If it is shown that the employers have

broken faith with the men, as it is alleged they have done repeatedly during the past year, and that they have not ful-

filled the agreement of a year ago, when, it is claimed, they signified their intention to meet in conference, the probabilities are that April 1 will see a sus-

pension of work in the anthracite region

Should the national officers feel that

the operators should be given another chance to fulfill their promises, and that the eight-hour day, increase in wages

In Honor of St. Patrick.

Threatening weather this morning had a tendency to dampen the ardor of those who had preparations made to observe St. Patrick's Day, but by noon

the skies were somewhat brighter and

the fears of rain were dispelled. This brought many people to town to see the usual parade, but the outlook was

at times so unpromising that many others were deterred from venturing out. As a result the crowds on the streets were not so large as usual on

The several societies assembled at

of all the organizations participating

were well-filled and the demonstration

Division 19, A. O. H., with St. Ann's band, led the parade and turned out the

largest number of men. Division 6's members were a handsome dark Fedora

hat and made the best appearance of the senior societies. Division 20, of

The old veterans, the St. Patrick's

St. Ann's Cadets were well-drilled and

Found a Corpse.

the senior societies. Division S Eckley, paraded unusually strong.

number in line.

faith.

this date.

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STRIKE OR NO STRIKE

That Is the Great Question of the Hour.

Uncertainty of What Will Be Done at Snamokin This Week Is Causing Uneasiness In the Coal Field.

"Strike or no strike" is the perplexing question which is absorbing the atten-tion of nine-tenths of the people in the anthracite coal field, and notwithstand-ing the fact that every effort has been made by the general public to read the future there is no one who is yet ready to stake his reputation by predicting what the first day of April will bring

The coal operator, the miner, the The coal operator, the miner, the business man, and the thousands who are dependant upon the three, are unable to give a positive answer to the momentous question, and a feeling of uncertainty prevails throughout northeastern Pennsylvania.

The joint convention of Districts Nos. 1, 7 and 9, which opens tomorrow afternoon at Shamokin, will probably give to the waiting half-million people the answer, but even this is not certain, since the representatives of the miners may delegate the acceptance or rejection of

delegate the acceptance or rejection of the operators' terms to the executive boards of the districts or national union or to some other authorized power.

The convention will be called to order tomorrow at 2 p. m. National Presi-dent John Mitchell is now on his way east from Iowa, and upon his arrival will act as presiding officer.

The hundreds of men who have been chosen to represent their fellow-miners in this important gathering fully realize the responsibilities which have been in-trusted to their care, and if a strike should be ordered it will be done only after the matter has been considered

after the matter has been considered from every standpoint.

There are conflicting rumors as to the position of the miners. On the one side it is said they oppose a strike, while others claim that the unin men have been goaded to the limit by petty afflictions and discriminations and are ready to give hattle to their employers. to give battle to their employers.

The men of District No. 1, composed of the Wyoming and Lackawanna fields, are chafing under many grievances and feel that these can be remedied only by feet that these can be remedied only by resorting to the last weapon at their command. In District No. 7 many grievances remain unadjusted and the feeling here is certainly strongly for a move which will clear the atmosphere. In District No. 1, the Schuylkill region, it is said there is an anti-strike feeling, but the men will be governed by the majority rule and will strike if the order to do so is issued. to do so is issued.

It is conceded, however, that Presi

dent Mitchell's views on the subject will prevail, and that the delegates will be governed by his advice and counsel. He is expected to present to the convention a complete account of all that has hapa complete account of all that has hap-pened since the first of year, when the unsuccessful attempt to arrange a joint conference of operators and miners

Short Items of Interest to All Readers.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Ritchie, accompanied by Miss Williams, furnished the amusement at the last entertainment of the M & M. course, which was given at the Grand opera house Saturday evening. A large and fashionable audience was and uniform scale are questions that can wait, the miners will accept the offer contained in the notices posted on Friday and will deal more severely with those who are continually breaking present and the performers received much well-deserved applause. entire course was very good this season.

A suit for \$20,000 damages has been The delegates from District 1 will pass through Freeland on a special train Tuesday morning at 9.30 o'clock entered against the Lehigh Valley Rail-road Company by Mrs. Catherine road Company by Mrs. Catherine Shanno, of North Washington street. Her husband, Leopold Shanno, was train Tuesday morning at 9.39 o'clock on their way to Shamokin. District 7 delegates will go on the same train and the officers have succeeded in securing a reduced rate which the delegates can have in presenting their credentials when purchasing tickets. The special rates will be \$2.16 from Freeland and \$2.08 from Drifton. killed on the railroad at Drifton a year ago, and it is alleged that his death was due to the company's negligence.

The Lehigh Traction Company, whose employes are all members of the Street Carmen's Union, is trying to establish a beneficial association among the men. One of the provisions of Markle's benevolent scheme is that no me his association can belong to a lab

Patrick Rogan, of Washington street, left on Saturday for Philadelphia, where he will undergo treatment for his sight. Mr. Rogan is one of the best known of the old residents of the vicinty, and his friends regret that his eyes are failing

Captain Libor Winter left this more ing to attend the funeral of his cousin,
Mrs. August Roessier, of East Mauch
Chunk, who died on Thursday. She was aged 64 years and will be buried to

1.30 o'clock at St. Ann's church and from that point proceeded over the route published on Friday. The ranks Governor Stone has issued a procla mation designating April 4 and 18 as Arbor Days. The proclamation states that the recent floods show the need of were well-miled and the demonstration was a creditable one.

