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IN THE WORLD OF POLITICS

Candidates for Local Offices Sure of Victory.

Democratic Nominees Feel Confident That the Result Will Favor Them When Tomorrow's Polls Close.

The politicians of the borough have practically completed their preliminary work for tomorrow's contest, and both sides present facts and figures which make their friends confident that victory will perch tomorrow evening above the names of their favorites. Notwithstanding the assurance thus displayed, those who are not misled by the partisans concede that the chances for success are far more favorable to the Democrats than their opponents.

The town being Democratic by a majority of at least 100 votes, the Republicans, to win, must necessarily have made an aggressive fight for votes. This, so far, has not been done, and it is too late now, according to results of the past, for them to overcome the natural lead of the majority party.

In previous elections for burgess and tax collector the Republicans were equipped with an organization and gave valiant battle at every poll. This year their candidates find themselves fighting almost alone, with their rank and file apparently disinterested and lukewarm as to the result, and with no organized effort being made to gain votes from the Democrats.

On the other hand the Democratic candidates, Messrs. Oberender, McNelis and Conahan, the aspirants for burgess, tax collector and auditor respectively, have made a good canvass of the borough and are assured of solid support from their own side and no small amount of help from Republicans who are dissatisfied with their party as at present controlled.

The Democrats will have every poll well manned with intelligent and experienced vote-getters, and will make an aggressive fight in every ward.

The candidates for school directors and councilmen in all the wards, including those where the Republicans were too faint-hearted to name tickets, are working unitedly and sincerely for the success of the general ticket as well as for their own, and as far as present indications can be relied upon the party will secure its usual tri-ennial victory tomorrow.

Local Prices Should Fall.

Reports from tidewater points and the large cities indicate that the general coal famine has come to an end. There are spots where anthracite is still a scarce article, but these are isolated sections and the trouble is due to local circumstances. In New York and Philadelphia the markets are becoming congested, and in the former city anthracite is now \$6.50 a ton. There is so much coal in that city at the present time that the retail dealers held a meeting on Saturday to decide whether or not they should reduce the price to \$6 a ton. After a long conference it was decided to keep coal at the present market price of \$6.50 a ton.

Outside the anthracite region people who need coal can buy it in any quantity and size they desire. Freeland consumers, however, are not so fortunate. Here they are still paying famine figures and are restricted as to quantity and size. Markle & Co. continue to adhere to their rule of refusing coal to all except their employes. Cox & Co. sell pea coal only and in half-ton lots at that, for which they get \$3.25 a ton at

MISCELLANEOUS ADVERTISEMENTS.

ELECTION NOTICE.—Notice is hereby given that at the election to be held on the third Tuesday of February, 1903, being the seventeenth of that month, the following officers of the Middle Coal Field Poor District are to be elected, to wit:

One person for director, to serve for three years from first of April, 1903, whose residence must be in that portion of the district comprising the lower or Mauch Chunk district.
One person for director to serve for one year from April 1, 1903, whose residence must be in that portion of the district known as the middle or Weatherly district.
One person for auditor, to serve for three years from April 1, 1903, whose residence must be in that portion of the district known as the upper or Hazleton district.

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Drifton breaker. Upper Lehigh Company will sell pea, chestnut or stove, but the distance it must be hauled makes the cost very high. Since the price of coal fell in the large cities M. Schwabe has been selling to the local trade in small quantities.

Freeland consumers deserve more consideration from the individual operators hereabouts than they are receiving. Situated, as they are, in the midst of millions of tons of anthracite, they should be permitted to buy such sizes and in such quantities as are best adapted to their needs. Consumers 200 miles away from the region can now do this, and the discrimination against Freeland patrons should be removed without further delay.

Poor District Report.

The annual financial report of the Middle Coal Field Poor District appears on the third page of this issue, and we commend it to our readers as worthy of perusal and consideration. The report is very complete and shows in detail how the finances of the district are expended by the directors and others in charge of the funds. The district is one of the largest and most complex of its kind in the state and requires personal and constant attention from the directors. The latter have done exceedingly well during the past year, having kept the expenses down to nearly \$3,000 less than the previous year, notwithstanding the fact that the coal strike made an unusually heavy demand for outdoor relief.

The taxpayers are justified in concluding, after examining the report, that the district is in good hands, and the recommendations made for needed improvements should be warmly supported.

Ball of Division 19.

At Krell's hall tomorrow evening the members of Division 19, A. O. H., will entertain their friends with what promises to be one of the best balls of the present season. The organization is composed almost entirely of young men who are well versed in arranging for affairs of this kind, therefore those who can expect that nothing will be omitted that will add to their pleasure.

