

# FREELAND TRIBUNE.

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TRI-WEEKLY

## CHRISTMAS BUYERS

Should not overlook our store when seeking something suitable for presents for their relatives or friends. Nothing will be better appreciated this year than

### Something Serviceable,

and that is what you will find if you look over our stock of Clothing, Furnishings, Hats, Shoes, Dry Goods, Notions, etc. Prices are low just now.

## JOHN SHIGO,

144 South Centre Street.



We have two large store-rooms stocked from floor to ceiling with Toys, Novelties, Candy, Confectionery, Fruits, Nuts, Smokers' Supplies, etc.

If you don't know what to buy for the children, come to us and we will show you just what will please them.

No other dealer can offer you prices as low as our goods are marked, and nowhere else can so large a stock be found.

Every holiday season finds Merkt's store with the largest and prettiest lines of Toys in town. This year the assortment is more complete than ever.

## M. MERKT,

Centre Street, Freeland.

## CURRY'S Groceries, Provisions, Green Truck, Dry Goods and Notions

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

E. J. Curry, South Centre Street.

## Wm. Wehrman, WATCHMAKER

Centre street, Freeland.

REPAIRING OF EVERY DESCRIPTION.



## COUNCILMEN GET TOGETHER

### Seven Members Meet and Approve Several Bills.

### Borough Employees Had About Given Up Hope of Receiving Their November Pay Before Christmas.

After having made several unsuccessful efforts to hold a meeting during the past three weeks, the borough councilmen, to the number of seven, assembled in special session last evening and gladdened the hearts of the borough employes by approving the pay-rolls of the several departments.

The employes had about given up hope of receiving their November earnings before Christmas, as all previous attempts to hold a meeting this month had failed.

The members present were Councilmen Doggett, P. G. Gallagher, William Gallagher, Hincer, McNelis, McLaughlin and Ward. Mr. McNelis was chosen chairman.

Street Commissioner Doggett's payroll for labor, amounting to \$100.82, was approved and ordered paid.

Janitor Gallagher's bill for salary and meals, \$30.35, was also approved and ordered paid.

The report of Chief of Police O'Donnell, including the salaries of regular and special officers, for \$136, was accepted and acted upon favorably.

Burgess Boyle's report, showing the receipts to be \$26.25, of which \$20.50 is due the borough and \$5.75 due the burgess, was accepted.

The following bills were ordered paid: James McLaughlin, borough electrician, \$33.90; L. H. Lentz, repairs to fire alarm fixtures, \$8; M. M. O'Boyle, supplies and repairs, \$10; Hazleton Machinery and Supply Company, fire alarm system supplies, \$8.50; members of Citizens' Hose Company, drying hose, \$6; Gamewell Fire Alarm Company, lock for fire-alarm box, \$2; M. Schwabe, coal, \$15.64; James J. Kennedy, testing fire plugs, \$2.

A bill for \$273.33, from the Freeland Electric Light, Heat and Power Company, for November street lights, was laid over.

The purpose for which the meeting was called having been fulfilled, council adjourned to meet in regular session on January 5.

### Railroad Victims.

Mrs. Michael Potanello, aged 60 years, of Hazleton, was killed in that city last evening by the train which brought her from Philadelphia, where she had been visiting her daughter. The woman neglected to get off the car at Wyoming street station and when the train started she thought she would be carried out of the city before another stop would be made. She rushed from the car and while jumping off fell beneath the wheels and was almost severed in two.

James Patterson, of Hazleton, was killed on the railroad near Beaver Brook yesterday morning. He was aged 55 years and employed as a watchman for

## Useful Gifts.

What is more sensible and useful for a Christmas present than a pair of shoes or slippers? They are here in a variety of styles and prices. The

All America \$3.50 SHOE

for men and women is so smart in style and rich in quality it looks like the \$5.00 kind.

Shoes for the boys and girls are here at lowest prices.

Let's show you our new styles.

Refowich's Wear Well Clothing and Shoe House.

the Dodson Coal Company at Beaver Brook. The accident occurred shortly before daybreak, while he was on his way home from work. Deceased was born in Cranberry and lived around this region all his life. His wife died many years ago.

