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ICE CREAM THE YEAR AROUND.

## 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.**

The fair for the benefit of Eckley Catholic church opened on Tuesday evening and has been well attended every evening since. The committee has secured a number of fancy and useful articles and will dispose of them during the fair.

Dr. L. M. Portzer has resigned his position as assistant to Dr. Geo. S. Wentz and will open an office in Greensburg, Westmoreland county. His removal leaves a vacancy in the Board of Health, of which he was secretary.

Patrick Rogan, who disposed of his property on South Centre street last week, has purchased from Joseph McClelland for \$2,250 two lots and a double dwelling at the corner of Adams and Luzerne streets.

When you want shoes, felt overshoes, gaiters or rubbers, buy at J. Bellezza's. Everything you get here is reliable. Satisfaction given for little money. 110 S. Centre st., near Luzerne.

Janitor Bart McClelland, of the Daniel Cox school building, was presented on Tuesday evening with a purse of money by the teachers of that school, in recognition of his services during the term.

Mrs. Andrew Bechtloft, of Chestnut street, was attacked by cramps on Wednesday evening and for a time her life was despaired of by her relatives. She is much improved today.

A successful entertainment was held Christmas evening in East Butler chapel, after which the children of the Sunday school received their annual gifts.

John James has removed from Centre street to Front, near Ridge, and now occupies the residence recently vacated by James Kessel, who removed to Sandy valley.

Each of the 200 employees of the Freeland Silk Mill Company was presented on Tuesday with a new \$1 bill by Superintendent A. H. Bleckley, on behalf of the company.

John Gula, aged 50 years, of Eckley, was taken to Laurytown hospital yesterday. He is very ill and has no one to take care of him.

Tree ornaments at Kepler's. The pupils of the Mining and Mechanical Institute have been vaccinated at the request of the faculty.

A daughter has been born to Mr. and Mrs. John J. Carr, South Washington street.

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**GRAND OPERA HOUSE.**  
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**Denman Thompson's**  
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Two Hours and a Half of Solid Fun.

"God bless Denman Thompson for writing this play. It is better than 'The Old Homestead' or 'Two Sisters'."—Rev. Dr. A. D. Mayo, Boston.

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## PERSONAL.

Clerk of the Courts and Mrs. Reese Lloyd, of Wilkesbarre, visited the former's mother and sisters on North Centre street on Wednesday.

John J. Stahl, of the United States Marine Corps, who is stationed at Annapolis, Md., spent Christmas with his mother on South Centre street.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel J. Boyle, of Pleasant Hill, Schuylkill county, spent Christmas with Freeland relatives.

Bernard McDevitt, of Newark, N. J., is visiting his mother in the Second ward.

Charles O'Donnell, of Allentown, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Hugh O'Donnell, Walnut street.

Misses Rose McShane and Bride Campbell, of New York city, are visiting relatives in this section.

Maurice O'Donnell, of Bayonne City, N. J., is visiting his parents at Cox addition.

Miss Sarah Laubach, of Fairmount Springs, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Laubach.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hufford, of New York city, are in town.

## Entertainment Program.

The following program has been arranged for the entertainment which will be given on Sunday evening at the Grand opera house under the auspices of the Young Men's Corps:

Vocal trio—Prof. McKernan and Messrs. O'Donnell and Byrnes, Hazleton.

Recitation—Miss Kennedy, Hazleton. Vocal solo—Miss Mary Hitchins, Audenried.

Recitation—Mrs. Mary Morgan, Audenried.

Vocal solo—Miss Nellie O'Donnell, Audenried.

Guitar and mandolin duet—Misses Kennedy, Hazleton.

Vocal solo—Mrs. Mary Morgan, Audenried.

Vocal solo—William Byrnes, Hazleton.

Recitation—Joseph McNelis, Hazleton.

Vocal solo—Miss Mame O'Donnell, Hazleton.

Vocal solo—William Schollas, Hazleton.

Piano duet—Misses Kennedy, Hazleton.

Vocal solo—Miss Rose North, Drifton.

Vocal solo—Miss Kathryn Kikely, Hazleton.

## Business Men's Night.

This evening has been set apart at the Tigers fair for the business and professional men and their ladies, and the club has forwarded invitations to them to be present tonight.

Owing to the holiday trade the business people have been unable to attend the fair, but as the buying is now over a full attendance of the merchants is expected this evening. The music tonight will be rendered by St. Ann's band and DePierro's orchestra.

The attendance on Christmas Day and evening was a record-breaker, and from 9 to 10 p. m. on Wednesday the large hall was solidly packed with people.

The fair will close tomorrow evening, when the remaining articles will be disposed of, and on Monday the decorations for the annual ball of the Tigers on New Year's Eve will be placed in position.

## Shot a Catamount.

While Tillman Swank and William Lintner, two well known farmers of Butler township, were traveling through the woods near the Pardee house, at the Honey Hole, on Christmas Day, they discovered a large catamount before them.

Both men were on a hunting expedition at the time and were well prepared to meet the animal. Mr. Swank was the first to fire and he brought his game to the ground with a well-directed shot.

Catamounts were very numerous in Butler at one time, but of late years few have been seen there. The one killed on Wednesday is a fine specimen of this dangerous tribe.

## Firemen Rewarded.

Burgess John F. Boyle yesterday received a donation of \$20 for the Citizens' Hose Company from the Beagle Hame Works. This gift was made in recognition of the excellent work done by the firemen during the recent fire at the firm's plant on East Front street.