Among the features of the ball will be waltzing and step-dancing contests, to the winners of which \$20 worth of prizes will be awarded. Every lady attending will be presented with a handsome souvenir program.

The committee in charge has arranged to obtain the election returns of Freeland borough and Foster and Hazle townships as soon as they are counted, and the results will be announced from the stage.

Dance music will be furnished by St. Ann's band.

Mine Burning Since 1857.

The Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company will shortly begin the work of quenching the mine fire in the old Greenwood workings, near Tamaqua, which has been raging since 1857. The same methods used at the famous burning mines at Summit Hill will be adopted. Holes will be bored in the top of the mountain through which culm will be poured upon the fire.

When the fire started the workings were owned by the Little Schuylkill Company. They spent thousands of dollars in the effort to extinguish the fire, but all to no avail, and several lives were lost in the attempt.

When the fire is extinguished the company will be enabled to tap some of the richest veins in that region.

Death of John Maloney.

John Maloney, aged 70 years, of Shepton, died yesterday after a brief illness, due to paralysis. The deceased's family took up their residence at Shepton seven months ago, after being evicted from a house owned by Cox & Co. at Oneida, because of alleged active participation in the strike.

The deceased resided for many years at old Buck Mountain and later at Highland. Besides a wife he is survived by three sons and two daughters, viz., Mrs. John Sharpe, Oneida; John, Lansford, and Maggie, Timothy and James, at home. Interment of the remains will be made at Summit Hill on Wednesday.

Wilkesbarre and Hazleton Railway.

Beginning January 29, 1903, and until further notice, cars will leave corner Broad and Wyoming streets, Hazleton, via Lehigh Traction Company, as follows:
For St. Johns, 6.00, 7.00, 8.00, 9.00 a. m., 12.00 noon, 1.00, 4.00, 5.00 and 6.00 p. m.
Returning leave St. Johns for Hazleton, 6.30, 7.30, 8.30, 11.30 a. m., 12.30, 3.30, 4.30, 5.30 and 6.30 p. m.
Cars run daily, except car leaving Hazleton at 6.00 a. m. and returning leave St. Johns at 6.30 a. m., will run on week days only.

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THEATRICAL.

The largest and most fashionable audience of the season was present at the Grand opera house Saturday evening, when "Romeo and Juliet" was presented in Freeland for the first time. Every admirer of Shakespeare was pleased with the acting of E. N. Hoyt as Mercutio, Fannie Hoyt as the Nurse, Pauline Paul as Juliet and Charles Balsar as Romeo. They portrayed their characters exceptionally well and had the supporting company been of the same high standard the production would be fit for any stage. The absence of several characters of the drama, whose presence is necessary to give the story coherence, had a disappointing effect upon those who depended upon the acting to grasp the author's ideas.

Willis Granger, who has won considerable success as a romantic actor and who was seen here last season in "A Secret Warrant," is starring in a romantic melodrama, "Gypsy Jack," which will be the attraction at the Grand opera house Friday evening. It is a production of merit, having won popular favor in England, to such an extent that at present it is in the third year of its run in that country, while on this side of the water its success this season has been of the most phenomenal kind. It has plenty of thrilling situations and is full to the brim with the best kind of fun.

"The Snollygoster in Politics" is the title of the lecture which Colonel H. W. J. Ham, of Georgia, will deliver tomorrow evening at the Grand opera house, under the auspices of the Mining and Mechanical Institute. Speaking of this lecture the St. Louis Republic says: "No attempt to outline Colonel Ham's excellent address could do it justice. It was replete with wholesome truth and healthy moral, and the closing part, in which he paid a grand tribute to the God-fearing and virtuous home, and made a touching plea for the American boy as worthy of the best that could be given to him, was an admirable piece of fervid and patriotic oratory."

"The Pay Train," a comedy drama with bright sparkling lines and sensational situations and climaxes, will be seen at the opera house on Wednesday evening. The scenery and mechanical effects are warranted to be first class. The theme is not a new one, being the old story of the persecuted hero and heroine and the final downfall of the villain. The lesson is a good one, for it shows that honesty and virtue are rewarded. Clever specialties and bright music are in abundance.

Paine & Co.'s celebrated moving pictures will be shown at the Grand opera house Saturday evening. In addition to the 150 subjects which will be presented as realistically to the audience as though they were actually viewing the scenes shown, the grand concert talking machine, said to be the finest of its kind in America, will be operated, and two hours of high-class and instructive entertainment are promised. The admission prices range from 10 to 25 cents. Further particulars are given in the advertising columns.

