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COAL TRUST'S BOOKS WANTED

Attorney General Will Sue Before Federal Court.

Refusal of President Baer to Divulge Secret Agreement Is to Be Made an Issue by the Government.

Important action was taken by United States Attorney General Knox yesterday in directing General Burnett, United States district attorney for the southern district of New York, to present to the United States court the petition of the Interstate Commerce Commission asking for an order to compel officials of the anthracite coal carrying roads to answer certain questions and produce certain documents, which they refused to answer and produce at a recent hearing of the commission in New York.

The petition has already been prepared by General Burnett and the attorneys for the complainant and will probably be presented to their circuit court at New York early next week. Arguments will not be submitted until the first week in June.

At the recent hearing before the Interstate Commerce Commission in New York President Baer, of the Reading Railway, refused to put before the commission for its examination certain contracts among the coal carrying roads which are alleged to establish the fact that the production of coal is limited by the agreement of the coal carrying companies. These documents the Interstate Commerce Commission is bound to secure if possible, and the action taken yesterday by Attorney General Knox is the result of the commission's vigorous efforts to compel Mr. Baer to disclose all the facts which the commission desires to have before it.

C. T. A. U. Convention.

The annual convention of the Catholic Total Abstinence Union of Scranton diocese was opened on Wednesday in Jermy, with 200 delegates present, representing seventy-seven societies between Audenried and Forest City. Rev. P. J. McManus, of Green Ridge, presided. Addresses were made by Rev. J. J. Dunn, of Jermy; Rev. J. J. Curran, of Wilkesbarre; Rev. J. J. McCabe, of Wilkesbarre, and other prominent total abstinence workers.

Secretary Burke and Treasurer Marley presented their reports, a synopsis of which showed a balance in the treasury on May 10 of \$165. The receipts for the year were \$1,393.80. The union has a membership of 6,506.

The matter of the constitutional amendments was referred to an executive committee to decide upon the various changes to be made and giving them

power to call a special convention in three or six months to dispose of this matter if necessary.

The delegates adopted a system of retrenchment which will cut down the expenses of the union considerably. The salary of the secretary was reduced from \$300 to \$100 a year.

The discussion on the wisdom of conducting the October 10 parade took up a large part of the convention's time yesterday and it was finally decided to hold the parade. Hazleton was selected.

The present officers were re-elected: Rev. P. J. McManus, president; William R. Gilroy, first vice president; M. W. Lavelle, second vice president; James Marley, treasurer; Timothy Burke, secretary.

Wilkesbarre was chosen as the place for the next convention.

The following were chosen delegates to the national convention, which meets at Pittsburgh: Neil Sweeney, Plymouth; P. J. Mulhern, Minooka, and T. J. Gilbride, Carbondale.

Saturday Half Holidays.

Hereafter, the employees of the overall factory and the silk mill will enjoy a half-holiday on Saturdays. At the former establishment the working hours after this week will be from 6.45 a. m. to 12 noon and from 12.50 to 5.50 p. m., excepting Saturdays, when the plant will be operated from 6.50 a. m. to 12 noon only, or a total of 56 1/2 hours for the week.

At the silk mill work will begin at 7 a. m. and continue until noon and from 12.45 to 6.15 p. m., excepting Saturdays, when it will cease at noon, making a total of 57 1/2 hours for the week.

There is a disposition among the employees of the smaller industries of town to seek a reduction in the number of working hours of each week. Some of these plants still hold to the old-fashioned work-day of ten hours daily and nine hours on Saturdays, but the tendency of the times is for a less number of hours than fifty-nine per week and the managers of a number of the smaller shops and works are expected to soon announce changes in the working hours.

The Typographical Union does not permit its members to work more than fifty-four hours each week, and this has heretofore been the rule at the Tribune office. After Monday next, however, the working week will consist of fifty hours at this office, nine hours daily and a half-day on Saturdays.

Will Examine Senior Class.

Prof. Higley, of East Stroudsburg state normal school, is the guest of Supervising Principal E. F. Hanlon, of the borough schools, today. Tomorrow Prof. Higley will conduct an examination of the seven members of the senior class of Freeland high school, for the purpose of determining how many of them are eligible to admission to the senior class of East Stroudsburg normal school.

