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Seats Now on Sale at McMenamin's Store.

PUPILS TO BE VACCINATED

Borough School Board Will Enforce Law.

Directors Fix January 15 as the Date After Which No Child Can Attend School Without a Certificate.

January 15, 1902, has been fixed by the school directors of Freeland borough as the date for the strict enforcement of the vaccination law. At a meeting on Monday evening, attended by Directors Bell, Brogan, Buckley, Isaac, Kelly, Kline, McCole and Purcell, it was unanimously decided that the law must be enforced in the interest of the health of the town.

The matter was thoroughly discussed by the board and the views expressed at the Luzerne County Directors Association meeting at Wilkesbarre last October were presented.

The Directors' Association decided that the law should be promptly enforced, especially when smallpox appears in the vicinity. The decisions of the higher courts sustain the directors in barring all children from the public schools who have not been successfully vaccinated, unless they have had smallpox.

The secretary was ordered to notify the health authorities that the law is to be enforced and to ask for the necessary blank certificates.

The secretary was also authorized to procure necessary repairs for the steam-heating plant in the Daniel Coxo building.

Debt-Ridden Township.

The members of the school board of Pittston township, whose failure to pay the teachers has caused the latter to go on strike, are attempting to place the responsibility of the situation.

The directors have made a proposition to the striking teachers. They state that they will pay them one month's salary if the teachers return to their schools. The teachers did not receive the proposition favorably and submitted a proposition of their own to the directors. They informed them that they would reopen their schools if they are paid one month's salary at once and a promise given them that hereafter they will be paid monthly.

The move on foot to start an investigation has greatly concerned the directors. It is said that the inability of the directors to meet expenses cover a period of four years. The situation has become such that some merchants will no longer honor orders issued by the board to the teachers.

The total amount due the teachers is \$8,295.

There are rumors and rumors and it is

expected that an investigation of the townships affairs will be demanded.

Smallpox Is Spreading.

J. Will Kellmer, a photographer, is the latest victim of the smallpox at Hazleton. His attack is very mild, however, and his condition is not serious. Of the two other cases in that city, two of the patients, James Welsh and Madeline Bentley, are dangerously ill and their recovery is doubtful.

Richard Price, of Beaver Meadow, was stricken with the disease yesterday.

In view of the slow but steady spread of the epidemic in the lower end, the recommendation of the Board of Health that all Freeland people should be vaccinated ought to be carried out immediately.

The cold weather is very favorable to spreading the disease, and all who have the welfare of themselves, their families and the community at heart should be vaccinated. This is especially true of business people and others who come in contact with many persons each day.

Coal Famine Probable.

On account of the inability of the surrounding collieries to send away their coal, all are compelled to suspend operations, including those not affected by the water during Saturday's storm. The shutting down of No. 2 Highland mine, from which hundreds of Freeland people procure their coal, is causing much inconvenience in town. It is not known when the mine will resume. Coal is still being hauled from Drifton to town, a train of domestic sizes having been sent there from Roan yards yesterday.

The collieries cannot work and furnish the smaller sizes alone, as the breaker pockets are filled with lump and the larger sizes, which cannot be disposed of until cars are furnished and railroad traffic resumed.

Bukhardt Suit Revived.

The suit of the Bukhardt Moser heirs to recover millions of dollar worth of coal lands has been revived in the Schuylkill county courts. W. C. Stanton, of Buffalo, counsel for the plaintiffs, announced that three witnesses have been discovered who were personally acquainted with Bukhardt Moser, the owner of the estate in litigation, and that these witnesses will be able to identify the signatures to the documents recently found in an old trunk, which, it is alleged, establish the claims of the plaintiff.

These witnesses are Mr. and Mrs. John Belle, of Easton, and Mrs. William Dean, of Pottsville. They are all over 90 years of age. It was ordered that their depositions be taken within ten days.

Married This Afternoon.

Frank McNellis, of Hazleton, and Miss Ella Connelly, of Jeddo, were united in marriage at 2 o'clock this afternoon. The ceremony took place at St. Ann's church. John Brannigan, of Jeddo, was the groomsmen, and Miss Kate Breslin, also of Jeddo, was the bridesmaid.

A reception was held at the home of the bride, where the young couple couple received the congratulations and best wishes of their friends. Mr. and Mrs. McNellis will make their home in Hazleton.

Cause of Fire Unknown.

The cause of the fire on Sunday morning which destroyed Roth's blacksmith shop and the plant of the Beagle Hame Works is still a mystery. The only plausible theories set forth are incendiarism and electric wires. It is said that suspicious characters were seen loitering in the neighborhood. It is also alleged that the electric light wires were not properly insulated.

The Beagle firm estimates their loss at about \$1,500. They carry insurance to the amount of \$1,000.

Large Crowds at the Fair.

The Tigers fair is drawing large crowds nightly, the various attractions proving irresistible. Something of interest is going on every evening and those who attend are well pleased with the amusement furnished. Tonight the Sterling Mandolin Club, of Hazleton, will furnish the music, on Friday evening St. Ann's band and on Saturday evening St. Cecilia's Mandolin Club, of town.

May Lose His Sight.

Daniel McCole, of Walnut street, employed as a blacksmith at Jeddo, was the victim of an accident yesterday which probably destroyed the sight of one eye and may affect the other. He was brought to his home, where the injury was treated, and was taken last evening to Will's Eye hospital, Philadelphia.

