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RAILROAD TIMETABLES

LEHIGH VALLEY RAILROAD.

November 19, 1899.

ARRANGEMENT OF PASSENGER TRAINS.

LEAVE FREELAND.

6 12 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 18 a m for Hazleton, Weatherly, Mauch Chunk, Allentown, Bethlehem, Easton, Philadelphia and New York.

9 30 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.

1 30 p m for Weatherly, Mauch Chunk, Allentown, Bethlehem, Easton, Philadelphia and New York.

4 42 p m for Hazleton, Mahanoy City, Shenandoah, Mt. Carmel, Shamokin and Pottsville.

6 54 p m for Hazleton, Mahanoy City, Shenandoah, Mt. Carmel and Shamokin.

7 39 p m for Hazleton, Mahanoy City, Shenandoah, Mt. Carmel and Shamokin.

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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 at This and Other Towns Are Doing.

An addition has been added to the store of Mrs. D. P. Jones.

Milton Koons has accepted a position as clerk in Berner's store.

The February session of the borough council will be held this evening.

Attorney John M. Carr will make a business trip to Pittsburg this week.

Rev. Bernard J. O'Donnell, of Bryn Mawr, visited his parents on North Ridge street yesterday.

William Ashman and Miss Emma Klingerman, both of town, were united in marriage Saturday evening.

Moses Refowich, a prominent merchant of town, will be united in marriage to a young lady of Mahanoy City next June.

Stephen, an infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lazorek, was buried in St. Mary's Greek Catholic cemetery by Undertaker McNulty on Saturday morning.

Henry Dauber, aged 47 years, committed suicide by hanging at Weatherly on Thursday. Despondency through failure to obtain work is supposed to have been the cause.

The fair of the Citizens' Hose Company will be open on Wednesday and Saturday evenings of this week. The regular meeting of the company will be held tomorrow evening.

Local politics are quiet so far, but the campaign is expected to open in earnest in a very short while. In the meantime the candidates are strengthening their forces wherever possible.

If the ground hog came out of his hole on Friday, as the superstitious claims he does every year on February 2, he saw his shadow, and six more weeks of cold weather are due.

Editor J. W. Maloy, of the Lansford Record, is the Democratic candidate for burgess of that town. In Saturday's issue Mr. Maloy prints his platform and it is one of the best ever announced by a candidate for local office.

Mrs. Catherine Fish, a former resident of Freeland, died at White Haven on Thursday, aged 81 years. She is survived by two daughters. The funeral took place Saturday afternoon and was attended by several people of town.

Richard Williams, of the Atlantic Refining Company, of Wilkes-Barre, dropped dead, at his home on Friday, aged 58 years. He was a brother of General Superintendent Morris Williams, of the Susquehanna Coal Company, and Attorney A. L. Williams.

Two men have been arrested at Montreal, Canada, who, it is asserted, have confessed that they attempted to kill Police Officers Patrick Kays and H. L. Snyder in Scranton on July 1 last. The names of the men under arrest are August Morel and Antonio Robert.

Two men were buried in No. 4 colliery, Oakdale, at an early hour this morning by a cave-in. Up to the time of going to press the TRIBUNE could not learn whether the men are dead or alive, nor could the company tell who they are. It is supposed they are company men.

The mystery surrounding the disappearance of Charles Tyng from Santiago de Cuba, last May, has been solved. He was not killed and robbed by Cuban bandits, as was supposed, but, to the surprise of his friends here, it is asserted that he is now in Mexico. His home is in Wilkes-Barre.

Senator Goebel, the governor of Kentucky, who was shot down by a hired assassin on Tuesday, was born in Sullivan county, not far from Harvey's Lake. He was a fearless Pennsylvanian and a man of brilliant attainments. He was at one time the law partner of John G. Carlisle.

The Wilkes-Barre conference of the Evangelical Lutheran church has accepted the invitation of St. Luke's church, of town, to hold its next session here. The conference is composed of thirty-six ministers, and the session, which will be held in May, will last three days.

