

# FREELAND TRIBUNE.

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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.  
9:28 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.  
4:43 p. m. for Hazleton, Mahanoy City, Shenandoah, Mt. Carmel, Shamokin and Pottsville, Weatherly, Mauch Chunk, Allentown, Bethlehem, Easton, Philadelphia and New York.  
6:24 p. m. for Sandy Run, White Haven, Wilkes-Barre, Scranton and all points west.  
7:29 p. m. for Hazleton, Mahanoy City, Shenandoah, Mt. Carmel, Shamokin, Allentown, Philadelphia and New York.  
7:40 a. m. from Weatherly, 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.  
9:30 a. m. from Scranton, Wilkes-Barre and White Haven.  
11:45 a. m. from Pottsville, Shamokin, Mt. Carmel, Shenandoah, Mahanoy City and Hazleton.  
12:55 p. m. from New York, Philadelphia, Easton, Bethlehem, Allentown, Mauch Chunk and Weatherly.  
4:43 p. m. from Scranton, Wilkes-Barre and White Haven.  
6:24 p. m. from New York, Philadelphia, Easton, Bethlehem, Allentown, Mauch Chunk, Weatherly, Hazleton, Mahanoy City and Shenandoah.  
7:29 p. m. from Philadelphia, Wilkes-Barre and White Haven.

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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.**

Tomorrow will be the last day for the payment of liquor licenses. Few of Freeland's dealers have yet put up the cash.

Stanley Rudewick has leased the building of Libor Winter on Front street and will conduct a saloon there after April 1.

A D. S. & S. coal train, drawn by engine No. 16, jumped the track yesterday at Black Creek Junction and blocked the east-bound track for three hours.

The Conyngham *Herald* began its third year on Saturday. Editor Hunter has made his paper a welcome visitor in the homes throughout the valleys west of town.

Mrs. Catherine McGill, aged 93 years, died on Saturday at Hazleton. She was the mother of Mrs. Annie Duffy, of Sandy Run, and was the oldest woman in Hazleton.

The Crescent Athletic Association held a successful hop at Yannes' opera house Saturday evening. Notwithstanding the inclement weather a large crowd attended.

Rudolph Bruner, a Duryea barber, 33 years old, disappeared from his home on Monday and nothing has since been seen of him. He was apparently happy with his wife and family.

A telegram was received here yesterday from Bethlehem stating that Mrs. Annie McEnroe, a daughter of Mrs. Nancy Houston, of town, was lying dangerously ill at her home in that town.

During Thursday's storm a tree fell across the Drifton line of the Electric Light Company and broke the wire. The Drifton patrons were obliged to do without electric light until the damage was repaired on Friday.

The mercury in the thermometers of town kept very close to the zero mark all day yesterday. The weather is a bit warmer today and gives the people a chance to examine their frost-bitten ears and frozen water-pipes.

The Villanova college base ball club for 1900 has been organized, and three of Freeland's students have been chosen to play on the team. McFadden will pitch, Boner plays second and Broderick is again stationed at short.

At a meeting of East Mauch Chunk town council, Friday night, it was decided to purchase ball and chain and stions for the use of tramps. The town has been overrun with tramps, and it is to correct this evil that the measure was taken.

The official count of Foster township vote was made at the county seat on Thursday and gave Lentz a majority of one vote over Snyder for tax collector.

It is alleged that the correctness of Eckley returns is a matter for investigation. The colored porter who was attached to the Vogel & Deming Minstrel Company, and who was injured on the railroad at Mahanoy City when the company was there some weeks ago and afterwards was taken to Ashland hospital, died there last week.

J. K. Emmet and Lottie Gilson, supported by a good company, presented "Fritz in a Madhouse" at the Grand Friday evening to an appreciative audience. Miss Gilson's singing was the finest heard here this season and she was repeatedly encored.

Lewis Snyder will take charge of Landmesser's hotel, West Hazleton, on April 1, and the saloon now occupied by him in Butler valley will be conducted by James M. Christman. Frank Eberett, of town, will succeed Mr. Christman as proprietor of the hotel at Woodbury's.

An interesting quarterly meeting of representatives of the Catholic temperance societies of the Lehigh region was held yesterday at McAdoo. Several questions of interest to the members were discussed and acted upon. The next meeting will be held on April 29 at Beaver Meadow.

For the present at least the nickel-in-the-slot form of gambling has been wiped out in Scranton. In accordance with the order issued by Mayor James Moir the gambling machines were removed from hotels, restaurants, etc., and today there is not a gambling machine operating in that city.

