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TRI-WEEKLY

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FLOODS CAUSE GREAT LOSS

Mines Full of Water and Many Mules Drowned.

Greatest Rain-Storm in the Region's History -- Coal Companies and Railroads Suffer Heavy Loss.

The most destructive rain-storm that ever visited Freeland and vicinity began early Saturday morning and continued without change until early Sunday morning. Rain fell in torrents incessantly in this section, and from all other parts of the state come similar reports. Mines everywhere are flooded beyond all previous experiences, railroad bridges and tracks are washed away, telegraph and telephone wires are down and great havoc and confusion is reported throughout the state.

No trains reached town until noon today and the regular schedule cannot be resumed before tomorrow.

In town cellars were flooded and sewer inlets blocked, but the damage otherwise was not extensive, the surrounding mining towns faring much worse than Freeland.

All the mines in this part of the region were filled or partially filled with water and work is practically suspended at several collieries.

At Jeddo the most serious loss occurred. There the canal which carries the water from Drifton mines and Freeland sewer broke into No. 5 colliery. The canal was swollen to ten times its usual size and the water effected an entrance opposite George Wise's store.

This occurred on Saturday evening and the breach was gradually widened by the water until the locality resembled a stripping excavation.

The mine officials tried to stay the flood and turn its course by throwing six tons of hay, thirteen carts and three log-wagons into the hole, but all this was swept out of sight as quickly as it was deposited and the water continued to rush into the workings.

Denis Welsh, of Washington street, a pumpman, and Peter Keller, the stable boss, were the only men at work in the mine at the time and they barely escaped with their lives. Both reached the surface after wading up to their necks in water.

Near Jeddo slaughter house another break in the canal occurred, which helped to fill No. 5 mine. Oakdale and Ebervale collieries were also filled.

Had the flood come at any other time except Saturday night a tremendous loss of life would have followed, as these collieries employ large numbers of night-shift men, for whom there would have been no hope.

As it is, the only loss of life was that of mules, of which Markle & Co. lost

seven in Ebervale, fifteen in Oakdale and sixteen in No. 5. Two were also drowned at Hazle Brook, which is filled with water.

Thirty-seven mules are imprisoned in the upper stables in No. 5 mine, and unless the water soon recedes sufficiently to give them air they will die of suffocation.

Enormous damage has been done inside the collieries, all the motors, pumps and other machinery being covered, and no work is expected at No. 5 before January 1 next.

At Japan the Lehigh Traction Company's tracks were washed away. This has been repaired sufficiently to permit the resumption of traffic.

The Lehigh Valley was washed away at Foundryville, Lumber Yard, Weatherly and Penn Haven, also a bridge at the latter place. On the main line hundreds of yards of track are gone into the Lehigh river, along with several bridges.

At Oneida Squire John Burns, a man well known here, was drowned by falling into a creek between Shepton and that town. He was on his way home and attempted to cross on a little foot-bridge, but was swept into the stream. He was 35 years of age and leaves a wife and six children. He will be buried at Hazleton tomorrow afternoon.

Opened Their Fair.

The unusually heavy downpour of rain did not deter the Tigers Athletic Club from opening their fair at Krell's opera house on Saturday evening. The inclement weather had a depressing effect upon the attendance, but those who were present were well repaid for their trouble in braving the elements. The hall is handsomely fitted up and the articles on exhibition represent several hundred dollars' worth.

The more important booths contain a fancy davenport, sideboard, iron bed, dining table, writing desk, sewing machine, silver and nickel tea sets, several fancy chairs, washing machine, china closet, parlor lamps and tables, fine mirrors and hundreds of other articles of more or less value.

The most unique and costly display made is a booth fitted up as a kitchen, which contains every article, large or small, which should be put in an up-to-date kitchen. A range, table, chairs, knives, forks, spoons, cooking utensils of every description and every modern appliance which has a place in a kitchen is included in the display. It is the leading feature of the fair and attracted general attention.