J. Sterling Koons died on Wednesday night at his home in Harveyville, in the Second legislative district. He was aged 63 years and was one of the staunchest Democrats in the county. Last fall he was one of the party's candidates for county commissioner, but was defeated through treachery in the Fifth district.

PLEASURE CALENDAR.

February 7.—Annual fair of the Citizens' Hose Company at Yannes' opera house.

February 16.—Ball of Fearnots Athletic Association at Cross Creek hall, Drifton. Admission, 50 cents.

February 19.—Ball for benefit of St. Kasimir's Polish church at Yannes' opera house. Admission, 25 cents.

February 24.—Hop of Crescent Athletic Association at Yannes' opera house. Admission, 25 cents.

Foster School Board Meeting.

All members of the Foster school board were present at the regular meeting on Saturday evening. After the minutes the president stated that the action of the election of a teacher at the last meeting was illegal. An omission of a bill of \$7.50 for coal hauling from John W. Davis was inserted, after which the minutes were approved as corrected.

Messrs. Rumsey, Ziestloft and Lesser were appointed to ascertain rates of insurance on the new building at Eckley.

Principal Hoffman was ordered to return the desks and tables received in a recent consignment of furniture, they not being the kind ordered. He was instructed to have additional seats placed in the Tannery school.

The president and secretary were authorized to sign the recommendation of Jesse A. Alden for a permanent certificate, also the application of Fred O. Haiges for a state normal diploma.

The principal had no statistical report to make, the school month not being concluded.

The president stated that there is about \$261 for the board at Wilkes-Barre. The treasurer will collect the money.

Tuition money was received as follows: From Drifton, \$2.25; Upper Lehigh, \$4.00.

The following bills were ordered paid: John W. Davis, coal and hauling, \$14; Mrs. Frank Martinec, cleaning, \$1; Cross Creek Coal Company, coal, \$11; G. B. Markle & Co., coal, \$7.93; M. S. Kemmerer & Co., coal, \$7.85; Jos. Birkbeck, supplies, \$2.60.

The report of County Superintendent Hopper was read. It allows three and one-half days at institute for John McGill. He was ordered paid.

Buchanan Still Missing.

Gately & Britton, the Pottsville installment firm for which Alexander Buchanan is the collector for the Shamokin-Centralia district, and who mysteriously a week ago last Saturday morning while en route to Shamokin, state that Buchanan had over \$500 belonging to them which he had collected the past week. Their belief is that he has met with foul play, as he was one of their most capable, honest employees.

The firm is doing the utmost to learn his fate, but thus far have not obtained anything definite about his movements after he left the Centralia trolley car at Mt. Carmel Saturday morning.

Relief for Ashley.

A meeting was held on Friday by the citizens of Ashley to provide means for the relief of the many families who had suffered damage by the recent dynamite explosion on the Central Railroad.

Burgess Harrigan stated that it was understood that the Central Company had expressed a desire to do what was right in the matter, but that it would require time.

Rev. Father Colligan, Rev. Stephen Jay and Rev. Morvin Custer were appointed a committee to ascertain the circumstances of those in immediate need and make a public appeal, if necessary.

Among the Sick.

Miss Edith Schaffer, of Drifton, who has been ill for some time past, has been taken to a Philadelphia hospital for treatment.

Bart McClelland, of Chestnut street, who has been ill since October last, is still in a serious condition.

The epidemic of measles continues to spread rapidly, especially in the northern portion of town.

John Gillespie, of East Front street, is suffering from an attack of appendicitis.

Miss Bridget McGroarty, of South Centre street, is dangerously ill.

Huckster Held Up.

From the Hazleton Sentinel.

On Thursday afternoon while Josiah R. Jacoby, of East Butler, was returning home from Upper Lehigh he was held up on the mountain road by two men. One of the men jumped into the wagon and dealt Jacoby two blows in the face with some blunt instrument, and then tried to place a bottle of chloroform to his nose. The commotion frightened the horses, which started to run. A sudden jolt threw the highway-men out of the wagon, and Mr. Jacoby escaped. His face was covered with blood when he reached home.

The "Little Blue Book."

