy. Director Ferry was elected to preside. He asked the secretary to state the object of the meeting, as he was not aware of its purpose. The secretary stated that he had visited the schools and found them in a very crowded condition, so crowded, in fact, that it was almost impossible for the teachers to do effective work, especially in the primary grade. Also that the number of pupils in the Daniel Cox school alone is by far too many for the number of teachers.

After a discussion of the subject, Director Schaub offered, as the proper remedy of the matter, a motion to elect a female assistant primary teacher.

Applications were read from Miss Katie Winters and Miss Mary McGill.

Mr. Johnson here stated that at the time of the appointment of teachers he was led to believe that if the board would appoint another teacher at any time Miss Winters would be given preference.

Mr. Sweeney said he had never consented to anything like that at any time, but did not know whether others did or not.

Two ballots were taken, resulting as follows: For Miss Winters, Ferry, Johnson and Schaub. For Miss McGill, Timony and Sweeney.

The petition from the South Heberton residents was discussed, and from the views of some of the directors the petition does not seem to be genuine. No action was taken.

A petition from the teachers was read asking for the extension of the noon hour fifteen minutes. It was agreed to allow them to do so, provided they made up the time after 4 o'clock.

Mr. Schaub asked that another ballot be taken on the teacher. It resulted the same as the other two.

Directors Ferry and Schaub were instructed to have the water closets cleaned as cheaply as possible.

Miners on Strike Again.

The inside drivers and company men employed at the collieries of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company, in Yorktown, went out on strike Saturday morning.

According to the men's story their grievances are as follows: Saturday morning about 9:30 o'clock word was sent down No. 1 slope that the mine would be idle for an hour on account of a wait for empty cars from the breaker. The slope was idle twenty minutes, and the men were told they would be docked one hour. The drivers and company men immediately struck and marched in a body to No. 2 slope. Word was sent down to these men and they also struck.

A meeting of the strikers was held at Audenriol school house and a committee was appointed to wait on Superintendent Lathrop, in Wilkesbarre, today, to present the grievances.

A Saturday Evening Marriage.

George H. Thomas, of Washington street, and Miss Frances J. Davis, daughter of Councilman Thomas E. Davis, of Birvanton, were married on Saturday evening by Rev. J. T. Griffiths. Thomas Davis, of Cox Addition, was groomsmen, and Miss Alice J. Davis, a niece of the bride, was bridesmaid. The ceremony took place at the residence of the officiating clergyman, after which the young couple took possession of their handsomely furnished home on Washington street, where numerous friends from Minersville, Audenriol and Freeland and vicinity called during the evening to tender their congratulations.

Democratic Mass Meeting.

The Democrats of the lower end will hold a monster mass meeting at the Grand opera house on Saturday evening. All the county candidates and a number of eminent speakers from Wilkesbarre will address the audience. The local committees are working energetically to make this the largest political gathering ever held in town. All workmen are given a special invitation to attend. Subjects of particular interest to them are on the program.

Married Thursday Afternoon.

Richard Scott and Miss Maggie Jenkins, both of Freeland, were united in marriage Thursday afternoon in St. James' P. E. chapel, by Rev. Howells. Miss Gertrude Rudolph was bridesmaid, and George O'Hara, of Philadelphia, groomsmen. The bride is the esteemed daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Jenkins, of town. The groom was formerly of Philadelphia. The young couple will enjoy their honeymoon in that city.

The Suit of the Wilkesbarre Record

against the county to recover \$176.66 for printing the sheriff's proclamation for February election last, has been decided against the paper. Judge Bennett held there is no law requiring the proclamation to be published for February elections.

Peter Timony has begun boring for water on his lots on Adams street, near the Lehigh Valley Railroad tracks. The Shepton firm, which sank the well for the Electric Light Company, is doing the work. Mr. Timony expects to find a strong flow of water at this point.

PRISONERS ESCAPED.

Three Pickpockets Broke Away From Warden Boland Friday Afternoon.

Harry Evans, Lawrence Sullivan and Daniel Sullivan, three alleged pickpockets, made a successful break for liberty while being escorted to the county jail by Warden Boland Friday afternoon, after ingratiating themselves with the warden so cleverly that he was quite thrown off his guard. He made a prompt chase, but the three prisoners could not be overtaken. The men are well-dressed, smooth-tongued fellows. They were arrested during the firemen's convention on the charge of picking pockets.

Friday morning they were taken down from jail for a habeas corpus hearing before Judge Bennett. At its conclusion the court recommitted them in default of bail on two charges of picking pockets.

They had won the confidence of Warden Boland, who readily granted their request to walk back to jail in preference to riding. Lawrence Sullivan and Evans, handcuffed together, walked ahead. The trustful warden and Daniel Sullivan followed. The latter was not handcuffed.