One eye is cut in three places near the sight and little hope of saving it is entertained.

BREVITIES.

The convention of the Ninth district Mine Workers is being held at Mahanoy City, with President John Fahey in the chair. Over 300 delegates, representing thirty-seven locals, are in attendance, and the busiest kind of sessions are anticipated, probably until Saturday. Many important questions, among them card inspection at the collieries, will come up for consideration.

Congressman H. W. Palmer, in an interview, says he favors ex-Lieutenant Governor Watres for governor to succeed Stone. He says Watres' candidacy would mean a disintegration of the insurgent movement, and that this is important in view of the fact that the next legislature will be called upon the elect a successor to Senator Penrose.

Admiral Schley has sent a long letter in response to one sent him by the Boys' Industrial Association, of Wilkesbarre. These lads are mostly breaker boys. They followed the hearing before the Schley Board of Inquiry, by having reports read to them daily, and then sent him a letter signed by 600 names.

"Tyro" Costello, of Lattimer, a well-known ball player, returned home last evening after spending two years as a soldier in the Philippines and Sandwich Islands.

Hazle township directors met last evening and ordered their teachers to admit no pupil after January 6 who cannot present a vaccination certificate.

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.

Mrs. Daniel Coxo has sailed for Europe and will spend several months in Germany.

An entertainment will be held by the Young Men's Corps at the Grand opera house Sunday evening.

An infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Long, of Hazle Brook, was buried yesterday at Eckley cemetery.

The engagement of Dr. George Wentz, of Drifton, and Miss Florence Kendrick, of Philadelphia, has been announced.

George A. Fink has been appointed postmaster at Sunshine, Luzerne county.

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Shoemaker and family attended the funeral of a relative at Tamaqua this week.

THEATRICAL.

Arrangements are about completed for the production here of the big spectacular attraction, Chas. H. Yale and Sidney R. Ellis' "The Evil Eye," or as it is otherwise known—"The Further Funny Freaks of Nid and the Continued Comical Contortions of Nod," which is to be given at the Grand on Thursday evening.

The scenery for the play is carried in two special scenery cars, and a large force of men are necessary in placing it in position. Among the elaborate scenic devices are the disappearing rooms and the revolving wind-mill, both of which are said to be among the most involved bits of stage mechanism ever devised.

In addition to the marvelous electric ballet, the Victoria troupe of royal English singers and dancers and the large chorus, the company includes Mayme Mayo, John L. Guilmette, Chas. A. Loder, Miss Louise Satorn, Miss Josephine Baird, Brothers Kennard, Geo. W. Kerr and forty others.

"Old Arkansas" was rendered in good style at the Grand last evening. The play this year is in the hands of a strong company and they bring out the strong points of the drama in a capable manner.

The Lander Repertoire Company, managed by B. J. Lander, formerly of Hazleton opera house, will appear here the early part of next month.

On Saturday evening the Hawthorn Musical Club will give a concert under the auspices of the Mining and Mechanical Institute.

"Two Jolly Companions" will appear here on Friday evening.

Patient Under Affliction.
Mrs. Muggins—Mrs. Bjones is a patient sufferer. She never complains.

Mrs. Buggins—I didn't know she was an invalid.
Mrs. Muggins—Oh, she isn't, but her husband has dyspepsia.—Philadelphia Record.

Restaurant For Sale.
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RAVAGES OF THE FLOOD

Damage Is Much Greater Than Expected.

Local Collieries Will Not Resume Work for Some Time—Railroads Are Badly Handicapped.

The floods which entered the mines on Saturday were far more disastrous and did greater damage to the workings than appeared on the surface. The inside slopes of several collieries are filled with water, and until larger and more powerful pumps are procured they cannot be emptied.

Markle & Co. are the heaviest losers in this section, their Oakdale and No. 5 mines being very badly damaged. The number of mules lost by the firm is now figured at forty-two, but this is a small item compared with the property destroyed.

Large gangs of men are working night and day clearing away the debris which rushed into the workings from the surface, and according as the water is pumped out or drained through the big tunnel the men get further down and are able to see the havoc of the flood.

The Lehigh Valley tracks between White Haven and Mauch Chunk are in a bad condition, also between the Lumber Yard and Penn Haven Junction. Thousands of yards of track and dozens of bridges were swept away and it may be weeks before these lines are opened.

Trains between New York and Philadelphia now run via Lizard Creek branch. They leave the main line below Leighton and run through Pottsville, Delano, Hazleton and Freeland, connecting with the main line again at White Haven.

Only passenger and first-class freight trains are yet moving, and the appearance of so many new trains passing through town is something unusual here. The railroads are unable to handle coal, and until they can do so none of the collieries here can resume. Very little coal will be sent to tidewater before the first of the year.

Of the coal region railroads, the Jersey Central was the greatest sufferer. Every bridge on the system was either destroyed or so badly damaged that it must be repaired. Temporary bridges are being erected, and traffic may be resumed next week.

Several D. S. & S. trains which were on their way to or from Perth Amboy are held up along the line and it is not known when the men will get home. All the trainmen, however, are safe and are being taken care of by the company.

PLEASURE.

December 18 to 28.—Fair of the Tigers Athletic Club at Krell's opera house.

December 22.—Entertainment under the auspices of Young Men's C. T. A. B. Corps. Admission, 10 and 15 cents.

December 25.—Shooting for turkeys, geese, etc., at the rooms of the South Heberton 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.

Tree ornaments at Kelper's.



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