James Collins, of Pittston, was on Saturday given a hearing before Alderman Evans, and the coroner's jury. After some testimony was heard the jury returned a verdict that Dooner came to his death by a pistol shot fired by James Collins. The latter was sent back to jail on a charge of murder.

**PLEASURE CALENDAR.**  
March 17.—Entertainment under auspices of St. Ann's Parish band at Grand opera house. Admission, 10, 15 and 25c.  
March 17.—Hop at Dougherty's hotel, Buck Mountain.

## Fence Dispute Causes Murder.

On Friday morning the residents of Moosick, Lackawanna county, near the Luzerne county line, were startled when they learned that a murder had been committed in a settlement a short distance from that quiet hamlet. David Davis and Martin Allen were neighbors. They have been at odds with each other for some time, and it required little provocation to start a quarrel. It is said that Allen had purchased a few old shanties adjoining his property from the Pennsylvania Coal Company and while knocking these down he broke Davis' fence.

Davis came out, it is said, and upbraided him for damaging his property. Allen gave him little satisfaction and Davis returned to his home. In a short while he appeared and fired at Allen, who was about twenty feet away. One side of his face was shot off, but he hid not die until late in the afternoon.

The Allen family has been sadly afflicted during the past few years. About a year ago a daughter, 13 years old, died suddenly. Shortly afterwards a second child became ill and for more than five weeks subsisted on water alone. She recovered, but is yet quite helpless.

Davis was taken to the Lackawanna county jail.

**Serious State of Affairs.**  
From Today's Plain Speaker.  
The shortage of funds in the Hazle township treasury is beginning to worry the directors and at their conference tomorrow night they will discuss the best means of raising \$15,000. At the next meeting of the Taxpayers' Association the subject will also be discussed.

President Morgan dropped a significant remark at Friday night's meeting of the board when he objected to the payment of a bill for cleaning of out-houses, stating that if bills came in as fast as they are at present it will be necessary to close the schools. With no money to pay the teachers and three months at least in which to keep the schools open the directors certainly have a hard task before them.

**Fatal Accident at Oakdale.**  
Robert Meyer, a young man of Oakdale, was fatally injured by being run over by a loaded car in No. 4 mine, at that place, Friday afternoon. He was taken to the Miners' hospital at 7 o'clock and died at midnight.

The young man was riding on the car and missed his footing and fell, the wheels passing over his abdomen. He suffered excruciating pain until death relieved him.

The young man was a son of Mrs. Ann Morris, a widow. He was aged 17 years. The funeral will take place at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon and proceed via trolley cars to Jeannsville, where services will be held. Interment at Jeannsville cemetery.

**Taking the Census.**  
No appointments of enumerators or statisticians and interpreters for the work of taking the census will be named by Supervisor Durant until April. The work of the enumerators will be quite complicated, and will require persons of more than ordinary intelligence to perform it properly. There is much data that the department desires to collect, and therefore the supervisors have been instructed to secure the services of the most capable persons to perform the work. The work of taking the census will begin on June 1 next, when the enumerators will start to make house to house visits. It is expected that the first returns will be turned in about June 20.

**Pleading to the Patrons.**  
The announcement of Superintendent R. E. Meyer in Thursday's *Tribune*, of the reduction in the price of electric lighting current, by meter service, was favorably received by the patrons of the Electric Light Company. The reduction was unexpected, and therefore all the more welcome. The action was taken after much consideration of the matter by the officials, and their decision, it is expected, will result in an increased demand for meters from those who use the current on the contract system. At the price which will be charged after March 1 the people will be served with light at a figure against which no just complaint can be made.

**State Delegate Contest.**  
Several spirited contests for delegates took place in the Fourth district on Saturday evening. The delegates chosen met at Hazleton today to select delegates to the Democratic state convention. Attorney J. J. McBrearty is a candidate for state delegate and will be one of those selected today to represent this district.

**Poor District Vote.**  
The unofficial vote of the poor district gives Campbell a majority of 1,137 for director and Bleckley a majority of 59 for auditor. The official count will be made this week.

**PRINTING**  
Promptly Done at the Tribune Office.

## MINES AND RAILROADS.

Efforts are being made to get through congress a bill creating a new department to be known as the department of mines and mining. This bill provides that the duties of the new department shall be to acquire, by examination, practical and scientific experiments, geological research, or otherwise, useful information on the subject of mining in the comprehensive sense of the word, and also provides that the head of the department shall be a cabinet officer. The committee on mines and mining has reported this bill to the house with a strong recommendation that it be passed. Pennsylvania has three members on this committee, Connell, of Scranton; Ryan, of Pottsville, and Hall, of Ridgway, who with members of the Pennsylvania delegation are insisting upon speedy action.

