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Handsome line of Slippers for men, women and children at the lowest prices in the entire region at

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Dry Goods and Notions are among the finest sold in Freeland. Send a sample order and try them.

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Mum's Extra Dry Champagne, Hennessy Brandy, Blinckberry,

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MEALS - AT - ALL - HOURS.

T. CAMPBELL,

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PURE WINES & LIQUORS

FOR FAMILY

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Centre and Main streets, Freeland.

Santa Claus' HEADQUARTERS ARE AT M. MERKT'S

Candy, Confectionery and Toy Store.

You are invited to call and see the largest and finest line of Holiday Goods in lower Luzerne county. We have all the latest

NOVELTIES IN TOYS



We have the grandest and largest display of Toys ever shown in Freeland. We cannot enumerate the articles here, as space will not permit. Call and see them; the prices are right.

The purity, richness, and flavor of our Candies, Bon-Bons, etc., need no praise. From the many flavors, something can be selected to suit the taste.

M. MERKT, Wholesale and Retail.

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ICE CREAM THE YEAR AROUND.

TROLLEY CAR'S NARROW ESCAPE

Terrible Accident Averted Last Evening.

Passengers on a Traction Car Jump to Escape Being Run Down by a Lehigh Valley Train.

A Lehigh Traction Company car escaped destruction by a few inches at the Lehigh Valley station on South Centre street last evening.

It crossed the railroad tracks barely in time to avoid being struck by Engine No. 400, drawing the 7:30 o'clock train from Wilkesbarre and the West.

The trolley car was on its way from Hazleton and was due here at 7:45 p. m. Just before reaching the railroad tracks at the station the car stopped.

Conductor Wolf, as is the custom, went forward, looked up and down the tracks, and seeing no railroad train, signalled the motorman to proceed.

The car, which was crowded with passengers, started again, and was half way across when the snow underneath the wheels caused it to suddenly halt.

At this moment the whistle of the overdue passenger train was heard at Highland crossing, and the crowd of people at the station realized that a frightful catastrophe was imminent.

The motorman threw on additional power, but still the car refused to clear the railroad. The wheels revolved rapidly, but could not get a grip on the icy rails.

In the meantime the passenger train was rushing onward, the curve, hill and darkness obscuring the trolley car from the engineer's vision.

Believing the trolley car was doomed to destruction Conductor Wolf called to the passengers to jump, and both ends of the car were opened. In less time than it takes to tell, the car was emptied.

As the last passenger cleared the platform and was safe, the train bounded into view. The motorman, who was vainly trying to start the car, suddenly succeeded in gripping the rails and the car started onward, clearing the railroad track by a few inches as the train thundered past.

It was the most thrilling escape ever witnessed at this dangerous crossing, which is just outside the borough limits, and intense excitement prevailed among the onlookers.

The passengers, without exception, were thoroughly frightened, and two, Miss Lizzie Sippel and Miss Jacquot, fainted while being rescued.

Held Up in Germany.

From the Wilkesbarre Record. August Haug, an employe of the Standard Anti-Friction Equipment Company, of Wilkesbarre, who recently returned from a visit to his father in Germany, had an unpleasant experience with the military authorities of that country. His father is a resident of Alsace-Lorraine, a portion of the German empire since the Franco-Prussian war. Haug was over 21 years of age and for over ten years had been a resident of this country. Recently his mother died at the old home and her death gave him a longing to again see the scenes of his boyhood. He started on the trip on September 12 and three days before leaving he took out naturalization papers.

After landing in Germany he was compelled, according to the regulations, to report the nature of his visit to the authorities. The mayor, to whom he went to report, directed him to the official in charge of the small town. He was closely questioned by this official and not having a passport, the suspicions of the authorities were aroused, the latter believing that he was not an American citizen and, therefore, amendable to the German military law compelling every young man to serve in the army a certain period.

He showed his naturalization papers, but the officials he was dealing with could not read English and they paid no attention to them. He feared the jig was up and could see before him visions of long service in the army of the Kaiser.

He sent for his brother, who appealed to the American consul, who directed him to the consul at Cassel. After

Geo. H. Hartman, Meats and Green Truck.

Fresh Lard a Specialty.

Centre Street, near Central Hotel.

much red tape he was allowed to go to Cassel with his brother. To the latter the situation was explained, but after a two hours' wait he was informed by the official that nothing could be done.

A wait of three weeks followed, at the end of which time he was informed that he could go. He then went to Alsace-Lorraine to visit his father and childhood friends.

Christmas in the Churches.

Christmas will be observed in the local churches with appropriate services. In a number very strong programs have been arranged.

There will be midnight mass at St. Anthony's Italian and St. Kasimir's Polish Catholic churches. The services begin at 12 o'clock tonight.

At St. Ann's Catholic church masses will be celebrated at 6, 7:30, 9 and 10:30 a. m.

At St. John's Catholic church several masses will be read.

At St. James' P. E. chapel holy communion will be given in connection with the services at 7:30 a. m., and at St. James' church, Drifton, at 9:30 a. m.

