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FREELAND'S BUSINESS HOUSES.

On the first page of the TRIBUNE today will be found the first instalment of a selected list of the leading business houses of town.

RAILROAD TIMETABLES

LEHIGH VALLEY RAILROAD.

ARRANGEMENT OF PASSENGER TRAINS. LEAVE FREELAND.

6:05, 8:45, 9:55 a. m. 1:40, 2:34, 3:15, 5:25, 7:07 p. m. For Drifton, Jeddo, Foundry, Hazle Brook and Lumber Yard.

SUNDAY TRAINS.

8:38, 10:51 a. m. for Sandy Run, White Haven and Wilkesbarre.

ARRIVE AT FREELAND.

5:50, 7:28, 9:20, 10:51, 11:54 a. m. 12:58, 2:30, 3:51, 6:22 and 6:01 p. m.

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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.

A number of extra copies of the TRIBUNE are being sent out today. St. Ann's parochial schools will close on the 24th inst. and reopen on January 3.

Harry Beisel, of Hazleton, and Miss Lizzie Williams, of Drifton, will wed in the near future.

Joseph A. Fenner was appointed postmaster yesterday at Weissport, Carbon county, by the president.

Tax Collector A. A. Bachman removed today to his new residence at the corner of North and Centre streets.

The assistant assessors of town are in Wilkesbarre today making their returns to the county commissioners.

Washburn's Minstrels gave a good performance before a large audience at the Grand on Tuesday evening.

Deputy Prothonotary Sahu yesterday completed his twenty-fourth year as a clerk in the prothonotary's office.

Attorney John M. Carr and Peter Timony left this morning to attend the funeral of John Moore at Plymouth.

Mike Plagchak, of Drifton, had the first joint of the middle finger on his left hand taken off yesterday by a piece of iron at Drifton shops.

Weatherly has the biggest postoffice fight in its history on at the present time, and the contestants are threatening each other with arrest.

High Constable John Mollik and Andrew Polka spent the forepart of the week at Milmay, N. J., where they each purchased two building lots.

Rev. J. H. Schmidt and Rev. J. J. Kuntz represented Freeland on Monday at the meeting of the Lutheran Pastoral Association at Mauch Chunk.

The story published that Joe Rice, of the Wilkesbarre bicycle racer, is to be married to Miss May Flynn, of that city, is denied by the young lady's mother.

L. D. Honeywell, of Dallas, has been appointed mercantile appraiser by the county commissioners for the coming year. There were several applicants for the position.

County Detective Eckert is trying to interest capitalists in a project to establish sugar beet works in Wilkesbarre. Eckert is said to be a past master in the art of beating.

A route has been surveyed by the Seuykhill Traction Company from Mahanoy City to Shepton and Onedia, and it is stated the trolley line will be extended to the latter towns next spring.

Ik Pell was instantly killed Monday afternoon while walking on the railroad track near Beaver Meadow. A Lehigh Valley passenger train struck him. His head was crushed into a shapeless mass.

Captain Branston is attracting large numbers to St. Paul's P. M. church every evening. Do not fail to hear him on Sunday at 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m., also each evening next week at 7:30 o'clock.

Sub-division 6, of the United Mine Workers, comprising all the United Mine Workers' organizations in the Lehigh district, has donated \$200 to the Harwood widows whose husbands were killed at Lattimer.

Four of the thirty-nine strikers shot at Lattimer by Sheriff Martin's deputies last September are still in Hazleton hospital. It is not likely that any of these will be able to attend the trial, which is set down for January.

Mrs. Rose Boyle died on Monday at the home of her husband, Hon. P. F. Boyle, in Hazleton, aged 46 years. She had many friends and relatives on the North Side. Besides her husband she is survived by three sons and four daughters.

Several saloon-keepers in town are silently debating whether it is worth applying for license in 1898. Business has not been very good this year, and the extra levy of \$50, making the county license cost \$200, acts as a damper on future prospects.

The Pittsburg Trust Company, having been appointed receiver of the Natalie Anthracite Coal Company, has filed a bond for \$100,000 and takes possession of the company's affairs. The company owns considerable coal works near Mt. Carmel, but has been in debt for some time.

The committee of council to which the Gas Company's ordinance was referred at the last meeting of the borough lawmakers met on Tuesday evening in Solicitor Carr's office and agreed to add several important provisions before the company's request for the right of way is granted.

Mary Plummer and Grace Rymock, two young girls, made a daring escape from the Wilkesbarre lock-up Tuesday night. They were charged with disorderly conduct and were lodged in a room upstairs. They cut a pane of glass out of a window and leaped from the second story to the ground below, making their escape.

The streets of Freeland were in a horrible condition lately. It was mud everywhere. But Freeland was not the only town suffering from mud. By actual count the newspapers of twenty-two boroughs in Luzerne, Carbon and Schuylkill counties had mud articles within the past week and nineteen editors swear their town has the worst streets in the state.

Rabbit Season Over.

