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## FERRY OUSTED FROM HIS SEAT

### Legislature Disgraces Itself by Rank Partisanship.

### Ex-Sheriff Harvey Sworn In as a Member of the House. Committee's Report Was Contrary to the Facts.

Cold-blooded partisanship, in disregard of facts yesterday ousted from their seats in the house of representatives two fairly-elected Democratic members, F. X. Blume, of Cameron county, and E. J. Ferry, the men chosen by the voters to represent this district.

The fact that these men have served throughout the term until now, and will draw full pay, mileage, etc., does not atone in any degree for the wrong done to two constituencies and the state.

The Republican machine felt bound to reward the contestants, Editor H. H. Mullin, of Cameron, and ex-Sheriff James G. Harvey, not only with the legal title of representative, but also with the full pay, mileage, etc., which the law allows them.

The action of Cox Bros. & Co. in usurping their right to name the man whom the miners employ and pay to look after their own interests is resented by the union, and the matter will become another subject for the conciliation committee to pass upon.

### Schedule Not Satisfactory.

The new schedule on the Lehigh Valley Railroad is not satisfactory to the people of Freeland, Drifton and Jeddo, so far as it affects the mail service of the towns named. The loss of the morning mail from New York and Philadelphia is being felt severely by the business people and it is likely that steps will soon be taken looking toward an improvement of the service.

A movement was started yesterday by several merchants and others which has for its object the holding of a mass meeting tomorrow evening at Osborne hall to consider ways and means to obtain better mail and railroad facilities for the people of town.

City newspapers are now received by the newsdealers at 8.15 a. m. at Upper Lehigh. They are brought from White Haven over the Jersey Central road.

### Fire Monday Evening.

Fire broke out in the residence of Rev. Martyak, on Fern street, at 8 o'clock Monday evening, and an alarm was turned in from box 32, corner of Centre and Front streets. A gale was blowing at the time, and the alarm coming from the box in the business district of town caused much excitement. The apparatus of the Citizens' Hose Company was hurried to the scene and lines were laid from plugs at the corner of Ridge and Walnut and Ridge and Main streets. The blaze was due to a defective flue and was discovered in time to check its course. The firemen placed it under control in a short while without using the water from the hose. A similar fire occurred in another chimney of this building two years ago.

### Almost Starved by Boycott.

One of the most pitiable cases ever related in the Schuylkill court, and which showed the ingratitude of the corporation he served, was that of John Weaklin, who recited before Judge Bechtel a story of persecution and boycotting, which brought his family to the verge of starvation. Weaklin was a coal and iron policeman during the miners' strike. Since then he has been boycotted and driven from one position to another, until he is now unable to support his family. The court was asked to relieve him of their maintenance.

### Darrow Gets \$10,000.

Clarence S. Darrow received a fee of \$10,000 for representing the U. M. W. of A. before the Coal Strike Commission. In view of the fact that the decision favored the miners to the extent of over \$6,000,000, with \$2,500,000 back increase, the charge is considered by business men and lawyers one of the most modest on record.

When sending in his bill Mr. Darrow told President Mitchell that if he had done the same work for a corporation the bill would have been \$50,000.

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### Decedents' Bequests.

By the will of Messena Sheaman Hoch, which was probated this week, her husband, Conrad Hoch (since deceased), is bequeathed such share in her property as he is entitled to under the law. The rest of the estate is bequeathed to her step-daughter, Annie E. Sheaman. Amandus Oswald is appointed executor. The estate is valued at \$1,500.

John Heidenrich, of Freeland, leaves all his estate to his wife, after whose death it is to be distributed among her children. The estate is valued at \$1,500.

## "BACK PAY."

### Something About the Money Awarded by the Strike Commission.

The employees of Cox Bros. & Co. at Drifton and Eckley received their pay for the second half of March yesterday and the company's employees at its other collieries are being paid today. In addition to their regular semi-monthly wages, the employees received the money due them according to the award of the Strike Commission, viz. 10 per cent on their earnings from November 1 to March 31. The total sum paid out by this company on account of above "arrears," as it is officially designated, amounted to almost \$36,000. Work was resumed at Drifton on November 28 and at the other collieries on December 1. The official reports give the number of persons employed in the mining department of Cox Bros. & Co. as 2,444. The average amount of "arrears" received was \$15, but the actual sums varied from a few dollars to almost \$100.

Owing to the inclement weather last evening the effects of the "big pay" at Drifton and Eckley were not felt by the business people, but much is expected from it during the balance of the week. Many of the recipients or their wives today settled accounts which accumulated at the local stores during the strike, while those whose debts are already paid are preparing to invest the money in various other ways.

So far nothing has been heard officially regarding the date when the other mining firms of this vicinity will pay their employees the 10 per cent due them to March 31, but a report is in circulation that it will be distributed about the middle of May.

The number of employees hereabouts who are yet to receive their back pay is, taking the figures from the official reports, as follows:

G. B. Markle & Co.—Oakdale and Ebervale, 1,147; Jeddo, 744; Highland, 537; total, 2,428.

Upper Lehigh Coal Company—Upper Lehigh, 574.