At St. Paul's P. M. church services and distribution of gifts will be conducted this evening.

At St. John's Reformed church the Sunday school will hold services at 7 o'clock Christmas evening.

At Upper Lehigh Presbyterian church the Sunday school will hold services tomorrow evening.

Services will also be conducted in all the other churches of town.

School Vacation Extended.

Directors Bell, Brogan, Beckley, Kelly, McCole, McGeehan and Purcell attended a special meeting of the borough school board last evening.

The meeting was called to take action on the teachers' request that the holiday vacation be extended from January 2 to January 6.

It was represented that, owing to there being only two school days in the week after New Year's Day, the attendance would decrease on these days.

The fact that hundreds of the pupils are being vaccinated was also taken into consideration, and the extension would probably give them an opportunity to recover from the effects.

The board decided unanimously to grant the teachers' request, and the re-opening date was made January 6.

On account of the next regular meeting night coming on January 1, a legal holiday, the members decided to meet in regular session on Thursday evening, January 2.

Lloyd Will Have to Pay.

The paying of \$1,200 for detective fees in the Demario murder case in Freeland by Controller Lloyd is likely to give somebody some trouble. The Tax-payers' Association, finding that such an exorbitant sum was paid for little or no work, took the matter in hand and now promises to have the bill returned to the county commissioners, who in turn will have to enter a surcharge against Controller Lloyd.

In the opinion of persons who ought to know, \$81 would have covered the expenses of the stool pigeon, who sat with Capuccini in his cell, and by paying that sum the rate was very high.

Another Smallpox Case.

James Downing, of Lattimer, was placed in Hazleton emergency hospital yesterday suffering from a mild attack of smallpox. He was employed at a stripping in Lattimer, and came there from Stanhope, Conn. He took sick on Sunday and yesterday asked to be examined, as he believed he had the disease.

The other patients in the hospital are in various conditions. Some are recovering and others are in the worst stages of the disease.

Children Made Happy.

The children of the employes of Cox's Bros. & Co. and the D. S. & S. Railroad were presented with gifts yesterday afternoon and last evening. Cross Creek hall was crowded at both times with hundreds of little ones whose Christmas will be more merry by reason of the many valuable presents bestowed upon them by Mrs. Eckley B. Cox.

The children of the resident employes of Markle & Co. were made happy by receiving seasonal gifts from Mrs. John Markle.

Cousins Can't Marry.

Last winter the state legislature passed a law forbidding first cousins to marry each other. The governor did not sign the bill, and it became a law without his signature on June 24, 1901. The bill takes effect on January 1, 1902, and after that time the register and recorders of the various counties will not be permitted to issue licenses to persons so related.

Tree ornaments at Keiper's.

PERSONAL.

Patrick Brennan, after an absence of a few years in the West, is visiting at his home on South Ridge street. He is now located in Montana.

Mablon Neale has returned to the home of his parents, Dr. and Mrs. H. M. Neale, Upper Lehigh, from Hartford, Conn.

Miss Mamie Hayes, of Bloomsburg state normal school, is spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. S. E. Hayes.

Miss Clare McDonald, a pupil at St. Cecilia's academy, Scranton, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. McDonald.

Dr. and Mrs. Wise, of Tyrone, are visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Wise, Jeddo.

Charles Goersch, Jr., of Muhlenberg college, Allentown, is visiting his parents on Birkbeck street.

Mrs. Hugh Gallagher is visiting her daughter, Mrs. John B. Keenan, at Lost Creek, Schuylkill county.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Shalters, of Reading, are visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. David James, Eckley.

John Ward, of town, who recently enlisted in the United States cavalry service, is home on a furlough.

Fred Kuntz has returned from Mt. Airey seminary to spend Christmas at his home here.

Harry E. Sweeney, Jr., who attends Yale university, is at his home in Drifton.

Howard Albert, a student at Philadelphia School of Pharmacy, is home.

Thomas Evans, Jr., is home from Bucknell university.

Calvin Albert, of Cornell university, is spending the holidays here.

ROUND THE REGION.

The strike inaugurated by the fifteen teachers of Pittston township schools two weeks ago for the \$6,750 back salary due them has been settled and the teachers will go back to work on January 6. The directors have promised to pay salaries regularly hereafter once a month, and gradually to pay up the amount now due for past services.

Peter Panella, aged 56 years, of Hazleton, died in the Miners hospital of pneumonia. He was employed as a miner and went to work on repairs on the railroads after the flood. On Friday he met with an accident near Penn Haven and had his foot so badly injured that amputation was necessary.

Conductor Eugene H. Blakslee, of Mauch Chunk, has tendered his resignation. Mr. Blakslee has been connected with the Lehigh Valley road for thirty-two years and is the second oldest employe on the division.

The Hazard Wire Rope Works, of Wilkesbarre, is just finishing an order of wire rope which is to be used in the rigging of a new yacht being built for Emperor William of Germany, by the Herreshoffs.

\$10 to Join Mine Workers.

