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J. C. BERNER'S ANNOUNCEMENT of HOLIDAY GOODS.

Toy Books, 5c, 10c, 15c, 25c to 75c.
Dolls, 5c to \$1.
Fancy Baskets, 10c to 25c.
China, the loveliest assortment you ever saw—barrels full of it.
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Carpets and Oil Cloths.
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Boys' Suits, a few left, only 75c.
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Men's and Boys' Shirts.
Tinware and Glassware.
A Thousand and One Other Things.
Fresh Eggs, 25c a dozen.
Butter, 10 lb tubs, 25c a pound. It is sweet and good property.
Cheese and Lard, only the best grades.
Flour, Feed, Hay, Straw, etc.

Have you seen the Silverware we are giving away with baking powder? It's guaranteed for ten years. Everybody is talking about it. Step Ladders and Clothes Horses also given away free.

Our store is full of goods. Customers crowd it all day long. We are as busy as bees making people happy. Little money is needed when you buy here.

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YOURS TRULY,

J. C. BERNER.

SESSION OF THE COUNCIL.

REPORT OF THE BUSINESS TRANSACTED MONDAY EVENING.

Question of Paying for Pipes in Alley Sewer Was Laid Over—Some Talk of Buying a Steamer—Patrick Welsh Re-elected Chief of the Fire Department.

The members of the borough council met in regular monthly session on Monday evening. All the members were present except Mr. Davis.

The minutes of the last regular meeting and one special meeting were read and approved except the portion in the special meeting relative to the paying for the pipes which were placed in the eight-inch sewer on the alley between Centre and Ridge streets, north from Luzerne street. It was allowed to stand until some future time.

The following bills were read and ordered paid: Upper Lehigh Supply Co., fuse, \$2; Freeland Lumber Co., lumber, \$5.82; J. A. Hutchesin & Co., pipes, \$29.25; Joseph Birkbeck, tapping pipe, \$1.25; Electric Light Co., street lights, \$241.66; James Ward, salary as health officer, \$30; Wm. Welsh, drying hose, \$2; Wm. Williamson, hammers, \$1.45; Wm. Birkbeck, lantern, \$1; Hugh Boyle, janitor and feeding prisoners, \$29.25; John Molk, burying animals, \$4.

An ordinance was presented by the Freeland Gas Company and read, asking council to grant them the right of way through the borough. It was referred to a committee consisting of Messrs. Miller, Mulhearn and Zemany, with instructions to consult the borough solicitor and report at the next meeting.

H. B. Doudt, Stanley Novak and John Walitzky were exonerated from dog tax, having made oath that they did not own any dogs.

A communication was read from the Rex Chemical Fire Engine Co., of New York, offering to sell council one of their double-cylinder fire extinguishers.

After the reading of the communication, together with a number of testimonials, the matter was left in the hands of council and the directors of the Citizens' Hose Co., and to be discussed at the next meeting of the firemen.

Burgess Gallagher's report was read as follows: Receipts, \$76.50; fees and commissions, \$31.80; due borough, \$44.70. The following were the amounts re-

turned for police duty: John Murrin, \$0; Patrick McLaughlin, \$15.95; James P. McNellis, \$9.25; James Kennedy, \$1.25; Bernard McFadden, \$8; John Molk, \$9; Patrick Welsh, \$5.25; Stanley Novak, \$11; D. J. Boyle, \$2; total, \$70.70. The report was approved.

Street Commissioner Boyle presented his monthly report of expenses for November, as follows: Street labor, \$55.36; sewer \$113.30; total, \$168.66. The report was ordered paid.

The street commissioner was instructed to lay a crossing at Centre and Carbon streets, provided the weather is favorable.

Nothing was done regarding the disposition of the money received from the state treasurer and it went over to the next meeting.

The question of paying for the pipes in alley sewer was taken up, but no action tending to pay for the pipes was taken. It was decided, however, that if the parties whose properties are connected with the sewer wish to have it placed on the borough as a public sewer to make arrangements with Mr. Meahan, and give the borough a release for the same.