It is stated that the New Jersey Central has taken one man from each freight train running between Mauch Chunk and Allentown and Allentown and Jersey City. This leaves a crew of one conductor, one brakeman and one flagman. The order was issued on account of the use of air brakes, but the wisdom of the move is much doubted by railroad men, as air brakes do not always work properly.

A Lehigh Valley engine Thursday evening had been side-tracked at Delano, but in some manner left the track and found its way to the main line and sped along the track for a distance of fourteen miles, stopping at Stewart's water plug when the steam became exhausted.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad last week W. H. Truesdale was elected president for another year. The report for the year 1899 showed a surplus of nearly two million dollars.

Herman Riebe, of Lansford, has been awarded the contract for the new Lehigh Valley freight and passenger depot at East Mauch Chunk. It is estimated that \$50,000 will be expended between grading, excavating and building.

It is stated that the Lehigh Valley will locate its signal and target departments at Weatherly. About twenty men will be employed. All the target and signal work for the entire line will be done at this shop.

A force of one hundred laborers employed in the construction of a piece of railroad for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at the Lytle colliery, near Pottsville, are out on strike.

The heavy rains last week drowned out several collieries in this region, some of which have not yet been able to resume operations.

**PERSONALITIES.**  
Among the passengers who left New York this morning on the steamship Aller for Genoa, Italy, via Gibraltar and Naples, were the following: Mrs. Brinton Cox, Mrs. Eckley B. Cox, Miss E. M. Cox, Miss Mary Cox, Miss Bid O'Donnell and Miss Sarah Gallagher.

The following Luzerne county students are on the senior class honor roll at Lehigh university: Joseph R. Martin, Plymouth; Louis Orter, Drifton, and George W. Barager, Hazleton.

Frank Bilger has resigned as assistant teller of the Citizens' bank to accept a position in Chicago at his trade, which is that of a printer.

M. Mulligan, of Nesquehoning, circled among acquaintances here on Saturday and Sunday.

Charles Goersch, a resident of Jeddo for many years, has removed to Woodbury, N. J.

Miss Henrietta Bunting, of Wilkes-Barre, is visiting friends at Drifton.

A. Oswald is reported this morning to be on a fair way of recovering.

**Kearns Whips Lynch.**  
Mike Kearns, who wants to fight Tim Callahan for the feather-weight championship of Pennsylvania, was the winner of the glove contest at Tamaqua Thursday night. His opponent was Jack Lynch, of Hazleton, who was George Dixon's sparring partner for six years. It was a fifteen-round go. Kearns was the aggressor all through the fight and inflicted many telling blows on neck and body. Lynch took his punishment gamely and stayed until the end. Jack McKeever, of Williams-town, was referee and awarded the fight to Kearns. Five hundred sports representing all parts of the state were in attendance, and considerable money changed hands.

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## Fraudulent Naturalization.

During the years from 1884 to 1896, it is alleged that a number of foreigners in this region were given naturalization papers bearing the supposed signature of Prothonotary Llewellyn. Warrants for about sixty of the men who received the alleged bogus papers have been sworn out and the parties interested are preparing for a vigorous prosecution.

On Tuesday a prominent Hazleton citizen visited the prothonotary's office to examine the record books of naturalization papers issued during the period named and to the astonishment of the attaches of the office it was discovered that the book had disappeared. No trace of the book could be found, though diligent search was made, and it is now believed that it was taken out and concealed by parties interested in the cases. The matter will be called to the attention of the court and interesting developments are expected to follow.

The only interest in fraudulently naturalizing citizens would be in order to enfranchise them, thus giving them a vote. As thousands of foreigners were naturalized during the period stated, or rather procured citizens' papers, an investigation may develop some of the dark schemes which were successfully carried out by the Republican leaders to change the complexion of Luzerne county.

Prothonotary Dasch and his assistants are working hard to discover the thief who stole the records from his office.

**No One to Prosecute.**  
Although it only requires a citizen to go before District Attorney Webster Shipman, no one up to Saturday had visited him to make information to lead to the arrest of the Shamokin councilmen, William Zimmerman, E. O. Zuern, Thomas Holl, O. J. Reed and William Rippard, who were charged with bribery by Councilmen Richard Phillips, Robert Thompson and James Delaney, and the investigating committee upholding the charges of the informers.

Citizens look at each other and wonder who is going to start the prosecution. Some argue that Burgess Farrow should make the information, because he has been largely instrumental in causing the present shake-up. His friends say he has accomplished enough at present, and that the responsibility of swearing out warrants should fall on other shoulders.