The teachers and friends of the class are confident that all have the ability to attain the required averages, providing the examination does not excite them.

Former Resident Dead.

Andrew Collins, a resident of town some years ago, died this week at Mercy hospital, Wilkesbarre, from pneumonia. He was aged 45 years and is survived by two children, a brother in Philadelphia and one in Colorado. His wife died about five years ago. He was a blacksmith by trade and at one time conducted a successful business here.

The funeral took place yesterday afternoon, with services in St. Mary's church at 3 o'clock and interment at Hanover cemetery.

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MISCELLANEOUS ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE TO CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICE OF STATE MINE INSPECTOR: Notice is hereby given that an examination of candidates for the office of Inspector of Mines for the First Anthracite District (Luzerne County), and for the Third Anthracite District (Carbon County), will be held in the High School Building, corner of Union and Washington streets, Wilkesbarre, Pa., on June 2, 3, 4 and 5, 1903, beginning at 10 a. m., when and where all candidates are requested to present themselves for examination. No previous notice of intention to apply is required.

Morris Williams, Albert C. Leisenring, John Gilhooly, James Llewellyn, Robert Monroe, Board of Examiners.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.—Notice is hereby given that my wife, Nancy Gallagher, having left my bed and board, all persons are notified and cautioned not to give her credit on my account as I will not be responsible for any debts contracted by her. Joseph Gallagher, Freeland, Pa., May 21, 1903.

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TRIPLE CRIME.

Insane Mother Murders Her Two Children and Then Kills Herself.

After putting her two youngest children, Edna, aged 3, and Roy, aged 1, to bed some time Wednesday morning Mrs. Alvin Bachman, of Slatington, murdered the babes by cutting their throats, and then cut her own throat and died. She used her husband's razor in committing the murder and suicide. The family consisted of Mr. and Mrs. Bachman, their seven children and a woman boarder. The husband is a carpenter, and early that morning he and the boarder left for their respective places of employment, and the five older children went to school.

It is believed that the insane desire to slay her babes and herself took possession of Mrs. Bachman at about 9 o'clock. She put little Edna and Roy to bed, and then cut the right and left jugular veins of the girl and the right jugular of the boy. Then she turned the deadly weapon on her own throat at the bedside of her dead little ones. Then she went to the bathroom and lay down in the tub, where she expired.

A peculiar feature of the tragedy is that the rest of the family, with the exception of Mr. Bachman, ate dinner in the house without the least suspicion of the awful tragedy that had been committed on the upper floor.

When the woman boarder returned from work at noon and the children from school they found the house locked. One of the boys gained an entrance through a window and unlocked the door for the others. The absence of Mrs. Bachman was not thought strange, because she frequently took the babies with her and went visiting relatives and friends for an entire day; so, after dinner, the children returned to school and the boarder to her work.

The husband returned at about 6 o'clock. The children were playing in the yard. Soon after entering he went to the bath room, where the terrible sight of his wife bathed in blood, lying in the bathtub with throat slashed from ear to ear, met his gaze. He was almost overcome by the awful scene. Then going into his bedroom, he saw the lifeless bodies of his babies with gashes in their throats. A trail of blood led from the chamber to the bath room, showing the course pursued by the insane mother.

Mr. Bachman opened the window and called to the children: "Mamma has killed the babies and herself!"

One of the boys, hardly old enough to realize the awful news of the tragedy, replied: "Yes; I saw her have your razor before I went to school this morning."

Mrs. Bachman was about 40 years of age. For some time she had been melancholy, but no one ever suspected that it would result in murder and suicide.

FUNERALS.

The funeral of Clinton M. Williams, the young man who died from lockjaw on Wednesday, will take place from the family residence on Walnut street tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. Services will be conducted at the Park M. E. church, followed by interment at Freeland cemetery.

The remains of the late Henry Tully were followed this morning by a large number of friends to St. Ann's church, where a requiem mass was read, after which the interment was made at St. Ann's cemetery.

Y. M. C. A.

The gospel meeting on Sunday at 3.30 p. m. will be addressed by H. W. Harvest, formerly secretary of boys' work in New York state. Special singing has been arranged for and an interesting service is anticipated. All men, young and old, are invited.