Throughout the hall are a number of other amusement devices to interest and entertain the crowd, and if the fair does not become a popular place to spend the evenings of the next two weeks it will not be the fault of the members of the club.

St. Ann's and the Citizens' band were present on Saturday evening and rendered several selections.

The musical program for the next three evenings includes the following: Monday, piano selections by Prof. M. Capece; Tuesday, Krell's Regina; Wednesday, Sterling Mandolin Club, of Hazleton.

Today's Funerals.

The funeral of the late Richard R. Welsh took place this afternoon from his home on South Centre street. The Citizens' Hose Company and Division 6, A. O. U., of which Mr. Welsh was a member, attended, also many other relatives and friends of the young man. The remains were interred in the family plot at St. Ann's cemetery.

The funeral of Mrs. Frank McDermott took place this morning and was largely attended. All that was mortal of the aged lady was laid beside her late husband at St. Ann's cemetery.

Smallpox Precautions.

Freeland Board of Health proposes to be ready if smallpox should make its appearance in the borough. At a meeting on Friday evening the members decided to recommend general vaccination.

A committee was appointed to select a site upon which an emergency hospital could be built, if the same becomes necessary.

When a site has been chosen the the borough council will be asked to approve of the board's actions.

At NeuBurger's Store.

Nowhere in lower Luzerne county has more preparations been made for holiday shoppers than at NeuBurger's Big Store. The merchandise they handle is well suited for Christmas gifts, and the shopper who is not satisfied in selection, price and quality after seeing their stock is indeed hard to please. A partial list of goods and prices is given on the fourth page of the Tribune. Look them over.

Restaurant For Sale.

The good will and fixtures of the restaurant of Stanley Rudewick, Front street; best paying location in town; good reason for selling. Apply to Daniel Kline, attorney-at-law.

BREVITIES.

A crowd of boys and young men at Duryea on Saturday attacked a crew of non-union men who were operating one of the cars of the Scranton Traction Company. The crew drew revolvers and fired. Several of the police of the borough started after the carmen and the latter fled. Later in the day they were discovered in hiding, and chase was given. The men fled across the country toward Moosic and escaped.

The moulders employed at the Hazleton Iron Works, about forty-five in number, went on strike Saturday morning. The men want a rate of \$2.25 per day of nine hours, and while the company is willing to grant its older employees this rate of wages, it will not agree to make the advance general.

Saturday ended this year's season for shooting rabbits, according to law, but the slaughter of the bunnies will probably continue for several weeks unless the woods are closely watched.

Mrs. William Shaw, aged 21 years, died from smallpox at Plymouth on Saturday. The schools of the borough have been closed.

A young son of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick O'Donnell, of Highland, has been taken to the Miners' hospital to be treated for appendicitis.

Ben Davey, Jr., the architect of the Daniel Cox school building on Washington street, died at Wilkesbarre Friday night, aged 34 years.

School Director Frank McHugh, of Foster township, is dangerously ill with pneumonia at the home of Peter McHugh, on Adams street.

A joint ball will be held on January 31 by the Citizens' Hose Company and the Fourth Ward Fire Company.

Large stock of men's Sweet-Orr & Co.'s overalls and coats at 75c and 80c. They are guaranteed not to rip. J. Bellezza, 110 South Centre street, near Luzerne.

A spirited address on temperance was delivered by Rev. Moore before the Young Men's Corps yesterday afternoon.

A special meeting of the borough school board will be held this evening.

Charged with shooting Daniel McAuliffe, in a street car at Scranton, Detective S. F. Cosgrove has been held in \$5,000 bail, as the wounded man may die.

The Ernest silk mill, of East Mauch Chunk, has been sold to D. G. Dery for \$75,000, subject to a mortgage of \$30,000 in favor of trustees, who are residents of the Mauch Chunk.

Lost His Month's Pay.

Patrick J. O'Donnell, of Washington street, employed as a fireman on the D. S. & S. Railroad, met with a loss on Saturday which is keenly felt by himself and his family. Mr. O'Donnell, while at work, received his pay for the month of November. He walked from the pay-car to his engine, coaled his fire and from the engine walked to the caboose of his train.