Patrick Welsh was re-elected by acclamation as chief of the fire department. The chief is chosen by council and the directors of the Citizens' Hose Company.

After the Coal Corporations.

The school board of Pittston city at its last meeting adopted the following resolution to take steps to have the wealthy coal corporations pay as much tax, proportionately, for their coal lands as the average property owner has to pay. The coal corporations have stood in with the assessors there for years and thus paid only about one-eighth the amount of tax for their valuable coal lands than what the average property owner had to pay for invaluable surface land.

Resolved, That the school board of the city of Pittston shall use all efforts to assist the various ward assessors in Pittston to make their triennial assessment and request the said ward assessors to meet with the city engineer and the city assessors for the purpose of obtaining such information and data showing the number of acres of coal and surface lands in the city and such other information that will enable them to make a fair and equitable assessment for the next three years; and secondly, for the purpose of fixing a uniform value upon coal and mineral lands in the city.

OATHS OF OFFICE TAKEN.

District Attorney Martin and Clerk of Courts Koons Have Qualified.

District Attorney-elect T. R. Martin on Monday morning took the oath of office in common pleas court, Judge Woodward presiding. Mr. Martin was asked if he had named his assistants and he replied that he was still undecided, but intimated he would give the names on Tuesday, which he did. His assistants will be Rush Trescott, Esq., of Wilkesbarre, Democratic county chairman, and Martin J. Muhlhal, Esq., of Hazleton.

His appointments give satisfaction to all who have business to transact in the district attorney's office as both men are capable and can fill the position, and from a party standpoint no better choice could have been made.

It has been known for some time that Clarence B. Johnson, of Wilkesbarre, is first in the race for county detective, and his appointment will be duly announced. Mr. Johnson is well known to many in the lower end through his connection with the Junior Mechanics. He has all the qualifications required to make a good county detective.

W. B. Koons, of Wilkesbarre, took the oath of office yesterday as clerk of the courts, and then announced his principal appointments, as follows: Deputy, Thomas W. Haines, Wilkesbarre; chief clerk, Reese Lloyd, Freeland. Two other appointments, with salaries of \$2.50 per day, are yet to be made. The salary of Mr. Haines will be \$1,800 per year and that of Mr. Lloyd will be \$1,200 per year.

All Roads Lead to Hart's.

The crowds of clothing buyers in town increases daily. The news of Hart's great bona fide closing sale is becoming known throughout the villages and hamlets for miles around, and customers are pouring in by trolley, by train, by every other means of conveyance and by foot. They take home with them a bountiful supply of clothing for a small outlay of cash, and then tell their neighbors of the great sale in Freeland. Prices never before in this town were more in keeping with the limits of your pocketbook than they are today at Hart's. Expert judges of clothing, hats, gents' furnishings, etc., are surprised at the figures Mr. Hart has placed upon his goods. Call before it is too late and secure for yourself some of the big bargains at his store. This sale will not last forever, and when it is over another such opportunity may not come for several years. Do not put off your visit. Call today or tonight.

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Educate Your Bowels With Cascares. Candy Cathartic, cure constipation forever. 10c. If C. C. C. fail, druggists refund money.

Do you want to sell furniture? Consult Neil Ward, purchas'g agt., Ward's gallery.

PLEASURE CALENDAR.
December 16-30.—Fair of the Citizens' Hose Company at Yannes' opera house.
December 28.—Banquet and social under the auspices of Young Ladies of St. Ann's Parish at Grand opera house.
December 31.—Ninth annual ball of the Tigers Athletic Club at Yannes' opera house. Admission, 50 cents.

Watch the date on your paper.

MISCELLANEOUS ADVERTISEMENTS.
NOTICE.—All taxpayers and real estate owners of Freeland borough are hereby notified that taxes for the current year are due and should be paid without delay. All tax accounts not settled by December 30 will be returned to the county commissioners and 5 per cent additional will be added to the amount. A. A. Bachman, tax collector.

