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BRIEF ITEMS OF NEWS.

PARAGRAPHS GATHERED FROM ALL PARTS OF THE REGION.

ynopsis of Local and Miscellaneous Oc-currences That Can Be Read Quickly. What the Folks of This and Other Towns are Doing.

On Tuesday Miss Mary Dougherty was resented with a fountain pen apils in the Daniel Coxe school.

A ball will be given at Buck Mountain hotel, Patrick Dougherty, proprietor, on Wednesday evening of next week. Edgar Mock, of Hazleton, an incorri-gible boy, was taken to the Philadelphia House of Refuge yesterday by Sheriff Martin.

Martin.

Freeland and Foster schools will close tomorrow. St. Ann's parochial schools closed on Tuesday. All will reopen on

January 3.

Every married man employed by A. S. VanWickle & Co. at Milnosville and Coleraine collieries received a turkey yesterday as a Christmas gift.

Nell P. Johnson, of Sandy Run, started this morning for Pittsburg, where he will spend a month or more visiting his son and daughter, Frank and Mary Ellen.

John Hudock, Joseph Prevoznich and

oner.—At Freeland, December 22, James Boner, aged 37 years. Funeral tomorrow at 2.30 o'clock. Interment at St. Ann's cemetery. Breslin.

December 23-30.—Fair of the Citizens, Hose Company at Vannes' opera house becamber 28.—Banquet and social under the auspices of Young Ladies of St. Ann's Parish at Grand opera house. Tickets, 35 cents, becember 31.—Ninth annual ball of the Tigers Athletic Club at Yannes' opera house. Admission, 50 cents,

A Gigantic Coal Deat.

The managers of the coal trust, backed by J. Pierpont Morgan, expect to increase their profits in 1898 by over \$40,000,000. They intend to dispense entirely with middle men, and will use sales agents, who will sell the product as may be desired. The profits so saved will be distributed monthly pro rata. The plan contemplates the abolition of the privileges of favorite towing companies, and the managers will control their own lighterage. As the railroadsmarket 40,000,000 tons at the seaboard cities annually, the sum of \$8,000,000 will be saved in this way alone.

middle-men or a total saving of \$1.11½ a ton on 40,000,000 tons marketed. It is said that the parties to this agreement are the Philadelphia and Reading Lehigh Valley, New Jersey Central, Del aware, Lackawanna and Western, Del aware and Hudson, Pennsylvania, New York, Lake Erie and Western, New York, Ontario and Western, and the Delaware Susquehanna and Schuylkill Railroads, and Stickney & Cunningham. Frederick A Potts & Co. and Pardee & Co., representing the individual opera-

John Hudock, Joseph Prevoznich and John Prevoznich were committed to jail at Wilkesbarre on Tuesday for the murder of Mathias Lazar, at Beaver Brook, on October 16.

The attendance at the firemen's fair continues increasing every evening. A special program is being arranged for Christmas. Music will be present all day and evening.

A ten-foot vein of coal has found on Schwabe's tract of land in South Heberton. It underlies the strippings which he is now working. Mr. Schwabe will sink a slope to get at this deposit.

Daniel Gildea, aged 19 years, a resident of Lansford, had his neck broken on Tuesday and died instantly. While riding on an engine he was caught between the water tank and the tender of the engine.

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A report is current that on the first of the year a prominent employe at Jeddo will be removed. While the report could not be confirmed positively, yet it is true. The change will be halded with delight by many throughout the region.—Standard.

Fifty Hungarians left Shamokin and Mt. Carmel on Monday to embark on an ocean liner for Austro-Hungary. They were fearful that the mines would not work steady during the winter, and haing accumulated some money will buy farms and remain in Europe.

Osman Rickert has succeeded Colonel D. P. Brown as superintendent of the Mahanoy division of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company. Mr. Rickert was formerly employed as mining engineer for J. S. Wentz & Co. in Hazle Brook and for Coxe Bros. & Co. in Eckley.

Rt. Rev. Ethelbert Talbot, who was elected last month as bishop of the Protestant Episcopal diocese of Central Pennsylvania, has sent his formal acceptance of the office to the archideaconry and he will take charge soon after the first of the year.

"Tracked by a Newspaper" had an andience less than the usual size last evening. This piece has been on the road but a short while and the actors are not yet familiar with their line. The story is said to be true, and the company is out for a week's rehears as before appearing in Pittsburg, the scene of the plot.

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At St. John's Reformed church, Rev. J. B. Kerschner, pastor, Christmas services will be held by the Sunday school on Christmas evening at 7.30 o'clock. German services on Sunday morning and English in the evening. The election of members for the consistory will take place in connection with those services. Christmas services in St. John's Reformed church, Eckley, will be held on Monday evening. December 27. All are invited to attend.

