

FREELAND TRIBUNE.

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FREELAND, PA., MONDAY, APRIL 10, 1899.

\$1.50 PER YEAR.

RAILROAD TIMETABLES

LEHIGH VALLEY RAILROAD.

February 5, 1899.

ARRANGEMENT OF PASSENGER TRAINS.

LEAVE FREELAND.

6 20 a m for Weatherly, Mauch Chunk, Allentown, Bethlehem, Easton, Philadelphia and New York.

7 40 a m for Sandy Run, White Haven, Wilkes-Barre, Pittston and Scranton.

8 20 a m for Weatherly, Mauch Chunk, Allentown, Bethlehem, Easton, Philadelphia, New York and Hazleton.

9 33 a m for Hazleton, Mahanoy City, Shenandoah, Mt. Carmel, Shamokin and Pottsville.

11 45 a m for Sandy Run, White Haven, Wilkes-Barre, Scranton and all points west.

4 36 p m for Hazleton, Mahanoy City, Shenandoah, Mt. Carmel, Shamokin and Pottsville.

6 37 p m for Sandy Run, White Haven, Wilkes-Barre and Scranton.

6 59 p m for Hazleton, Mahanoy City, Shenandoah, Mt. Carmel, Shamokin, and Pottsville.

ARRIVE AT FREELAND.

7 20 a m from Ashland, Shenandoah, Mahanoy City and Hazleton.

7 40 a m from Pottsville, Ashland, Shenandoah, Mahanoy City and Hazleton.

9 17 a m from Philadelphia, Easton, Bethlehem, Allentown, Mauch Chunk, Weatherly, Hazleton, Mahanoy City, Shenandoah, Mt. Carmel, Shamokin, and Pottsville.

9 33 a m from Scranton, Wilkes-Barre and White Haven.

11 45 a m from Pottsville, Shamokin, Mt. Carmel, Shenandoah, Mahanoy City and Hazleton.

4 36 p m from Scranton, Wilkes-Barre and White Haven.

6 37 p m from New York, Philadelphia, Allentown, Bethlehem, Easton, Hazleton, Mahanoy City and Shenandoah.

6 59 p m from Scranton, Wilkes-Barre and White Haven.

For further information inquire of Ticket Agent, ROLLIN H. WILBUR, General Superintendent, CHAS. S. LEE, Gen'l Pass. Agent, 26 Cortlandt Street, New York City.

THE DELAWARE, SUSQUEHANNA AND SCHUYLKILL RAILROAD.

Time table in effect April 18, 1897.

Trains leave Driffton for Onedia Junction, Harwood Road, Humboldt Road, Eckley, Shepton, at 6 00 a m, daily, except Sunday; and 7 00 a m, 2 38 p m, daily, except Sunday; and 7 01 a m, 2 39 p m, Sunday.

Trains leave Driffton for Harwood, Cranberry, Tomhickon and Deringer at 6 35 a m, daily, except Sunday; and 8 58 a m, 4 22 p m, Sunday.

Trains leave Driffton for Onedia Junction, Harwood Road, Humboldt Road, Eckley, Shepton, at 6 00 a m, daily, except Sunday; and 7 01 a m, 2 39 p m, Sunday.

Trains leave Deringer for Tomhickon, Cranberry, Harwood, Hazleton Junction and Shepton at 7 01 a m, 2 39 p m, daily, except Sunday; and 8 58 a m, 4 22 p m, Sunday.

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WITH THE LAW-MAKERS.

NOTES AND COMMENTS FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA CAPITAL.

In Less Than Two Weeks the State Legislature Will Be a Fact—No Prospects of Electing a Senator—Treasury Lower Than for Thirty Years.

Harrisburg, Pa., April 7, 1899.

The session is now rapidly drawing to a close, and revenue and appropriation bills have the right of way. These bills will occupy the attention of the legislature from this on. During the past week a large number of revenue measures passed the house, and should these succeed in passing the senate, they will provide enough money to meet expenses for the next two years and pay part of the \$3,500,000 deficit. It looks now as if adjournment would be made on the 20th as originally intended. Should this occur any bills will fall by the wayside.

The normal school authorities of the state are making a strenuous effort to get their bill through before adjournment. It is to grant them permission to place a mortgage on their properties which shall be prior in lien to all liens of the commonwealth for the money appropriated to such schools. The bill is on third reading and gives any normal school the right to place a mortgage not exceeding \$50,000. It is doubtful, however, if the bill will pass.

The bill authorizing the construction and completion of the state capitol building and appropriating \$4,000,000 to do the work was up on final passage in the senate last week, but had to be postponed.

TO SAVE IT FROM DEFEAT.

The fight was centered on the continuance of the present capitol building commission, as well as the \$4,000,000 appropriation. It was also contended that at this time the building of a new capitol could be postponed so that the institutions which must be supported need not suffer. There is much feeling among the lawmakers that the building commission has not done its duty as laid down regarding the erection of the new state house. The most favorable plan is to delay the completion for a few years until the finances get in better shape and get rid of the present commission.

The members and senators participating in the daily balloting for United States senator derive considerable fun while going through the routine of casting their ballot. The other day one of the members voted for "Pennsylvania's Favorite Son Hon. M. S. Quay," another for "That Brilliant Congressman and Republican, John Dalzell," and the third for "That United Party Candidate George A. Jenks."

THE SITUATION HAS CHANGED.

Little from what it was at the opening of the session. The independent Republicans vary the monotony somewhat by bunching their votes. This had no effect on the general result however.