Firemen Prefer a Steamer.

At a meeting of the Citizens' Hose Company last night R. E. Meyers and A. H. Blackley explained the merits of the Rex fire extinguisher, which was talked of before council at its last meeting. After discussing the question for some time the conclusion was reached that a chemical engine is not what is needed, and the directors were instructed to so notify council. They were also instructed to urge upon council the necessity of purchasing a steamer, claiming that this is the most important machine now needed in the line of fire equipment. Without an engine it is not possible to fight a fire on the Hill with any assurance of success.

The firemen are working night and day to make their fair, which opens next Thursday evening, a very successful event. They are being aided nobly by the business people of town.

Temporary Suspension at Sandy Run.
Owing to the dullness in the coal trade, caused by the inability of people to purchase anthracite at the exorbitant figures asked for it by the trust, the collieries and strippings of M. S. Kemmerer & Co. at Sandy Run were shut down for the week on Tuesday evening, and it was rumored operations would be suspended until April 1. The latter report, however, was not entirely true, as many of the employees have been ordered to resume work next Monday.

Sandy Run coal is counted equal to any in the Lehigh region for all purposes, but the company is finding difficulty in making sales, and unless the business improves a shut-down of the works may take place.

Suing for His Son's Death.

From the Wilkesbarre Leader.
Camilo Caparelli has begun suit against A. S. Van Winkle for \$15,000 damages. The plaintiff alleges that his son, aged 7 years, while playing twenty yards from his home in Minesville was killed by a blast fired by defendant's employes. A piece of rock weighing seven pounds flying from the blast struck the boy, severed his right arm, broke his neck and tore open his side, killing him instantly. The plaintiff further alleges that no warning was given of the contemplated firing of the blast. James E. Dwyer and Frank P. Slattery are attorneys for plaintiff.

Patents Granted.

Reported by C. A. Snow & Co., Washington, D. C.
H. R. Collins, South Bethlehem, vehicle-wheel.
F. W. Coolbaugh, Easton, fulcrum for brake-beams.
G. W. Dowe, Carbona'de, machine for driving tie plates.
E. A. Hirner, Allentown, stocking-cutter.
O. F. Leibert, Bethlehem, apparatus for washing gas.
T. B. Moffat, Pittston, bicycle chime-bell.
M. R. Schaffer, Slatington, bottle.

Amateurs Threaten to Come Here.

A meeting of Taylor's Minstrels will be held in Wagner's hall tonight when arrangements will probably be made for exhibitions in Freeland, Weatherly and Mauch Chunk.—*Plain Speaker.*
Freeland has troubles enough of its own, and the next set of amateurs who invade this town may not escape so easily as their predecessors. Cancel Freeland and try Hazleton.

Libel Suit Withdrawn.

The libel suit instituted by Rev. Carl Houser, pastor of St. Peter and Paul's Slavonian Lutheran Evangelical church, Freeland, against Franc A. Toth, editor of the Slavonian News, Hazleton, has been withdrawn. In the last issue of the News Mr. Toth apologized for the words printed and made a formal retraction. This has been accepted by Rev. Houser.

Arm Broken by a Fall.

Mrs. Patrick Duffy, of Upper Lehigh, fell on Ridge street yesterday morning while on her way to attend 9 o'clock services at St. Ann's church. She was taken to the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Patrick McLaughlin, where Dr. Thompson found that her right arm was broken. After the fracture was reduced Mrs. Duffy was taken to her home.

Mine Accidents.

James Gallagher, of Drifton, was hurt in No. 1 colliery on Tuesday by a fall of coal. He was cut about the back and body and three ribs were fractured.

In same mine on Monday, Patrick McNellis, of Birvanton, had his right foot crushed by a mass of coal falling on it.

CHURCH CHIMES.