On Sunday at St. Paul's P. M. church Captain Branston will conduct special services at 10.30 a. m. and 7 p. m. Mr. Branston has aroused much interest dince coming here a few weeks ago, and

Last Night's Weddings

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Isaac Johnson, of Freeland, and Miss Nellie Wallace, of Hazleton, were married last evening at the bride's home. William Ashman, of town, was groomsman, and Miss Jessie Wallace, of Hazleton, was bridesmald. The young couple will begin housekeeping in a well-furnished residence on Johnson street. Both are well-known here, the groom having presided in town all his life and the bride also having been a resident during the time her father, Robert Wallace, conducted the Valley hotel. The wedding

time her father, Robert Wallace, conducted the Valley hotel. The wedding was attended by many Freeland people and many handsome presents were received.

Miss Lillian Heastend, formerly of Freeland, was married at the home of her parents in Hazleton last evening to Alfred R. Cunnius, of Wilkesbarre. Rev. J. B. Kerschuer, of town, officiated, and several other Freeland people attended.

Students Coming Home.

The holidays are bringing home many of the students, and among those who have already arrived are the following:
Thomas Birkbeck, Jr., Jefferson college, Philadel, hia.

Fred W. Koons, Wyoming seminary, Kingston.
Winfield and Stanley Oberrender, Wyoming seminary, Kingston.
Frank Kuntz, Pennsylvania university, Philadelphia.

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William and Peter R. O'Donnell and Patrick J. Gallagher, of town, and Frank O'Donnell, of Drifton, are home from Villanova college.

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where he was arrested and taken to the county jall.

Griner is about 45 years of age, and is an ex-member of the legislature. He was elected on the Republican ticket in 1895 to represent Wilkesbarre in the lower house. He is a man of ordinary education and possesses an ungovernable temper.

Pupils' Entertainment.

Before closing the school for the holidays, an entertainment was given by St. Ann's parochial school pupils on Tuesday afternoon, when the following program was rendered:

Essay, Miss Mary Hayes. Recitation, Master William Higgins. Selections, Mandolin Club. Select reading, Miss Mary B. Gallagher. Declamation, Master James Brislin. Essay, Miss Mary B. Gallagher. Declamation, Master James Brislin. Essay, Miss Mary B. Gelalagher. Declamation, Waster Higgins and Brislin; negative, Masters Higgins and Brislin; negative, Masters Johnson and Frease; the decision was given in favor of affirmative. Recitation, Master George Denneny. Instrumental solo, Miss Grace Sweeney. Essay, Miss Hannah Amon. Reading, Miss Katle McGeehan. Leonian review, Miss Grace Sweeney. Declamation, Miss Katie McGeehan. Leonian review, Miss Grace Sweeney. Declamation, Miss Bridget McGroarty. Essay, Miss Nellie Dogget. Selections, Mandolin Club. Recitation, Miss Lizzle Furey. Essay, Miss Katte O'Donnell. Song, The School. Reading, Miss Mary Brogan. Instrumental solo, Miss Maggle Boyle. The exercises concluded with a farce entitled "Teachers' Trials," with the following impersonating the characters: Teacher, William Higgins; Pupils, James Brislin, John Amon, Thomas Halpin and Conrad Gaffney.

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"You dear, dear old fellow!" sn'eled. "Trying to surprise me, weren' you?"

Mr. Gligal smiled sheepishly.
"Sprised you, didn' 1?" he said, "sh'd shay so! Why, s'prised myself!"

ELLIS PARKER BUTLER.

MR. GILGAL'S SURPRISE.



R.GILGALoccasic ally took a draw too much. I do read a drop too much took usually we several glasses unuch. And on the beautiful Chrismas evening which I am sper he had taken at least enough, a



"YOU DEAR, DEAR OLD FELLOW."
more just than kind in a tone that failed
to remind Mr. Gligal of the voice of the
love he had courted and won. It re-

deemed it wise to make his wife a prent, and after purchasing the bon a taking several more glasses of liq wobble he hailed a cab and drove ho Mrs. Gilgal was already in bed sleing the sleep of innocence, and Gilgal craftily laid the boa on foot of the bed in a beautiful wav length. Then he got into bed and trosleep. He could not. Either his excience or his shoes disturbed him, a he arose to take off the latter. He on the floor to do so, because the chawre behaving awkwardly.

M'ria," he said, in an agitated whis er. "M'ria; get up 'f you value y'

said.
"M'ria, my dear wife," said Mr. Gli-gal, very impressively. "Y'r life's in danger. I tell you, life in danger. Ge' up 'medšately. F'r my sake, M'ria, do se' up!"

up 'mediately. F'r my sake, M'ria, do ge' up!"
"Come to bed and be still," she cried.
Mr. Gilgal slowly backed away from the bed. His eyes were very large and the was perspiring freely. He tried to be calm, and as he backed toward the door, keeping his eye on the boa he said in a voice of agony: 'M'ria, 's snake on bed! Awful snake! Bigges' snake ever see! 'M goin' for p'liceman!"

PRAYERS MEANT TO BE ANSWERED.



Tot-I do now cause it's jes' fore Christmas! - N Y Tribune

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