The rabbit season ended yesterday. The heavy rains of the past few days disappointed many hunters who had expected to have one good day's hunt before the season closed. The Freeland men, however, have no reason to complain. They have had one of the best seasons for some years and the stock of game brought home on the average tour was quite large. The hunters are also well pleased with the fact that no serious accidents occurred in the woods. There were many narrow escapes, but the sportsmen managed to avoid harming one another by reckless shooting.

One of the mishaps of the season occurred yesterday in Sandy valley. The large creek in the swamp near Pond Creek was swollen by the rains, and in crossing the stream after a rabbit, Julius Dushack, of town, slipped from the log which serves as a bridge and fell into the water. Burdened with a dozen or more rabbits and a heavy suit of hunting clothes and boots, the young man was swept along by the rushing waters and for awhile it looked as if he would be drowned. With a desperate effort he finally regained his footing and waded out of the creek thoroughly soaked. Julius was around again last night and appeared none the worse after his chilling bath.

Police May Have Fees. Judge Schuyler, presiding specially in Luzerne common pleas court, handed down an important decision on Tuesday. The decision was based on an act prohibiting policemen of this state from charging, accepting any fee, or other compensation in addition to their salary, except as public rewards and mileage for traveling expenses.

Under the act County Controller Lloyd refused to pay any witness fee to policemen during attendance at court, served subpoenas, etc., and in order to test the law Policeman John W. Jones, of Wilkesbarre, brought a suit against the controller to compel him to pay.

Judge Schuyler decides that a policeman, while acting as a witness, does so, not in his official capacity, but as a private citizen, and is therefore entitled to witness fees and compensation for other duties apart from his regular work as policeman. Judge Schuyler also finds that policemen are not entitled to pay for serving mayor's subpoenas or taking prisoners to the county jail.

Resented a Reprimand. Samuel Phillips, of Luzerne, is in danger of death from a fractured skull, caused by a stone thrown, it is alleged, by a Jack Eagan Monday night. Mr. Phillips' son had some trouble with Eagan and Mr. Phillips met Eagan and was reprimanding him for his conduct, when, it is alleged, Eagan became very angry and picking up a stone, hurled it at Phillips. It struck him on the side of the head and he fell to the ground unconscious. Eagan is about 20 years old. Mr. Phillips is about 45 years old and is a fire boss at Payne & Co.'s East Boston mine. His condition is serious.

Big Cave-In Causes Alarm. Early Monday morning the residents of Scotch Hill, Kingston township, were alarmed by the sudden setting of a large acre of ground, occasioned by a cave-in in the abandoned workings of Payne & Co.'s East Boston mine. The school house and several other properties are affected and the ground for a distance of 400 feet out in the open field is cracked. The foundation of the school house settled three inches and some of the buildings settled six inches. The buildings groaned and cracked and there was very little sleep in the community. The settling continued Tuesday and in some places the ground has settled a foot. Although considerable fear is manifested among the inhabitants, it is not believed that any serious accident will occur.

Kind Words for a Freeland Man. From Mahanoy City Black Diamond. For several years we have had considerable fun with Superintendent William Powell, of Buck Mountain. Powell is one of those big, good-natured fellows whose generosity has often placed him in positions that less jovial but more cunning men would avoid. During his superintendency of the Buck Mountain workings Mr. Powell has made hundreds of men and boys feel warm friendship for him, and his retirement from the works and the village, next Wednesday, will be regretted by none more than Black Diamond. We wish our old friend "Bill" Powell a big share of the good things of life hereafter Dame Fortune calls him.

Removed to McAdoo. A. M. Worley has opened an establishment in McAdoo, where he will manufacture and repair harness and conduct a saddlery in all its branches. Mr. Worley has worked at the business over twenty years, and during the greater portion of this time he was foreman of Wise's shops. Mr. Worley removed his family today to McAdoo, and henceforth will be one of that burg's solid business men.

Wholly Complimentary. Miss Acidrop—I've been looking for you. Mr. Smith. I understand that you told Mr. Gander that I was the most washful woman you knew. What do you mean, sir?

Smith—My dear lady, I was only alluding to your waist.—Aly Sloper.

Easy to Find Out. "I often wonder what she thinks of me," said the young married man. "It is easy to find out," said the elderly married man. "Just sit down on her hat, and she will tell you what she thinks of you in less than a minute."—Tit-Bits.

Picking the Winner. Popleigh—You remember Kitty Brashington, whom Judkins and I were courting when you left for Europe? Well, old fellow, I was the lucky man.

Mopleigh—Congratulate you, old boy. When were they married?—Up-to-Date.

A Family Scene. Grandpa—Don't get scared, Willie; the tiger is about to be fed; that's what makes him jump up and roar so.

Willie (grandpa)—Oh, t ain't afraid of him, grandpa; papa's the same way when his meals ain't ready.—Tit-Bits.

William Gallagher, of Washington street, has accepted a position with the Freeland Steam Laundry.

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

Firemen's Fair Tonight.

At Yannes' opera house the fair of the Citizens' Hose Company will be opened this evening. For several days past the firemen have been arranging the numerous articles, and the result of their work has transformed the spacious hall into a bower of beauty. Many valuable and handsome articles, both ornamental and useful, are ready to be exhibited. The people of town have responded with good will and cheerfulness to the request of the solicitors, and the donations have surpassed all expectations.