The hose company has not met since the donation was received, but the individual members expressed much gratification when they learned that their work at the fire had been appreciated.

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## ROUND THE REGION.

John W. Honsberger, a well-known young attorney, and publisher of the Tamaqua Register, died at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on Christmas. He went to the latter place recently in the hope of improving his health. He was 27 years of age. The remains are on their way to Tamaqua.

The Sweeney building, the largest in Oliphant, was destroyed by a fire Christmas night which was caused by the overturning of a lamp. The building was occupied by Sweeney's undertaking establishment, Shapiro & Aronson, and Williams' barber shop, all of whom lost heavily.

Jacob Knauss, a native of White Haven and a resident of this county up to 1883, died this week at Dayton, Ohio. He was aged 76 years, and is survived by his daughter, Mrs. H. W. Montgomery, of Hazleton, and other relatives at White Haven.

Louis Bonnach and his cousin, Fred Bonnach, had a Christmas Day quarrel while drunk in North Scranton. The latter shot the former through the neck. The wounded man's condition is serious, and the cousin is in jail.

The mangled bodies of two unidentified men, 25 and 40 years old, were found on the Lehigh Valley Railroad, near Allentown, last evening. They were, it is believed, struck by the passenger train.

Robert Harmony, aged 24 years, of Hazleton, died this morning after a four days' illness. He was a member of the Twelfth Pennsylvania infantry during the Spanish-American war.

Wilkesbarrs Salvation Army fed and clothed 300 children of the poor on Christmas. The United Charities sent over 100 dinners to poor families.

An unknown Hungarian of Cranberry was killed last evening near his home by being struck by a Pennsylvania train.

## Doctors for Mine Workers.

From the Tamaqua Register. The different locals of the United Mine Workers in the Panther Creek valley are taking steps to employ physicians, that is each local will engage a certain physician and whenever a member needs a doctor's services he will engage the particular physician of the local of which he is a member.

Already Hauto local has its own physician and it is understood, Seek local has engaged or is about to engage a physician. Coal Dale has appointed a committee on the matter and Lansford and Summit Hill have done likewise.

The cause of the locals in taking this action is said to be self protection. Recently the doctors in the valley pledged themselves to a new scale of prices just double the old prices charged for their services, and the miners resent this. It is understood the plan is to assess each member of the local so much per month and the physician is then paid by the local.

## No Abatement at Plymouth.

Thomas Brennan, a police officer of Plymouth, who was stricken with smallpox a few days ago and who was later taken to the emergency hospital, died about 6 o'clock Christmas morning at that institution. Mrs. Brennan, wife of deceased, was taken ill with the disease several days prior to her husband and is still at the hospital, where she is improving.

Mr. Brennan was about 30 years of age and is survived by his wife and two children, also his parents and several brothers and sisters. His remains were interred in the St. Vincent's cemetery at midnight Wednesday night. There was one new case yesterday.

## Repairing the Property.

Workmen began yesterday to repair the property on East Front street which was damaged by fire on December 15. Richard Roth has resumed his blacksmith business in the front section of the building, and the Beagle Hame Works will resume business in the rear section as soon as it is ready.

The insurance on the property and on the stock and machinery of the Beagle firm has been satisfactorily adjusted.

## 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.

Notice.—A. Oswald's store will be closed on New Year's Day, Wednesday, January 1, 1902.

## NEWS FOR THE OPERA-GOERS

Some of the Plays the New Year Will Bring.

**"Our New Minister" the Next Attraction, Followed Shortly by Mildred Holland in Her Noted Play.**

A play new to Freeland, "Our New Minister," by Denman Thompson, author of "The Old Homestead," will have its first local presentation at the Grand on Thursday evening of next week. It is now in its second year of success. This is the first New England play that the author of the "Homestead" has written since that remarkable play was produced sixteen years ago, and it will no doubt awaken the interest of theatre-going people.

The new play is described as novel because it does not follow the beaten track; as a delight because it is a page of human nature. It exalts virtue and courage, and its characters are drawn from life and are types to be found in any New England village at the present time.

There will be a great cast, which will include such well known players as John Terriss, Charles Stedman, John Barker, Joseph Conyers, Henry R. Scott, John P. Brown, Grant Foreman, Estelle Loomis, Phila May and Mrs. Geo. W. Barnum.

Mildred Holland pleased the audience at Parsons's theatre last evening, in her second appearance here in "The Power Behind the Throne," her strong romantic play, which is repeating the success this season which it scored last. Miss Holland as Aria, the lovely maiden, whose purity and charms win for her the love of a youth above her station, thereby causing her to become the object of endless persecution at the hands of those in power, was as charming as ever in the part. Many of the passages call for the most careful interpretation and skillful work and they received it at her hands. Her support this season is excellent, there being not a weak link in the entire chain to mar its perfection.

The play is one of great strength, increasing in interest as it progresses and presenting some remarkably strong situations. There are several very dramatic climaxes worked up to in a manner which keeps them within proper proportion to the rest of the play and yet gives them an intensity which is thrilling.—Hartford, Conn., Post.

The next entertainment under the auspices of the Mining and Mechanical Institute will be given on January 18, when Melvin Robinson will deliver an address on "Hick'ry Farm."

"The Walls of New York," a melodrama of much fame, will soon appear here.

Vogel's celebrated minstrel troupe will be one of the January attractions here.

The Young Men's Corps will hold bi-weekly Sunday evening entertainments at the Grand during the winter months.

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