M. S. Kemmerer & Co.—Sandy Run, 203.

J. S. Wentz & Co.—Hazle Brook, 404.

The amounts which the above companies will pay out are estimated from \$4,000 by Kemmerer & Co. to \$60,000 by Markle & Co. Including the entire anthracite region, the back pay to be received by the mine workers on or before June 1 next will exceed \$2,500,000.

### Fire Monday Evening.

The heads of families residing in Eckley were given a surprise yesterday. After receiving their pay almost every man was accosted by an agent of Cox Bros. & Co. and presented with a bill for coal alleged to have been picked from the slate banks of that town during the strike. The amounts varied from \$10 to \$15. While no threats were made, the natural inference was that those who refused to pay would be discharged from the company's employ, and many who feared this settled the claim rather than make a stand against the high-handed demand.

### Miners' Bills Passed.

In the state senate this week the following house bills were called and now go to the governor:

To provide a miners' home for old, crippled and helpless employees of the coal mines of the state, for the naming of trustees with power to erect the buildings and manage the institution, the admission of the wives of such employees when they reach the age of 55 years, and for the raising of revenue for maintenance.

Amending the act of 1901 so as to provide for the election of members of the Board of Mining Inspectors instead of having them appointed by the courts.

Making a ton of 2,240 pounds the basis from which to calculate the earnings of miners or persons working in the coal mines.

To prohibit the employment at any work of labor of any minor child in or around any colliery for more than eight hours a day, providing the employers of labor may ascertain such age, and providing a penalty for non-compliance with the law. This law is not to take effect until April 1, 1906.

The senate also passed a senate bill requiring all mine foremen and their assistants to make daily examinations of all working places and traveling roads in the mines to see that the roof and sides are properly timbered and safe for men to work in.

### Mahanoy Plane vs. Crescents tonight.

## 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.

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The committee in charge of the preparations for the banquet and ball of the Crescent Athletic Association, to be held on Friday evening, is leaving nothing undone to make the affair one that will reflect credit upon the organization.

Wanted.—Girl for general housework. Apply to Mrs. H. Wilson, Second ward.

M. S. Kemmerer & Co. have reduced the prices of domestic sizes of coal until April 30. The new schedule is as follows, at Sandy Run breaker: Pea, \$2.25 per ton; chestnut and stove, \$3.25 per ton.

The Crescents will meet the Mahanoy Plane basket ball club here this evening. The visitors come with a good reputation and another exciting game is anticipated.

Garden seeds can be had at Wm. Birkbeck's for 3 and 5 cents a package.

The license money due the several boroughs and townships from the county treasurer's office at Wilkesbarre will not be paid until the first week in June.

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Rural free delivery agents are in Butler valley and it is likely the system will soon be inaugurated there, with St. Johns as the central station.

The annual Pennsylvania conference of the Primitive Methodist Church will convene in Hazleton on Tuesday, May 5.

Burgess Martin yesterday signed the electric light ordinance and an official copy of the same appears in this issue.

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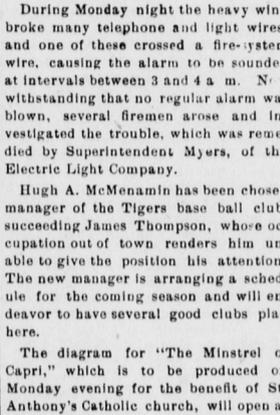
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**MISCELLANEOUS ADVERTISEMENTS.**

**AN ORDINANCE** providing for lighting the public highways of the borough of Freeland for a term of three years from April 1, 1903, and authorizing the execution of a contract with the Freeland Electric Light, Heat and Power Company for said purpose.

Be it ordained by the town council of the borough of Freeland, Luzerne county, Pennsylvania, and it is hereby ordained by authority of the same, that a contract be entered into with the Freeland Electric Light, Heat and Power Company, of Freeland, Pa., for a term of three years from the first day of April, 1903, for forty-two 100-watt lamps, same as now being furnished by said company, and as at present located, to burn every night from twilight to dawn, at \$7.00 each per year, including free current for Town Hall lighting; that said contract shall provide for any additional lights that may be wanted by the borough during said term to be furnished by said company at same price for like kind.

That the contract submitted by said company providing for carrying out the provisions herein contained, deductions for lamp-outs, company's liability, change in location of lamps, fire alarm zone service, use of poles for fire alarm service, and exemption of the company from pole license, is hereby approved, and the burgess and president of council, assisted by the secretary and borough corporate seal, are hereby authorized and directed to execute said contract on the part of the borough.

The secretary is hereby instructed to cause this ordinance to be printed and posted according to law.

Passed finally in meeting this sixth day of April, 1903.

Geo. McLaughlin,  
President of Council.

Attest: J. A. McGinley,  
Secretary of Council.

Approved this fourteenth day of April, 1903.

W. E. Martin,  
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