Near the jail, at a point where a railroad runs to several mills and lumber yards, Evans and Sullivan managed to slip the handcuffs which bound them and started to run in opposite directions. Boland set out in pursuit of Evans, who, however, rapidly outstripped him. Boland, as soon as he saw Evans was out-running him, stopped and fired five shots at the fleeing man. None of them took effect, although a spot or two of blood seen on the rail shows that Evans had either been grazed by a bullet or cut by the handcuffs. Evans ran all the faster for the shooting, and soon was out of sight.

Lawrence Sullivan, in the meantime, had been pursued by a number of men and they were closing in on him when he espied a bicycle standing against the curb. He jumped on it just as his pursuers were upon him and managed to elude them and sped rapidly away.

In the general excitement no one thought of Daniel Sullivan, and he eventually walked quietly away. None of the men have as yet been arrested, although Boland has offered \$100 reward and all the police and constables in the city are on the watch.

Ed Gaffney Won the Watch.

The batting and fielding averages of the Mauch Chunk ball club for the past season have been compiled. As the club was almost entirely composed of Freeland boys, their friends can here see their relative positions. The figures represent the percentage:

Fielding—Culver, 975; McFadden, 946; Bradigan, 917; Boner, 894; Broderick, 878; Gillespie, 875; Connors, 864; Early, 833; Gaffney, 820; Lehman, 818; Cleary, 816; Luckey, 782; Groux, 750.

Batting—Gaffney, 379; Early, 350; Cleary, 333; Broderick, 328; Luckey, 309; Culver, 292; McFadden, 260; Gillespie, 246; Boner, 243; Lehman, 228; Groux, 217; Connors, 200; Bradigan, 105.

The gold watch offered to the player making the best batting average is won by Captain Ed Gaffney, of town. The prize will be forwarded to Holy Cross College, Worcester, Mass., where the young man is a student.

School Directors' Association.

The tenth annual meeting of the Luzerne County School Directors' Association will be held in the court room, Wilkesbarre, Wednesday, October 27. Gais L. Halsey, Esq., White Haven, is president, and W. I. Hibbs, Esq., West Pittston, is secretary. Following is the program:

Opening address by the president. "What Can Directors Do to Improve the Schools?" W. I. Hibbs, West Pittston.

"Economy in the Purchase of School Apparatus," D. J. McCarthy, Freeland. "Recent School Legislation," J. A. Opp, Plymouth.

Address by Dr. Nathan C. Schaeffer, superintendent of public instruction. Discussion of subjects presented. Election of delegates to state convention. Election of officers.

Foster Township High School.

The high school of Foster township, which the directors decided upon a few weeks ago, has been established at Woodside, with the following course of instruction:

Languages—English literature, orthography, English grammar and composition. Mathematics—Arithmetic, written and mental; algebra and plane geometry. Natural Sciences—Geography, physical, political and mathematical; civil government and general history. Arts—Drawing and penmanship.

All persons wishing to attend the high school should notify Superintendent J. B. Gabrio not later than October 23.

Great Music Offer.

Send us the names and addresses of three or more performers on the piano or organ, together with 10 cents in silver or postage, and we will mail you ten pieces full sheet music, consisting of popular songs, waltzes, marches, etc., arranged for the piano and organ. Address Popular Music Pub. Co., Indianapolis, Ind.

Don't Neglect Your Clothing.

Leave your measure for one of Hart's neat and stylish overcoats. He has stacks of cloth from which you can select. Winter suits and trousers made-to-measure cheaper than ever.

To Cure Constipation Forever.

Take Cascarets Candy Cathartic, 10c or 25c. If C. C. C. fail to cure, druggists refund money.

Arrested on a Serious Charge.

John McGlynn, Jr., Andrew Sweeney and two unknown tramps were taken to Wilkesbarre on Saturday morning by High Constable Mollick and Lehigh Valley Detective Brundage, to await trial on the charge of breaking into a Lehigh Valley freight car and stealing kegs of beer from the same. The accused were arrested on Friday morning, with George Farrell and William Gillespie, while drinking the beer at McGlynn's ranch, corner of Carbon and Adams street. All six were given a hearing before Squire Shovlin, who placed each of them under \$1,000 bail. Security was furnished for Gillespie and Farrell, and the others were lodged in the county jail.

Lattimer Massacre Again.

The national government may have to bring the Lattimer massacre of September 10 last to the attention of congress in December, because of the fact that foreigners were killed in it, and congress may have to appropriate an indemnity fund to satisfy the demands of foreign governments. The Austrians are the first in the field and have the largest number of cases, which they have submitted to the state department.