### Former Residents Dead.

At an early hour on Sunday morning Ellen, wife of David Richards, of West Pittston, breathed her last, aged 38 years. Child birth was the cause of death. The newly born infant is also dead. The deceased was a daughter-in-law of Isaac Davis, of Front street, and is survived by her husband and three children: She was well known and was respected by a large circle of friends. The family went to West Pittston from Freeland several years ago. The funeral took place yesterday afternoon. Interment was made at West Pittston cemetery.

Patrick Kennedy, a Wilkesbarre hotelkeeper, whose early life was spent in Jeddo, died on Monday at his home at the county seat. The deceased had many relatives in this section and several lower end people attended the funeral at Wilkesbarre this morning.

### Brighter Days Coming.

Andrew Chippie, of Jeddo, the boy who became famous by relating his story of poverty before the Coal Strike Commission, was made happy yesterday by the receipt of the presents given him by Judge Gray, of the commission. The gifts were conveyed to him by James A. Gorman, of Hazleton. Mr. Gorman also received a letter from Mrs. Anna Asa Kimpfe, of Manayunk, enclosing a sum of money, which she requested Mr. Gorman to present to the boy.

John Markle has arranged to make Andrew's life one of promise in the future by giving him an opportunity to attend school, at the same time paying him a salary of \$8 per month, in addition to allowing his widowed mother free coal and rent.

### Officers Elected.

The following officers have been elected by Loyal Castle, No. 65, Knights of Mystic Chain:

Past commander—George H. Thomas. Commander—John J. Shafer. Vice commander—Joseph Mowry. Recording secretary—James W. Bell. Financial secretary—Albert Widdick. Treasurer—Henry Fisher. Outside guard—George Bechtloff. Inside guard—Lewis Bechtloff.

### Suit for Damages.

Mrs. Ward, of McAdoo, mother of Con Ward, the noted amateur base ball player, who met death a year ago at Audenried by being struck by an overhead pipe while standing on top of a freight car, has entered suit against the Central Railroad of New Jersey for damages arising from the death of her son. The latter was employed as a brakeman for that company.

### Closed Tomorrow.

The postoffice will be closed tomorrow, excepting between the hours of 9:30 and 10:30 a. m. and 6:30 and 7:30 p. m.

Banks will be closed all day, also a majority of the business places.

All the barber shops will be closed all day, but will remain open tonight until midnight.

### Notice to Mine Workers.

All members of Local Union No. 1939, U. M. W. of A., are requested to meet in the Municipal building on Friday evening. Business of importance is to be transacted. By order of President.

### Notice to Members of L. U. 1499.

All members of Local Union No. 1499, United Mine Workers of America, are hereby notified that the next regular meeting of the organization will be held at the Grand opera house hall, Friday evening, December 26, 1902, at 7:30 o'clock.

Every member is expected to be present, as the vote for candidates for national officers of the U. M. W. of A. will be taken at this meeting. By order of the President.

### The Old Almanac.

Almanacs were in use before the art of printing was discovered, but since the advent of the movable types and the printing press, their number and varieties have become legion. Millions upon millions of them are printed annually, and most of them for free distribution. Each year they are made more attractive and published in greater numbers. The calendar, an innovation of recent years, was popular for a time, but it could not supplant that old friend of earlier days—the almanac—with its astronomical calculation and its more or less accurate weather predictions.

Chas. H. Fletcher's New York almanac has ever been one of the foremost in attractiveness, and the 1903 edition is no exception. It has a handsome, lithographed cover that almost says: "Take me home with you." It contains the usual number of jokes, much valuable information relative to the care of infants, a record page in blank for baby's early days, and problems that will help to pass away many a long evening.

We understand that this almanac may be had for the asking, either at drug stores or direct from Chas. H. Fletcher, New York city.

## TROLLEY RIDE.

Newspaper Men Enjoy a Trip Over the Wilkesbarre and Hazleton Road.

The officials of the Hazleton and Wilkesbarre Railroad yesterday gave the newspaper men of Hazleton and Freeland an opportunity to inspect the new road between Hazleton and St. Johns. A special car conveyed the party from Hazleton to Hazle Park, where the company's handsome new car, "Wilkesbarre, No. 202," was boarded.

Alvan Markle, general manager of the road, acted as motorman, and in 12 1/4 minutes after the car started the party was landed at the new power house at St. Johns, which is a fraction over 8 1/2 miles distant.