The streets were in anything but a favorable condition for a parade, and marching was performed with much difficulty. forest preservation in Pennsylvania.

Fresh fish every day during Lent at Hartman's market, next to Central hotel.

Frank Ward, of Coxe addition, who was injured several weeks ago in High-land mine, was discharged from the Miners' hospital today and will be able to resume work in a few weeks.

have been sold and a large audience is Hugh McGroarty, of town, and Corne

Society, marched along as spry as they did thirty years ago. followed by the Young Men's Corps. Both had a large lius Gallagher, of Drifton, members of the United States Marine Corps, are enjoying a short furlough at their Rev. J. B. Kerschner conducted

funeral services on Saturday at Conyngham over the body of Henry Honiter, a former resident of that borough. Miss Mame Hayes, a student at Bloomsburg normal school, is spending a

short vacation with her mother on Washington street. Council will meet in adjourned session this evening, when another attempt to break the deadlock on secretary will be

A smoker was held by the members of the Crescent Athletic Association on Saturday evening at the rooms on Centre

street.

B. C. Laubach, of Freeland; Philip Breslin, of Jeddo, and George Meneeley, of Sandy Run, are doing jury duty this

Coxe building on Friday evening.

A portrait of Rev. F. Marshall, rector of St. James' P. E. chapel, appears in today's Philadelphia Inquirer. The borough council of Dorrancetor

school.

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Clothing, Hats, Caps, Shoes, Furnishings, Etc.,

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8.30 A. M.,

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at the old reliable (former)

Birkbeck Brick, Freeland.

THEATRICAL.

The manager of the Grand opera house take pleasure informing the theatre-going people of Freeland that they have secured Dot Karrol and su-perb company for three nights, conmencing Thursday next. In speaking of this company the Lock Haven Express has the following to say:

A big audience greeted Dot Karroll and her clever company last night in

to resume work in a few weeks.

At the Grand opera house this evening the program arranged by St. Ann's to continuous roar from the rise to the band will be rendered. Many seats fall of the final curtain and Miss Karroll have been sold and a large audient is as "Jimmy Nolan" was the principal fun-maker. We have had the "Corner Grocery" here several times, including the original company, but last night's pared with Dannie! Sully's.

Harry Antrim, as "Henry Budweiser," is one of the few comedians who gets the laugh from the entire audience without resorting to horse-play or smut.
He's good any old place and his specialties are the best. The "Lawyer Rapp" of
Earl McCellan was a clever piece of work
and demonstrates that he makes good in any character. Miss Donaldson as "Mrs. Nolan" was all that could be desired in act and make-up. The specialties were all new and well received, specially the medley by the entire company.

Ladies' tickets are good only for the

Levi Murphy is the name of the prin-cipal character in "The Irish Pawnbrokers," a three-act farce that will be presented at the Grand on Wednes-day evening. It is a life-like copy of a New York personality and introduces for the first time on the American stage The semi-monthly institute of the or orough teachers was held in the Daniel oxe building on Friday evening.

A portrait of Rev. F. Marshall, rector (S. Lonest B. F. and Celtic names suggests a farce that is founded on an entirely new phase of life and that is bound to arouse widespread public interest. It also affords ar portunity to introduce a variety of orig-inal farcical features, specialties and absurdities that are sought after by playgoers. The two American Macks Rev. John L. Moore, of town, preached a sermon last evening at Beaver Meadow Catholic church.

Playgoers. The two American Macks and the popular farce comedy soubrette Mazie Trumbull, are the "headliners," or stars in this merry play, and with the G. Mord NeuBurger, of Jefferson Medical college, Philadelphia, is greeting friends in town.

DRIFTON.

Daniel McMahan, of Oneida, is visit-

Mary E. Gallagher is on a visit to Warrior Run.

James O'Donnell, of Allentown, visiting relatives in town.

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Richard Cartwright, of Sandy Run, sails this week for England and will make his future home in that country. His wife is preparing to dispose of their household goods and will join Mr. Cartwright next May.

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A Slavonian named Grula, from Sandy Run, while on his way from Laurytown to Freeland, found the corpse of a man on Saturday lying on the path about a mile from the alms-house. Neil Breslin, an inmate of the institution for many years, has been missing for two weeks, and it is believed that these are his remains.

Grula reported the matter to his friends when he arrived in town, and

the Tribune today notified Poor Director Lieb. A search is being made by the officials of the almshouse this afternoon.

Consumption of Beer.

The number of breweries in the county is ten, and the total amount of license money paid by them is \$14,500.
The amount of the license and number of barrels brewed by the lower end breweries last year is:

Pennsylvania Central Brewing Com pany, Arnold brewery, Hazleton—Bar-rels, 29,879; license, \$1,250. Freeland Brewing Company—Barrels,

Hazle Brewing Company, Hazleton Barrels, 11,025; license, \$1,000.

Two Funerals.

Devil's Mine. A four-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs.

John Walitzky was buried yesterday John Walitzky was buried yesterday from the family home on the Hill. Interment was made at St. Ann's ceme-

Alice, an infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Farrell, of Coxe addition, was buried at St. Ann's cemetery yesterday afternoon

Hawthorne Sisters Chas. A. Morgan Harry L. Tailey will M. Elliott

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Miss Elizabeth C. Brueck, of White Haven, is spending a few days in town. A Polish child died at 3 o'clock this atternoon on Burton street.