It is a neat, compact pocket volume containing the time-tables of all the railroads in Pennsylvania. Should be in the possession of every traveling man, hotel, business man and business firm in the state. It is published monthly, with all corrections up to date, at one dollar per year. Single copies ten cents. Mailed on receipt of price. Address, "Little Blue Book," Milton, Pa.

Miss Jessie Henderson will appear here with "The Merry-makers." She will display some of her magnificent dresses at every performance. She is considered one of the most beautiful women on the American stage. L. E. Lindenbarg, the well-known comedian, is also a member of this company.

George Mettheus, of Ebervale, who was seriously injured by being caught beneath a fall of coal at the Jeddo colliery Wednesday, died at the Miners' hospital Thursday night. Mettheus was a married man.

Juror Creates a Sensation.

August Shultz, of Foster township, created a sensation in court on Friday by objecting to a verdict after it had been presented and read by the clerk. The verdict was signed by all the jurors, including Shultz, but the latter claimed he changed his mind after affixing his signature to the document. The case was that of Fred Price, of Wilkes-Barre, charged with keeping a disorderly house, and the verdict of the jury was guilty.

Judge Savage, who was on the bench, at once asked the jurors why they had returned a verdict if they had not agreed. Foreman John Evans, also of Foster township, replied that they had agreed and that each juror signed the verdict before it was sealed.

Schultz was then called upon to explain and stated that he did not agree with the other jurors, but that he had been talked out of his objections. He said he did not believe in the verdict.

Judge Savage then forcibly expressed his opinion of Shultz's action. He said: "I am very sorry there is a man on this jury, who has so little mind and so little principle as to agree to something that he did not believe, and put his name down on an agreement and then after he had agreed, to go out and change his mind and say he did not agree."

Schultz attempted to reply, but Judge Savage checked him by saying: "I don't want to hear any more from you. Go out and see if you can't agree."

The jurors then left the court room and an hour later returned with a second verdict of guilty.

August Shultz, the juror who caused the trouble, is a farmer of Foster township. It is said that he is partially deaf and that he did not catch the full meaning of the evidence. After the jurors were discharged, Mr. Shultz, who felt badly over the matter, went to Judge Halsey, with whom he is acquainted, and explained that he had been "bulldozed" into the verdict by the other jurors. He wept for half an hour and said that he was well acquainted with Mr. Price's father and had been raised with him.

Commissioners Made a Deal.

It has developed that in order to better their chances of election last fall the Republican county commissioners, Hay and Jones, had promised certain prominent citizens not to reopen the courthouse question nor to take an appeal from Judge Woodward's decision regarding a certain phase of it. In return for this promise the prominent citizens were not to oppose their reelection, as they threatened to do if it were not given.

The decision was that a new courthouse could not occupy more ground on the Public Square than does the present one, which practically means that a new one cannot be built, and that all the ground which the courthouse does not occupy belongs to the city, and not to the county, as has been always understood.

The citizens who exacted the promise from the commissioners, who were the defendants in the suit which ended in Judge Woodward's decision, would have succeeded had it not been for two attorneys. They learned that Friday was the last day for taking an appeal, and on the day previous asked Judge Woodward to allow them, representing several taxpayers, to defend the case and take an appeal.

The court asked why the commissioners, the defendants in the case, did not appeal, and the attorneys then explained about the bargain alleged to have been made. After some objection on the part of an attorney representing J. H. Mahon, the plaintiff, Judge Woodward said it would be far more satisfactory to everybody to have the supreme court pass upon the case, and he allowed the appeal.

Postage Stamp Books.

There are few men who have not felt the necessity of having a few postage stamps about their clothes for correspondence when away from the home or office. The annoyance of having the stamps stick together in a pocketbook or wallet prevents most men, and woman, too, from carrying these necessary adjuncts of business and social life. The postoffice department, with due appreciation of the situation, is about to undertake the solution of this vexed problem. It proposes to inclose twelve two-cent stamps with a sheet of wax paper between each in a book that will be of a size to slip in the vest pocket or cardcase. The convenience of such an arrangement is manifest, and the advent of the book of postage stamps will be hailed with genuine delight.