Captain Branston, of Delaware, N. J., will preach on Sunday morning next at 10.30 o'clock in St. Paul's P. M. church, also the same evening at 7 o'clock. Evening services will be held each night next week by the captain, commencing at 7.30 o'clock. Rev. S. Cooper, the pastor, invites all to attend.

At St. John's Reformed church next Sunday German services will be held at 10.30 a. m. and English services at 7 p. m. Rev. J. B. Kerschner, pastor.

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.

A. Oswald visited relatives in Lehigh county this week.

Next Wednesday will close the rabbit hunting season of 1897 in this state.

Dairyman Robert Mellon placed a new delivery wagon on the road yesterday.

"Out of Sight" will be given at the opera house this evening by John J. Magee and company.

Jesse Fairchild, of Pond Creek, has been granted a pension for disabilities received in the war of rebellion.

Saturday will be pay day for Lehigh Valley Railroad employes on all points between Weatherly, Freeland and Tomhicken.

Assessor John F. Gallagher is busily engaged these days in figuring up the valuations of the real estate in the borough.

Ely Crawford, who recently resigned as editor of the Freeland Press, has accepted a position as traveling salesman for the Freeland Overall Company.

The Lester & Williams Company failed to reach town on Monday, consequently their engagement at the opera house for that and the following evenings was not fulfilled.

The will of the late James McClellan, of Freeland, was probated at Wilkesbarre on Tuesday. He leaves all his property to his wife and she is named as executrix.

John R. Wagner has been made superintendent of the shops of the Coxo Iron Manufacturing Company at Drifton, which position he will fill in addition to his other duties.

A small white shield-shaped badge, hanging from a blue ribbon and containing an advertisement of the Tigers ball on New Year's Eve, has appeared on the coat lapels of many people.

An unknown hunter shot at a rabbit near the Lumber Yard yesterday. The load struck John Gray, of Hazleton, a Lehigh Valley switchman, in the face and inflicted painful wounds.

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

Interest in the six-days bicycle race in New York city is intense among the cyclists of this vicinity. Joe Rice, the plucky Wilkesbarre boy, is the favorite here and is looked upon as the probable winner.

A. M. McNulty was taken to Wilkesbarre jail this morning, having been committed last night by Burgess Gallagher on the charge of stealing clothes from the line of James Sellwell, corner of Centre and Luzerne streets.

John Mysinskie, a prisoner sent from this county to the Philadelphia penitentiary last November, has become insane and the county authorities have been notified. He was serving a five-years sentence for attempting to murder a man at Plymouth in 1895.

Fred Kelley, who has spent many years in the oil regions, has been drilling wells and probing for coal in Butler Valley and has found oil, which he thinks will be struck in paying quantities at a depth of 1,200 feet. The farmers in the locality are jubilant over the prospects.

The silk mill and overall factory are working considerable overtime. That both industries are well-managed concerns is shown by the constantly increasing trade they enjoy. Slack time has been unknown in these establishments since their wheels began to turn.

After the adjournment of council on Monday evening the members accepted an invitation from Frank Eberett, proprietor of the Freeland House, to attend a supper which he had prepared for them. The members did justice to the spread and an interesting time was had until a late hour.

Lewis H. Lentz, the well-known contractor, went to Hazleton hospital yesterday to have his thumb treated. A few days ago he fell on the ice and his thumb turned under him, doing considerable injury to the members. It is probable that the thumb will have to be amputated.

Rev. E. W. Fitzmaurice, assistant priest at St. Gabriel's church, Hazleton, has been appointed by Bishops O'Hara and Hoban as rector of the congregation at Plains to succeed Rev. E. S. Phillips, appointed rector at Hazleton. Father Fitzmaurice is the senior priest of the diocese of Scranton, being ordained at Philadelphia in 1853.

Ex-Congressman E. S. Osborne's home at Wilkesbarre was sold by the sheriff last week. Since his retirement from political life the general has met many reverses and today he is a financial and physical wreck. Many whom he helped to place in power refused to assist his son in procuring an appointment at Washington, and this was a severe disappointment to him.

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