The district attorney says that in order to press the charges he thinks a good way out of the peculiar deadlock would be for some one to issue a call to a citizens' mass meeting. Then a collection could be lifted to aid a committee to be chosen to cause the arrest of the accused men.

**Train at Brink of Cave-in.**  
The tracks of the Central Railroad of New Jersey near Miners Mills were carried down by a big cave-in Thursday morning and a wreck was narrowly averted. A miner was on his way to work, walking along the track, when he came upon the hole. He heard a train approaching and with admirable presence of mind ran down the track toward it. Shouting and waving his coat, he managed to attract the engineer's attention. It was a heavy freight. When it stopped the cow-catcher was only a few feet from the hole and the train was quickly backed out of danger.

The hole is nearly round, about forty feet in diameter and thirty feet deep. The double tracks hang over the centre of it. Underneath are old workings of the Pine Ridge colliery, which had caved in, dragging down the surface.

The hole was filled, and on Saturday while the same train was passing over the spot the ground sank again and caused quite a wreck. None of the trainmen were injured.

**Curious Case Before an Alderman.**  
Edward Parsons, of Wyoming, had his wife taken before Alderman Donohue, of Wilkes-Barre, and asked the alderman to compel her to allow him to share her home. The hearing developed a strange story. They were married in 1883. Parsons owned a snug farm, and to show his love and confidence in his wife, deeded the farm and farmhouse to her. Two years ago she accused him of having another wife living, but he denied it. The upshot was a quarrel, and he claims his wife turned him out of the house and said he should never enter it again. He has since then lived in a little hut in a corner of the farm and has worked as a farm hand.

Alderman Donohue could do nothing, but he urged the wife to take her husband back. She was obstinate. "No, sir," she said, "we are parted forever," and she left the office without speaking to her husband.

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## UNCONSTITUTIONAL LAW.

JUDGE WOODWARD SO DECLARES NEW TOWNSHIP ACT.

**Bill Which Divided Townships Into Two Classes Is Held by Luzerne Jurist to Constitute Special Legislation—The Opinion Rendered in a Test Case.**

Judge Woodward handed down an important opinion at Wilkes-Barre on Friday morning, in which he declares that the act classifying townships into two classes, passed by the last legislature, is unconstitutional.

The new law affects twenty townships in the state and five in Luzerne county. It provided for first-class townships and the election of five township commissioners, who were to be vested with corporate power and authority. The law provided for the employment of men by the board of township commissioners and gave the same rights to the board as are enjoyed by councils in boroughs.

Under the new law the supervisors of Plains township, one of the five affected, refused to allow George W. Mitchell and Michael Galvin to work out corporation taxes on the roads of the township. They contracted for the work and the case which culminated in the opinion was commenced.

Judge Woodward, in the opinion rendered, says:

"We are inclined to the opinion that the object attained by the act itself is local and special in its nature, and, therefore, offends article III, section 7, of the constitution of Pennsylvania.

"Classification cannot justify the passage of a law unless such classification is necessary in the nature of the case. If classification is unnecessary and results in gross injustice or palpable wrong, then the act will be unconstitutional, although based upon classifications of the subject involved—in this case, of municipal corporations, viz., townships.

"And in such cases as this no classification is proper which is not founded upon population. When geographical differences are made the basis of the classes named, it is impossible to avoid the inhibition of special legislation, for the reason that classification founded upon geography must operate upon some geographical divisions to the exclusion of others. In references to cities and counties this has been adjudicated.

"The act in question intending to avoid this difficulty professes to base its classification upon population, but in point of fact bases it upon population to the square mile. This, in effect, is classification not upon the population of townships, but not the population to the square mile.

"Townships having a population of at least 300 to the square mile are in one class and all others are in the other class. By way of illustration, Wilkes-Barre township, with a population, by the census, of 2,917, is a township of the first class and must submit to the mode of government provided by the act, while Hazle township, with a population of 12,494, is not affected by it.

"The act therefore fails to include in its classification of townships of the first class the more populous or 'residential' ones, while for geographical reasons the smaller townships get into the first class.

"There are 1,522 townships in the state, and less than twenty of these are now affected by the act. In other words, the method of classification excludes 1,500 townships from the provisions of the act. Such classification is deficient, and the act must therefore be unconstitutional.

"Again, the framer of the act intended, evidently, to evade the constitution, not to comply with it. While the townships of the state are divided into two classes, the legislation is for only one of them, viz.: the first, embracing Lower Merion and like 'residential' townships near large cities."

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