Sheriff Martin on Friday received a letter from Governor Hastings containing the copy of a letter from Secretary of State Sherman requesting a statement regarding the shooting and the incidents leading up to the conflict. Sheriff Martin at once began work upon a statement of his side of the case.

The sheriff will transmit it to Governor Hastings, and it will then be forwarded to Secretary Sherman. Of the Austrian subjects, ten were killed and twenty-three wounded by the sheriff and his deputies.

Upon the reply of the governor to Secretary Sherman will depend the action to be taken by the administration. If he justifies the murder of the miners as a lawful exercise of power, the state department will make a similar reply to the Austrian minister.

On the other hand, if the governor makes admissions which tend to confirm the contention of the Austrian government, the administration will lay the matter before congress for such action as it has taken in other cases where foreign subjects have been killed unlawfully in this country.

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HAD HIS GUN IN POSITION

but now he is altogether changed, so much that any one having known him before would not now recognize him at all.

"Trusting this explanation will gratify your curiosity, I remain, very respectfully, A. C. Quigley, Assistant P. M."

The second letter from the assistant postmaster gave additional proof of the truthfulness of the story. It was:

"O. W. McIntire, M. D., Howard, Pa.—Dear Doctor: I have since learned more concerning the matter you wrote about. Decker has finally admitted that part of the matter said of him is true in respect to making the threat and getting his gun and going into the orchard and pointing to the heavens. He says when he

felt a feeling came over him that would be impossible to describe. The muscles of his body seemed to be paralyzed. He could not change his position. He tried to call for some one to help him, but could not make a sound.

"There was but one person at the house, that being a small boy, who, noticing his position, went toward him, but could not get within at least 100 feet of him. In regard to any one trying to build a shed over him, he says that no attempt was made. He was in the position

"You can give this publicity in your paper, Doctor, as it will be an accommodation to us. Our mail is literally overrun with inquiries. Very truly yours, "A. C. Quigley, Assistant P. M."

The First Thanksgiving Dinner.

The first Thanksgiving dinner was celebrated in this country 276 years ago, at Plymouth, Mass. The whole American army was present—it numbered twenty men. Miles Standish, the backward lover of Priscilla, sat at the feast, while Priscilla served at the tables. The story will appear in the November issue of the Ladies' Home Journal. Here Indians and whites sat down together by the tables set in the woods, and enjoyed the roast turkey, brooches, clam chowder, fish, salad, cakes, fruit and other delicacies provided. It was at this historic dinner that the first oysters were served. The illustrations of the article show portraits of the Pilgrim fathers.

Everybody Says So. Cascarets Candy Cathartic, the most wonderful medical discovery of the age, pleasant and refreshing to the taste, act gently and positively on kidneys, liver and bowels, cleansing the entire system, dispel colds, cure headache, fever, habitual constipation and biliousness. Please buy and try a box of C. C. C. today, 10, 25, 50 cents. Sold and guaranteed to cure by all druggists.

A pretty line of fall dress goods can be seen at Oswald's. Latest patterns and lowest prices.

PLEASURE CALENDAR.

November 22.—Ball of St. Stanislaus Society at Yannes' opera house. Admission, 25 cents.

November 24.—Seventh annual ball of Jeddo Progressive Club at Yannes' opera house. Admission, 50 cents.

THREATS AGAINST GOD.

ANGRY FARMER TOOK OUT HIS GUN TO KILL HIS CREATOR.

Raised the Weapon Heavenward and Immediately Was Stricken With Paralysis—Rooted to His Field For Two Nights and a Day—A Terrible Warning.

From the York (Pa.) Age.
Some time since we published in the Age an account of a man at Instanter, Elk county, who, because his crops were being ruined by incessant rains, threatened to shoot the Almighty, and going out into one of his fields raised his gun and pointed it to the heavens, when he was stricken by some mysterious power and was unable to move from his position. The story was generally discredited, but according to the Gazette, of Bellefonte, there is some truth in it. The Gazette on Friday stated that Dr. McIntire, of Howard, in order to find out what there really was in the story, wrote to the postmaster at Instanter, Pa., and in reply received two letters. The first received was as follows:

"O. W. McIntire, M. D., Howard, Pa.—Dear Sir: I will say in reply to your letter, inquiring as to the truth of the several different reports running through the newspapers of our section of the state concerning a

FARMER BEING TURNED TO STONE, that a man by the name of Decker, living near here, is reported to have had an experience of that kind, but was in town yesterday, looking very pale and scarcely able to walk. He denied the allegation, but there are different people here who positively claim to have seen him when he was in the position as reported by the papers. These people say that on account of some mysterious influence they were unable to get close enough to make identification complete