The second annual convention of the United Mine Workers of District 9 has adjourned at Mahonoy City to meet one year hence at Minersville. A resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution increasing the initiation fee from \$5 to \$10 was adopted after a hot discussion. Each local will, however, have discretionary power as to which of these amounts shall prevail.

The eight-hour work-day was endorsed and the card inspection question was referred to the national convention, with a recommendation that a system of card examination, applicable to the entire organization, be adopted.

It was also decided to establish a junior auxiliary among the slate pickers and boys employed about the mines, organizing them into locals of their own. The initiation fee was fixed at 50 cents and bi-monthly dues at 25 cents.

Again on the Fair List.

Notice is hereby given to the saloon and hotel keepers of Freeland and vicinity that the products of the Yeungling brewery (Chas. Moerschbacher, agent), of Pottsville, which were placed on the unfair list on Saturday, are again on the fair list, the firm having placed the union label on the goods. By order of committee of Central Labor Union of Freeland and Vicinity.

Grand Low Fare Excursion

To Washington, D. C., via the Lehigh Valley Railroad. Tickets will be sold January 9, limited for return passage to January 19 inclusive, at the low rate of one fare for the round trip. Half fare for children.

Consult Lehigh Valley ticket agents for further particulars.

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.

LOCAL NOTES WRITTEN UP

Short Items of Interest to All Readers.

Happenings of the Past Two Days in and Around Freeland Recorded Without Waste of Words.

Herbert O. Averill, deputy grand organizer of the Ancient Order United Workmen, who is in the city in the interest of the order, reports great success. On January 1 Mr. Averill will institute a lodge here and at Freeland, after which he will go to Allentown, where he already has a rapidly growing charter list.—Plain Speaker.

What promises to be a good attraction will appear at the Grand opera house on January 2. It is called "Our New Minister," and has played to large houses in all the leading cities of the country. The play comes highly recommended.

St. Ann's band furnished music last evening at the Tigers fair. The fair will be open tomorrow from 1 to 11 p. m., and a number of the articles on exhibition will be disposed of.

Highland collieries are scheduled to resume work on Thursday morning. No. 5 mine, Jeddo, will not be in condition to operate before the first of January, and probably not before January 6.

Asa Rute, who was taken ill with pneumonia at Centralia two weeks ago, has been brought to the home of his parents, Councilman and Mrs. B. F. Rute, Walnut street.

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.

Business in up-town stores was interfered with last evening by the electric lights going out while the stores were filled with buyers.

The Tribune extends the compliments of the season to its readers, patrons and friends, and wishes all a Merry Christmas.

Traffic on the Lehigh Valley main line has been reopened, but trains are running very irregular and delays are numerous.

Daniel Sweeney and Miss Mary Burke, well-known young people of Hazle Brook, will be married during the holidays.

Harry Yoch has accepted a position in Hartman's meat market.

PLEASURE.

December 24 to 28.—Fair of the Tigers Athletic Club at Kroll's opera house.

December 25.—Shooting for turkeys, geese, etc., at the rooms of the South Haberton 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 Kroll's opera house.



Jewelry

If You Can Give yourself a spare moment, drop in and see our assortment of

Jewelry, Watches, Diamonds,

etc. The longer you put it off, the less likely you are to find the spare moment. You will instantly confess you never saw such ideal material for

Christmas Gifts.

Just what you want you may not know now, but just what you want you will be absolutely sure to find when we show you what we have to offer.

W. L. Butterwick, Corner of Front and Centre Streets.

Condy O. Boyle, dealer in LIQUOR, WINE, BEER, PORTER, ETC.

The finest brands of Domestic and Imported Whiskey on sale. Fresh Rochester and Shenandoah Beer and Youngling's Porter on tap. Centre street.

We Extend to our Patrons and Friends a Merry Christmas and ask to be Remembered Next Year.

Phila. One-Price Clothing House, S. SENIE, PROP. Birkbeck Brick, Freeland, Pa.

Ladies', Misses' and Children's Coats and Capes

At prices that every buyer who cares for economy should share in. Every garment thoroughly correct and up-to-date.

Automobile and Raglans. Very good selections can be made here from our lines of these articles. We have already sold a large number.

Dry Goods and Ladies' Furnishing Goods. In these lines we have nice selections to be had at suitable prices.

Mrs. R. Thompson, South Centre Street, Freeland.

DOLLS! DOLLS! Laubach's

Is the store where the stock is the largest and the prices lowest. Come and see our great assortments of

Holiday Novelties, Christmas Toys, Tree Trimmings and Ornaments.

No others can offer you such bargains as our store contains. Spend your money here and it will be well invested.

B. C. LAUBACH, Baker and Confectioner, Centre Street, Freeland.

Shoes for Fall and Winter

We have filled our spacious store with the latest and best lines of Footwear in the market for Men, Women and Children.

We have placed prices on our shoes which represent a very small margin of profit, and therefore can guarantee you the best goods for the least money.

There are no better lines of shoes in the county to select from. We fit big or little feet perfectly. Prices are always just right. We invite you to come and see us before you make your purchases.

STAR SHOE STORE, HUGH MALLOY, PROP., Centre and Walnut Streets