This speed was made without any special effort. The car has already covered the distance in less than a mile a minute and could easily have done so yesterday, but the rate at which it ran was maintained to give the company's guests a view of the magnificent valley.

It is claimed, and not without reason, that passengers on the new road will enjoy the finest scenery offered by any trolley line in the country. The fertile valleys through which the line passes will make the ride a most delightful one, especially during the summer months, when the well-kept farms will show to better advantage than at present.

The new car has already been described in these columns, but it must be personally examined to thoroughly appreciate its advantages and superior arrangement over the ordinary trolley car.

It receives its current from a third rail, which is laid alongside the track, about a foot over ground. The rail is covered as well as possible, and, though heavily charged with electricity and deadly to all who may come in contact with it, it is not liable to injure passengers or employes, unless they are guilty of gross negligence or recklessness.

The ballast of the road is stone, and this, with the well-balanced springs of the car, makes solid riding which is not surpassed by the finest steam-propelled cars. Grade crossings and sharp curves are conspicuous by their absence, there being none of the former and but one of the latter.

While there are many heavy grades on the road, all danger of cars becoming unmanageable and running away are obviated by a speed-controller on each car. This apparatus works automatically and as soon as the regulation speed is exceeded will bring the car to a stop.

The power-house, it is said, is a model of its kind, and, while not the largest, is the best-equipped plant in the United States. Four sets of three boilers each, built especially to burn culm, generate the steam which moves the three massive high-pressure engines. Every modern electrical appliance needed has been installed, and to the electrical expert the machinery room is perfection itself.

Within a few days the car Wilkesbarre will begin making regular trips for passengers between Hazle Park and St. Johns, and during the latter part of January, the time set for the completion of the tunnel under Wilkesbarre mountain, the car will run to Ashley.

Some day, one of the officials intimated to the writer, a spur from the top of Butler mountain may be built to Freeland, and this branch, it may be safely predicted, will prove a well-paying investment, as Freeland people will not be slow to appreciate the advantages offered by riding over the new road to the county seat.

The inspection party was in charge of E. S. Doud, secretary of the company, and consisted of the following: W. C. Dershuck and J. W. Kraft, of the Plain Speaker; James Cadden and Frank Snyder, of the Sentinel; John B. Kraft, of the Standard; Editor Toth, of the Slovansky Noviny; H. S. Fowler, of the Progress; D. S. Buckley, of the Tribune; Henry Waiser, Joseph Levy, Joseph Doud and John R. Sharpless, Esq.

Dr. Elmer, resident physician at White Haven sanitarium, was thrown from his sleigh yesterday morning while crossing from that town to East Haven. The accident occurred near the temporary bridge over the Lehigh river, and Dr. Elmer had a narrow escape from being thrown into the rushing waters. The physician was badly injured.

Mrs. Dennis North, an aged resident of Beaver Meadow, died Monday night. She was the oldest resident in the Lehigh coal region. She came to this country when there were no railroads to the coal regions, and walked almost the entire distance between New York and Beaver Meadow.

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## 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.

Tomorrow evening at the Grand opera house the Good Will Athletic Association will conduct its annual entertainment. The members have worked hard to make the affair a success and have prepared a program of exceptional merit. Reserved seats can be had at McMenamain's store.

The Crescent Athletic Association yesterday received a message from the Mauch Chunk basketball team stating that they would be unable to play here tomorrow afternoon. The management has secured St. Mary's Institute team, of Wilkesbarre, to fill the date.

Ex-Councilman Harry Reifsnnyder, who removed his family to Elizabeth, N. J., last summer, has accepted his former position in Drifton shops and began work there yesterday. The family will return to town about January 1.

The holiday vacation at the Mining and Mechanical Institute began on Monday evening and will continue until January 5, when the sessions will be resumed in the new building at Centre and Wyoming streets.

John M. Carr, Esq., has been re-elected grand knight of Hazleton Council, Knights of Columbus, and James F. Sweeney, also of town, has been chosen deputy grand knight.

The Stockton workings which Linderman & Skeer formerly operated have been leased to the Lehigh Valley Coal Company and the latter will assume charge on January 1.

Each of the employes of Markle & Co. who worked during the strike was presented last evening by John Markle with a sum of money as a Christmas present.

The local expressmen were kept bustling this week delivering Christmas presents. Large numbers of parcels are received on every incoming train.