Tickets for the entertainment of Division 6, A. O. H., on Thursday evening, are being sold by the members. The program contains the names of many of the best local artists, and in addition to those the audience will have the pleasure of hearing James W. Reagan, of Phillipsburg, N. J., and Con Carbon, of Wilkesbarre.

A large number of friends of Drifton base ball club assembled at the opera house last evening and were treated to the fine program which was published in Friday's issue. All who participated acquitted themselves creditably.

BASKET BALL.

At 5 o'clock Friday afternoon a message was received here from Wyoming seminary club cancelling the game to be played with the Crescents that evening. In order not to disappoint the audience the first and second clubs of the Crescents played a free game, with the score 24 to 24.

People in Freeland have gone almost crazy over basket ball. The night schools are closed, prayer meetings are poorly attended, council fails to meet and saloons are deserted when a game is held. The attendance is great. The team gives \$60 and expenses for a game.—St. Clair Splinters.

The Crescents will not play at Tamaqua tomorrow evening, as expected. The members of the team are unable to accept the invitation at the present time.

Ashtand high school team will contest with the Crescents this evening.

LOCAL NOTES WRITTEN UP

Short Items of Interest to All Readers.

Happenings of the Past Two Days in and Around Freeland Recorded With- out Waste of Words.

While John McNelis, James Moore and Andrew Meehan were returning home from St. Ann's school Friday afternoon they attempted to cross the ice on the reservoir near the Lehigh Valley tracks. All broke through and were in danger of drowning when they were rescued by Joseph Timony.

The appointment of James M. Gallagher as judge of election of the First ward of Freeland has been revoked. The court had been led to believe that a vacancy existed, while as a matter of fact the office is filled by a qualified voter.—Wilkesbarre Record.

The rumored advance in wages of the D. S. & S. Railroad employes has not yet materialized. The men were paid on Saturday for January work, and the rate was the same as that received heretofore.

Oscar Fenstermacher was severely hurt on Friday afternoon in No. 5 mine, Jeddo, by a fall of coal. He was brought to his home on Front street.

Harry Gallagher, who has been employed at Jersey City, N. J., since last fall, is visiting his mother on South Centre street.

W. J. Morgan is confined to his home on Washington street, nursing a sprained knee which he received by falling on the ice.

Edward O'Donnell, Freeland; Henry Johns, Foster, and J. J. Renshaw, Hazle, are serving as jurors this week.

Daniel Higgins, of Drifton, has succeeded H. W. Haworth as bookkeeper for the Salmon Iron Company.

Mrs. W. J. Butz spent yesterday with Allentown relatives.

Ice cream on sale at Merkt's. Sixteen-year-old Sadie Thomas, of Ashley, and seventeen-year-old Howard Daitrick, of the same place, left home yesterday, and the police believe they have eloped.

Out of the sixteen cases to be heard in the February term of the Monroe county court seven are for divorce. Never in the history of the county have there been more divorce cases pending than now.

Notices were posted on Saturday at the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company's Panther Creek valley collieries that commencing today the collieries will work nine, instead of ten hours daily, which is taken to mean that the stringency in the coal market has been relieved.

Application has been made to Governor Pennypacker for a respite of sixty days for Charles Grother, the condemned murderer, who is to be hanged at Stroudsburg on the 24th. It is proposed to bring the case before the Pardon Board.

Wilkesbarre painters and plasterers have demanded an increase in wages from \$2.50 to \$3 a day. The carpenters are now on strike, the sheet metal workers and the stone masons have submitted their demands and other trades are preparing to do likewise.

Congressman William Connell has closed his testimony in his election contest against George Howell for the office of congressman. Motions have been made to strike out the entire vote of more than a dozen districts in which it was alleged fraud was practiced by the Democrats.

BIRTHS.

Brennan.—To Mr. and Mrs. Edward Brennan, Centre street, a daughter.

PLEASURE.

February 17.—Ball of Division 19, A. O. H., at Krell's hall. Admission, 50c.
February 18.—Entertainment under the auspices of Division 6, A. O. H., at the Grand opera house. Admission, 15 and 25 cents.

February 22.—Entertainment under the auspices of Leo Columbian Literary Society at the Grand opera house. Admission, 10, 15 and 25 cents.
February 23.—Opera, "The Minister of Camille" under auspices of Y. M. C. A., at the Grand opera house. Tickets, 25, 35 and 50 cents.

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The middle of the winter finds us with quite an assortment of reasonable goods, including Rubber Boots and Shoes, Hats and Caps, Gloves, Extra Heavy Underwear, Heavy Hosiery, and other articles designed for wear during this weather. These we have reduced in price—not to less than half their cost—but to a figure which will pleasantly surprise the buyer.

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