Visitors to the fair on the opening night will be entertained by St. Patrick's cornet band. On Friday evening the Keystone Company, of McAdoo, will be present and enliven the hall with their presence. On Saturday evening the Mayberry band will supply the music and the Hazleton East End Company will attend in a body.

During each night of the fair, from this evening to the 30th inst., a special program will be arranged for the entertainment of those who attend. Visitors should not fail to cast their ballots, which will be given them at the ticket office, for the most popular lady school teacher. A beautiful diamond ring is the prize which will be presented to the lady who receives the largest number of votes. Already this contest has started a friendly rivalry among the admirers of several teachers.

Discord Reigns in Republican Ranks. From the Wilkesbarre Newsleader. Ex-Congressman Leisenring has reason to feel out of sorts at the lack of cordial support given his candidacy for governor by the Republican press of Luzerne. Not a single one of the Republican papers are booming or aiding his candidacy in the slightest degree. On the contrary in a mean underhanded way they are sandbagging him with other Luzerne men, and pointing out their availability and strength.

The Gazette of Pittston is even meaner yet than either the Times or Sentinel, as the editor of that sheet goes up into Susquehanna county and trots out that ancient antediluvian, Galusha Grow, in preference to sustaining a home candidate.

Certainly if Mr. Leisenring succeeds in his ambition he will be under no obligation to the party press of the county, for they have endeavored to injure and cripple him in every way possible.

Edison's Latest Achievement. Edison's Wonderful Invention. The result of eight years' constant labor. Monstrous ground to dust and the iron ore extracted by magnetism. The Patent Ship. An article by the inventor and constructor of "Lurline," a vessel that can make the speed of an express train. Making a Great Discovery by the most competent authority living. Lord Arthur, a character sketch and substance of a conversation with this eminent scientist on unsolved problems of science.

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BIG BLAZE AT DURVEA.

LIFE AND PROPERTY LOST IN A FIRE ON TUESDAY MORNING.

Over \$50,000 Worth of Damage Done in a Few Hours in the Little Borough Near Pittston—Moth Leots a Company Store—A Man Struck there.

The worst fire in the history of Durvea destroyed a large portion of the business part of the town at an early hour Tuesday morning, entailing a loss of \$50,000. William H. Law, of West-Pittston, perished in the flames while attempting to save the books in his office. A feature of the fire was the looting of the burning property by a mob.

The fire originated in Geary Dills' livery stable. In fifteen minutes after it was discovered the barn was a mass of flames. The horses were saved at great risk. In the same block was Dills' undertaking establishment, Fred Stuckey's barber shop and residence. This block, with all its contents, was quickly destroyed and the flames spread to Simpson & Watkins' company store, which was also consumed, together with its large stock. General Manager Allen, who lived over the store, lost all his furniture. The flames extended to the large barn in the rear, which was soon licked up with all its contents.

The flames next leaped across the street, the livery stable of James Connell first being ignited. With great difficulty the horses were rescued, but the building with all its equipment and contents was consumed. Next to the livery stable was a block of five houses, owned by Mr. Freeman, the Pittston wholesale liquor dealer. One house was occupied as a drug store by James Grisham, another by Thomas F. Brown as a residence and two were unoccupied. This block was burned to the ground.

It was after midnight when the flames caught Simpson & Watkins' store. The efforts of the volunteer firemen being directed to the front, the mob of onlookers attacked the rear of the building and beat down the door. They seized hams, dried meats, boxes of raisins and pieces of dry goods, and even rolled out barrels of flour. These were pushed down hill and taken off in the darkness. The deprivations were discovered, and an attempt was made to stop them, but the thieves took a fierce satisfaction in their work, for they hate the company store system. Those who attempted to stop them were roughly handled.

From the time the fire broke out at midnight until 2:30 a crowd of volunteers fought the flames with ordinary hose and all this time nobody ever thought of sending to Pittston for the fire department. The weak streams from the hose had little or no effect in checking the flames, and finally, when the bulk of the damage had been accomplished, somebody suggested sending for the Pittston engines. This suggestion was acted upon, and the word was dispatched to Pittston.

The department from that city arrived as promptly as possible, and it was not long after the force began to play on the burning buildings that the fire was under control.

Some time after the fire was extinguished the family of William H. Law, of West Pittston, notified the people around the smoldering ruins that Mr. Law had not returned to his hotel after the fire and they feared he was injured. A search was made and his body was found charred and black in the ruins of his office.

Mr. Law was the bookkeeper for the Babylon Coal Company, and his office was in a corner room adjoining Simpson & Watkins' store. He worked quite late Monday evening. It is quite certain that Law entered his office to save the pay roll and valuable books and papers which were in the safe, that it took him some time to open the safe door and that he was overcome by the heat and smoke. The body was found near the door of the safe. Mr. Law was 40 years old and is survived by a wife and five children. He was a prominent resident of West Pittston.

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