The engagement of William Aubrey, Jr., and Miss Bid McHugh, both of Eckley, is announced. They will be married next week.

A pair of lady's glasses was lost on Centre street last week. Finder will be rewarded upon return of glasses to the Tribune office.

A. Kester and daughter, Miss Florence, left today for Philadelphia, where they will spend a week with Mr. Kester's brother.

Maurice Ferry, of St. Michael's college, Toronto, Canada, is visiting his mother, Mrs. M. Ferry, Washington street.

Miss Edith L. Kuntz, who is employed as a school teacher in New Jersey, is visiting her parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Kuntz.

Rev. J. W. Bischoff, of Upper Lehigh, attended a special session of Lehigh presbytery at Mauch Chunk this week.

Mrs. Michael J. Bergin, of Washington, D. C., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Condy McLaughlin.

Every employe of the Lehigh Traction Company received a turkey today as a Christmas present.

Christmas turkeys are 25 per cent higher in price than they were a year ago.

Nearly every church in town will have special services tomorrow.

"Minnesota's Best" flour is sold by A. Oswald. There is none better made.

Mrs. Anne Gratz, of Lansford, while pouring oil in a lighted lamp last night in the presence of her two children, was so badly burned that she is in a critical condition.

### PLEASURE.

December 25.—Annual entertainment under the auspices of the Good Will Athletic Association at the Grand opera house. Admission, 10, 15 and 25 cents.

December 31.—Fourteenth annual ball of the Tigers Athletic Club at Krell's hall. Admission, 50 cents.

## DePIERRO - BROS. CAFE.

Corner of Centre and Front Streets. Gibson, Dougherty, Kauter Club, Rosenbluth's Velvet, of which we have EXCLUSIVE SALE IN TOWN. Mumm's Extra Dry Champagne, Hennessy Brandy, Blackberry, Gins, Wines, Claret, Cordials, Etc. Ham and Schweitzer Cheese Sandwiches, Sardines, Etc. MEALS - AT - ALL - HOURS

## McMENAMIN'S

South Centre Street

### USEFUL GIFTS FOR CHRISTMAS

An inexhaustive exhibit of remembrances that appeal to the eye and bring pleasure and comfort to the recipient can be seen here. If you will come to our store at once you will find suggestions enough to satisfy the most exacting. Every article we sell contains full value for the price paid.

### Fancy Neckwear—

The prettiest and largest selection of Four-in-Hands, Imperials, Bows, and Tecks in town, in plain white and plain black silks, also all the newest fancy colors in Ties, are now on sale at 25c.

Come and see our new 50c Holiday Neckwear. The prettiest Ties that we've ever shown; all shapes, all colors, all styles, 50c.

### Men's Furnishings—

Xmas Suspenders from 25c upward.

Xmas Socks from 25c upward.

Xmas Shirts from 50c upward.

Xmas Silk Mufflers, from 50c upward.

Xmas Sweaters from 50c upward.

### Slippers and Shoes—

This store's collection of Christmas Slippers is exceptional. The positive price savings to be had here makes a buyer of you at once.

In the line of Shoes we have everything that could be desired, and when making your presents don't forget that a Pair of Shoes is one of the most acceptable articles you can offer.

### Stylish Hats—

Headwear should interest you. It's important that you have a new Hat for Christmas. All of the season's latest shapes now on sale.

## McMENAMIN'S

South Centre Street

## Our Great Annual SALE OF DOLLS!

We are sure the variety could not be greater, for we have purchased all the worthy kinds to be found in the world's markets. Every Doll you see here is rosy, robust, radiant, absolutely free from flaws and defects.

We have no cripples, Dolls with scratched cheeks, scarred ears or fractured legs are not admitted.

They are ideal in form and features. Some undressed and others dressed in every style the most whimsical child could desire.

We have made some remarkably low prices—about one-third less than you pay elsewhere.

### Toys of All Kinds

Are here in abundance, all going at the lowest possible prices. Do not make your Christmas purchases until you see our assortment.

Fruits, Nuts and High-Class Confectionery and Candy at

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FRESH ROLL AND Creamery Butter Always in Stock.

Minnesota's Best Patent Flour A Specialty.

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## Krell's Hall,

Freeland,

## New Year's Eve.

DePierro's Complete Orchestra.