The new membership cards are ready for distribution. Members can have their old cards exchanged by applying to the secretary at office. If you are not a member now is the time to join. Dues \$2 per year.

Death of John Green.

John Green died yesterday morning at his home in Sandy valley after an illness of three days. In the early part of the week he was stricken with pneumonia, and notwithstanding the fact that he possessed a vigorous constitution he sank rapidly and succumbed to the disease. He was aged 64 years and had been a resident of the region a long while. He was well known and was respected by his large circle of acquaintances.

The deceased is survived by his wife, two sons and one daughter. The funeral will take place tomorrow morning, with a requiem mass at St. Ann's church. The interment will be made at St. Ann's cemetery.

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 committee consisting of members of the borough council and the Board of Trade conferred Wednesday evening with Superintendent Thompson, of the Lehigh Traction Company, and the latter again stated that the company will extend its tracks to Front street, providing the road is exonerated from taxes for twenty years. The proposition will be submitted to council in an official form at its next meeting.

Through the resignation of John J. Meehan as driver of the United States Express Company's delivery wagon Hugh Boyle, Jr., has been promoted to that position and Con Welsh has been appointed to the desk in the Lehigh Valley freight house formerly occupied by Mr. Boyle.

Edward Hill, a Foster township farmer, was a juror on a case in court this week. On Wednesday he spent too much time at dinner and the case proceeded without him. When Hill appeared Judge Wheaton excused him from further duty and the trial went on with eleven jurors.

Owing to the general observance yesterday of Ascension Day, nearly all the collieries in this vicinity had to suspend operations at noon or shortly after, as the number of men at work was not sufficient to keep the breakers supplied with coal.

Screen windows and screen doors are selling at lowest prices at Birkbeck's.

Attorney R. J. O'Donnell yesterday instituted a suit for damages against the Hendler Construction Company on behalf of Michael Bourne, of White Haven, whose son was killed last winter while at work on a new bridge at White Haven.

A stable and outhouses were destroyed by fire at Drifton yesterday afternoon. They were located in the garden of a Slavish family. The firemen were not summoned until the blaze had gained considerable headway.

Patrick Quinn, of Drifton, who has been receiving treatment for appendicitis at the Miners hospital, is now able to sit up and expects to be discharged from the institution in the near future.

On and after today passengers on the Wilkesbarre and Hazleton Railway can have their baggage carried on any train on that line, excepting the one leaving Hazleton at 9 p. m.

All preparations are now completed for the annual meeting of the Wyoming Classis at St. John's Reformed church next week. The first session will be held on Monday.

The amount of coal shipped to market from January 1 to April 30 by the D. S. & S. Railroad was 593,871 tons, an increase of 122,847 tons over the same period in 1902.

All kinds of ice cream at Merkt's.

George Guskio, of Harleigh, was seriously injured in No. 5 mine, Jeddo, on Monday. He was taken to the Miners hospital, and it is doubtful if he will recover.

Evan Reese has resigned as bookkeeper for Wentz & Co. at Hazle Brook to accept a similar position with Jerry Woodring & Co. at Hazleton.

The thirtieth anniversary of the ordination of Rev. J. J. Kuntz, pastor of St. Luke's Lutheran church, will be celebrated on June 22.

Upwards of a dozen people of Freeland and vicinity are at Centralia today attending the funeral of a relative, Patrick McIntyre.

George Hudock, of Main street, purchased a handsome team of horses at Slatington this week.

Charles Thomas, of Highland, has been appointed coal inspector for Markle & Co. at Highland.

The salary of the postmaster at White Haven has been increased from \$1,400 to \$1,600 per year.

BASE BALL.

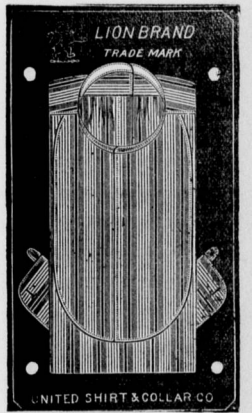
Drifton and Audenried Reds will play ball at Jeddo on Sunday afternoon. Joe Bonner, of Drifton, will pitch tomorrow for Tamaqua club, and if terms can be agreed upon he may sign for the season with that team.

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