The seven months' school term bill has passed the senate by a large majority, but in the house is where it will encounter bitter opposition. A bill similar to this has been presented to every session for the past ten years, but always defeated. This term, however, the members fighting the measure must give exceptionally good reasons for their opposition. These same members are also opposed to the cutting down of the school appropriation, yet their school term has not been lengthened, nor their teachers better paid since the appropriation to the schools has grown to its present tremendous amount.

The bill increasing the number of employes around the legislature has passed both branches of the legislature and is in the hands of the governor. It will be of interest to know what the executive will do with this measure. It calls for additional

DRAIN ON THE TREASURY

and Mr. Stone has repeatedly declared that he will not approve bills of this nature unless additional revenue is provided by the legislature.

Every session of the legislature, local politicians come here and secure positions at the legislature halls, and then employ substitutes from this city to do the work. In some cases these employes do not come only to draw their salaries. This led Representative Coray, of Luzerne county, to offer a resolution investigating these conditions. He stated that he knew positively that one of the janitors of the committee rooms and several pasters and folders had not performed their work. He could furnish their names, but desired not to do so at present. The resolution, however, was defeated and the ward heeler can continue to draw pay for which no services were rendered. At the end of March the balance on hand in the state treasury was but \$515,362.43. This is said to be

THE SMALLEST BALANCE

that has been in the state depositories since the civil war. During the month of June the state is expected to pay out the school appropriation of \$5,500,000, and in the meantime keep up the commonwealth. It is easily seen what

financial straits the state is in.

The investigating committee has been pushing along its findings, and more startling charges of attempting bribery have been unearthed. Some witnesses testified that as high as \$5,000 was offered for the support of the McCarroll bill. The committee will report its conclusions to the house, then what action the house will take in the matter remains to be seen. It looks as if the finding would be handed over to the district attorney of this county and several arrests made.

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RATIONAL READING.

Foster Teachers Have Another Demonstration of This Method's Success.

Foster township institute was held at Woodside school house Saturday afternoon with all except two of the teachers of the township present, also Directors Woodring, Evans, Brier and Lesser. The institute opened with singing, followed by a paper on "Reading in the Upper Grades" by J. J. McGill, which covered the subject thoroughly.

The next on the program was a class drill by the pupils of Sandy Run school under Miss Palmer. The pupils went through the work as assigned them each day, the teacher first showing them a number of cards on which were letters properly marked and from which the sounds are taught. The pupils then sang, giving the different sounds of the letters, after which they took up the list of words placed on the blackboard and each child in turn gave a correct pronunciation of the same.

A class under the care of Miss Stewart, also of Sandy Run, was called and went through their work most creditably, being along the same line and in the order of the preceding class.

Miss Palmer then took the floor and stated that Miss Stewart and herself were laboring under difficulties, inasmuch as they teach together in the same room and the blackboard space is not large enough for the lists of words as acquired each day by the classes.

Miss Lulu Schmidt's class from Upper Lehigh school then demonstrated their dexterity in pronunciation by going over the words placed on the board and additional words of four and five syllables taken at random from the dictionary. The class of Miss Celia Gallagher, also of Upper Lehigh, then went through their exercises, each pupil pronouncing in turn a number of words as written on the board.

These two words were written, having been taken from the dictionary by another teacher, rhododendron and simultaneous. A little Hungarian girl was called and gave a correct pronunciation. Her brightness led to the question as to whether teachers had any more trouble with that class of pupils than with others and the teachers answered negatively.

Miss Schmidt stated the average age of her pupils was seven and one-half years and Miss Gallagher's nine years.

Superintendent Gabrio followed with a few remarks. He thinks the rational method a good system and a success, as it permits pupils to acquire a vocabulary, leading them to the dictionary and thence to the encyclopedia, where all information lies. He also believes it a better method of teaching spelling than the old system, as it appeals to the mind through the eye.

A paper on "Memory," by Joseph Sarricks, was well prepared, as was also the paper of Harvey Hoffman on "Education."

Foster Directors Meet.

Foster school board met on Saturday evening. A discussion on the propriety of allowing conventions to be held in the school buildings took place. It was allowed to go over for action by the new board. A bill will be rendered the county commissioners for \$20 per building, \$180 in all, for the use of the same for the fall and spring elections, and a resolution was adopted that hereafter a charge of \$10 per building will be made for election purposes.

Superintendent Gabrio read the minutes of the teachers' institute and reported the attendance for the month as 927 and the percentage 79. In the evening school the attendance was 128.

Chairman Lesser, of the book committee, reported having received and distributed the books ordered by the committee.

Miss Annie Lindsay gave notice of her intention to stand examination for a permanent certificate. The required form certifying to her ability was ordered to be filled by the officers.

The board decided to continue the school term for nine months. The board has already paid for nine months' salaries from last year, and, while they may be a little short of funds, the directors considered it would be an injustice to cut the term.

A vote of thanks was tendered Superintendent Gabrio and the teachers who had classes at the institute for their work on behalf of the pupils and the good effect produced on the other teachers.

A. Oswald has just received a carload of Lehigh county potatoes. They are excellent stock. In need of any give him a call.

BRIEF ITEMS.

A man dressed in a United States cavalry uniform was arrested here on Saturday by Officer Miller. He is wanted in Hazleton and Allentown and in Lambertville, N. J. He travels under the name of Savage and claims to be a recruiting officer. He has jumped hotel bills and passed worthless checks in several towns. He was taken to Allentown yesterday.