Placing his hand in the pocket in which he had dropped the envelope containing his month's earnings, he was surprised to find it empty. A diligent and thorough search of the ground he had traversed was made, but no signs of the money were found.

"Patcher," as Mr. O'Donnell is known to his friends, is unable to account for the sudden disappearance of his pay, and his fellow-employees sympathize with him in his loss.

"Old Arkansaw."

Manager Fred Raymond will tomorrow evening give a most elaborate production of his latest melodramatic success, "Old Arkansaw." The play was produced near the close of last season and was a hit. It is full of gorgeous scenery and the handsome sets to be seen in this production are all most elaborate and realistic. It is vigorous in dramatic action and, from the rising of the curtain to the ending of the performance, there is not a moment in which the audience is not deeply interested. The acting company is one paramount, and "Old Arkansaw" is in good hands, and with its carload of scenery, is an assured winner here, as it has been elsewhere.

PLEASURE.

December 16 to 28.—Fair of the Tigers Athletic Club at Krell's opera house.

December 25.—Shooting for turkeys, geese, etc., at the rooms of the South Herberton Sporting Club.

December 25.—Opening date of fair at Eckley Catholic church.

January 13 to 18.—Fair of Loyal Castle, No. 65, A. O. K. of M. C., at Krell's opera house.

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FIREMEN FIGHT FIERCE BLAZE

Sunday Morning Fire Destroys Property.

Roth's Blacksmith Shops and Wagon Works and the Beagle Hame Works' Machine Shop Burned.

At 7 o'clock yesterday morning fire was discovered in the rear of Richard Roth's blacksmith shop on East Front street, and before the flames were conquered they destroyed a large portion of the building, a two-story structure, which contained the blacksmith shop and wagon works of Roth and the machine shops of the Beagle Hame Works.

The building was the property of Joah Evans and Mrs. Wm. Williamson, who sustain a loss of \$1,300, with \$1,000 insurance. Mr. Roth estimates his loss at from \$900 to \$1,000, no insurance. The Beagle firm had several costly machines and some stock in the building, but until it is learned how badly damaged is the machinery the proprietors, H. S. Beagle and George Wise, are unable to place their loss.

The fire was discovered by Mrs. Frank Gillespie, whose residence is in the first building east of the blacksmith shop. She aroused her family and neighbors, and George McGee, whose residence is next to the burned building, westward, turned in an alarm from box 32.

The Citizens' Hose Company's apparatus was hurried to the scene of the fire and in a short while four streams were turned into the burning structure. A strong cold wind was blowing and it was seen that if the fire was permitted to break out through the roof and sides the sparks would be carried to all parts of town.

Although the building resembled a roaring furnace when the firemen arrived, they worked heroically against the flames and fought from every point in their efforts to confine them to the interior.

At 7.30 o'clock Councilman Hincer, of the fire committee, ordered a second alarm sounded, which was done by Chief of Police O'Donnell. This brought out the hose cart of the Fourth Ward Company and their lines were laid and made ready in case adjoining buildings should take fire.

At 7.45 o'clock the fire was practically under control, although it required an hour's more work before it was extinguished.

The intense heat on one side and the cold piercing wind on the other made the position of the firemen an unenviable one, and many were almost overcome by the smoke. There were also several narrow escapes from the falling of the second floor by those who had entered the building.

The origin of the fire is shrouded in mystery. It is claimed there was no fire of any description in the building since 2 o'clock on Saturday. None of the parties who suffered loss are able to offer any suggestions which will aid in tracing its cause.

During the fire Mrs. Williamson supplied the firemen with hot coffee and cakes, and her thoughtfulness was appreciated by the workers.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE.

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Tuesday Evening, December 17.

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Exciting Incidents, Villany and Pathetic Scenes Relieved by Wholesome Comedy.

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Mrs. R. Thompson,

South Centre Street, Freeland.

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