John Kernell and Tim Cronin.

The attraction at the Grand opera house Friday evening will be the rollicking farce-comedy, "What Happened to Reilly?" John Kernell and Tim Cronin are the stars of this organization. Judging from the advance notices sent here it must be a piece of unusual merit, interpreted by a company of unusual ability.

Gentlemen, for hats and caps go to A. Oswald's. He has a nice variety.

COAL TRADE "EASING" UP.

ORDERS NOT SO PRESSING NOW AS THEY WERE HERETOFORE.

Slight Restriction Began in This Region Last Week—Stocks at Tidewater Are Still Low—Individual Operators Cutting the Prices Set by the Trust.

The "rush" in the anthracite coal trade shows signs of easing up. Some of the collieries in this vicinity worked only five days last week, and further idle time is promised for February. The trade in general is somewhat dull, although all the coal that is being mined is finding a ready market. There is little demand, however, for coal for domestic purposes, as the open winter in the large cities has been in favor of the housekeeper, although during the past few days more inquiries for speedy deliveries have been made. Prices are said to be not as well maintained by the large coal companies as they were, and it is said that some of the individual operators are inclined to shade prices from 15 to 25 cents per ton. As they have little demand, this has no effect upon the trade in general.

The amount of hard coal on hand is less now than it has been for years, and the large companies practically are pursuing a hand-to-mouth policy, as the coal is being taken direct from the cars by the dealers. In Philadelphia the Reading Company has less coal than it has had for years. At Port Richmond, where at times there have been over 300,000 tons of coal, there is none, although during the past few days the number of loaded coal cars which have accumulated there is greater than it has been for some time past. This is due in a measure to the cold weather and the storm, which has caused many of the coal-carrying vessels to seek shelter. As soon as they arrive they will be loaded and sent back to points in the New England states.

The manufacturing establishments are using more anthracite coal now than has been the case for a number of years. Some time ago a number of the manufacturing establishments changed the grates in their furnaces so that bituminous coal could be used, but owing to the scarcity of soft coal they are now contemplating another change. Anthracite coal has been in demand by the manufacturing industries for some time past, and as it can be had almost as cheap as bituminous, it is being used more extensively than ever.

The very heavy demand which has existed for some months past has passed, it is supposed, and the coal business will pursue a more even course for the next few months. The continued steady work has severely affected a number of the breakers in this region, and more time must be taken hereafter to make necessary repairs to the machinery and equipment.

Another feature of the business which is attracting much attention is the large number of serious and fatal accidents which are occurring. Whether the necessary vigilance has been relaxed in the excitement to break records or whether too many inexperienced men are being given employment is not known, but whatever is the cause it should be promptly remedied. The sacrifice of life is growing beyond all reasonable limits.

MINES AND RAILROADS.

During the year 1900 the Lehigh Valley will expend \$4,000,000 in improving the condition of its road bed and rolling stock. Of this amount \$340,000 will be spent in enlarging the Packer and Mahoning yards. There will also be two large bridges built, one at Towanda and the other at White Haven. The largest improvements, however, will be made in and about Jersey City.

The rate of wages for Schuylkill miners and laborers for the last half of January and the first half of February will be 9 per cent above the \$2.50 basis. This rate affects all the employees of the Reading Company throughout the region and also many individual operators, who guide themselves by the rate paid by the P. & R.

The executive committee of Anthracite District No. 1, United Mine Workers of America, have gone to New York, to ask for an interview with President Truesdale, of the Lackawanna Company. They desire to ask him why his company recognizes the railroad men's union, yet refuses to recognize the miners' union.

The fire bosses of the Reading Company of the Shamokin district were notified on Friday that their salaries had been increased \$5 per month, which is the largest advance in wages for that kind of work in the history of the company.

It is said that the Reading Company's engineers have been ordered to use nothing but anthracite coal hereafter, except on passenger runs, when half the supply will continue to be bituminous.

The Jersey Central has closed its freight station at Rockport and Agent Grant Ginter has been transferred to Scranton.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE.

Freeland Opera House Co., Lessees.

Three Nights,

February 5, 6 and 7.