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FROM CORRESPONDENTS.

LETTERS THAT CONTAIN A VARIED ASSORTMENT OF NEWS.

Another Correspondent Makes Some Pertinent Suggestions on the New School Building Question—Eckley, Highland and Upper Lehigh News-Letters.

Regular correspondence from the surrounding towns and communications upon local or general subjects are solicited by the TRIBUNE. The name of the writer must accompany all letters or items sent to this office for publication.

A SENSIBLE VIEW.

EDITOR TRIBUNE.—The proposed building of a new schoolhouse in this town has created considerable discussion in regard to the merit of the scheme, as is evinced by the various communications appearing in the town papers.

However, it is very difficult to get any definite understanding about what the school board actually proposes to do. Correct information about what the board actually proposes to do is imperatively necessary, so that the voters of Freeland can intelligently judge whether the directors' proposition is the best or most advisable plan for them to pursue at the present time.

If the school board had called a public meeting some evening, and explained their proposition to the people who have to pay the bill, and exchange opinions, both unpopularity and misunderstanding could have been avoided. But it appears once a petty officer is elected, he is above such weakness; he always imagines himself elected on account of his superior intelligence.

There is, of course, no difference of opinion about the necessity of more and better school facilities at the present time. The only difference exists about the ways and means to accomplish the purpose. Nobody doubts the honesty or good intentions of the school board. They and their friendly defenders ought to remember that there is fully as much honesty, intelligence, foresight and pride in the welfare of our town outside of the "school-ring" as is likely to exist inside its self-contained circle.

A few months ago the people were rather unexpectedly surprised by a proposition of the school board to erect an elegant eight-room brick school building containing all modern improvements, the place of the old one, and at an estimated cost of over \$22,000, for which they had no means, except running in debt, and increase of taxation.

Shortly afterward they had their attention called to certain wise provisions in the law which put a limit to the debt, running preclusively to town officials. A modification of the original plan had consequently to be made. Only \$10,391 can be borrowed at present for school purposes. What kind of a schoolhouse does the school board now intend to erect? Is it a brick or a frame building? Nobody seems to know.

Originally it was an eight-room brick building which would scarcely furnish school accommodation for immediate pressing demands. If the school board could not erect a building large enough for the probable demands four or five years hence at \$22,000, how can it build a brick building large enough for present need for less than half that sum?

If they are not to erect a commodious brick structure, but a frame building they might just as well enlarge and improve what they now have. If they do that, they do not need the sanction of the electors for an increase of debt, as the 3 per cent limit will furnish sufficient funds for that purpose.

The present time is a little inopportune. The people of Freeland are a little cautious just now. A year ago we voted for an increase of taxation for street lighting purposes. In less than a year's time the cost has reached the extravagant figure of \$225 per month, or \$2,700 for the year for lighting our streets alone. From present indications we will be called upon for more taxes to erect a palatial court-house and jail in our ambitious and rapacious neighboring city of Hazleton. If the notorious Quay county scheme succeeds.

Whether we turn to the right, or turn to the left, the same ominous sound of a cormorant tax gatherer is heard. Throughout our land, through our country nothing but despair, struggle and starvation is heard. Misery and poverty are facing our industrious inhabitants in the face, whichever way they may turn, without being able to help themselves. Is this a proper time to increase taxation and add to the burdens of our frugal people?

In a few years time it might be more favorable, and if our present growth continues we might be able to manage a palatial schoolhouse commensurate with our needs and ambition. FREELAND.

ECKLEY TOPICS.

Eckley people are very much disappointed at the Freeland council in doing away with that part of the ordinance which would compel the Traction Company to extend their tracks to this town. We waited over a year for the council to give us this road, and when the news came yesterday of the result several were heard to say they will buy in Hazleton after this. The merchants of Freeland would find it of more benefit to them if they had taken more pains to have that part kept in the laws, than to be in such a hurry to have the road run further up the town. The advantages to Freeland in having the road running in here should have been given some consideration by the council. Eckley's population depends largely on Freeland for its supplies, and this with the trade of Hazle Brook and Buck Mountain, which travels through here, would put many hundreds of dollars into the coffers of the Freeland business houses, provided there were means of easy access to and from the town. As it is the people of Eckley find it is not so easy to walk to Freeland as it is to walk to Jeddo, and by going to Jeddo they can take the trolley car to Hazleton for the same

RIGHT OF WAY GRANTED.

Council Passes the Electric Railway Ordinance by a Vote of 5 to 1.

All the members of the council and a large delegation of citizens attended the adjourned meeting on Tuesday evening. The electric railway ordinance was taken up, as amended, and read. Section five, relating to the speed of cars through the borough, was adopted with the words "eight miles an hour," instead of "under control," as asked for by the company. Section nine, which compelled the company to start work within three months and complete the road through the town within six months, was stricken out. Section twelve was amended so that the company need only build culverts under the tracks and one foot on each side. Section thirteen, relating to the extension of the Upper Lehigh, Highland and Eckley branches, was stricken out. The ordinance, as amended, then passed first and second readings, the vote being as follows: Aye, Messrs. DePierro, Neuberger, Moore, Fritzingler and McLaughlin; nay, Mr. Winter.

A bill from William Johnson for coal was approved, and the report of Burgess McLaughlin for the month of January was accepted, as follows: Amount collected for fines, permits, etc., \$34.50; fees, etc., \$16.75. The following amounts were returned for police services: James M. Gallagher, \$8.50; Daniel Jones, \$10.75; Daniel Gallagher, \$5.00; John B. Quigley, \$2.50; Patrick Welsh, \$2.50; D. J. Boyle, \$1.25; total, \$30.50. They were ordered paid.

An ordinance to license telephone, telegraph, electric light and electric railway poles within the borough was read. It provides a license fee of \$1 per year annually on April 1 for each pole erected, or which may hereafter be erected, also a fine for neglect to take out such license. Poles are to be examined quarterly by the street committee, as to their condition. It also provides that a tax shall be levied upon each electric car running through the borough. This ordinance was laid over for future discussion.

The ordinance submitted some time ago authorizing the Central Penna. Telephone Company to erect poles and wires through town was read. It was decided that final action on this ordinance be deferred until the next meeting.

The electric railway ordinance was read for the third time and passed finally by a vote of 5 to 1, the members voting as before. The secretary was instructed to have the ordinance transmitted and present it to the burgess for his approval.

The ordinance regulating transient merchants, and fixing a license, was ordered to be published.

Resolutions of Condolence.

At a special meeting of the members of the Citizens Hose Company, of Freeland, Pa., held at their rooms Saturday evening, February 9, 1895, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, it has pleased Almighty God in His omnipotence to take from our midst our brother member, Thomas Campbell, who died February 7, 1895, therefore be it

Resolved, That in his death we recognize the inscrutable power of God over all earthly things, the instability of human life, and the certainty of our end.

Resolved, That we point with pride to the past life of brother Thomas Campbell, who in his manhood stood higher for honesty, integrity and sterling worth, whether as a member of the Citizens' Hose Company of Freeland, as a business man of our town, as a devoted and affectionate husband and father, or as a distinguished and patriotic citizen, he symbolized God's noblest work, "A honest man," and esteemed in life, in death regretted by all who knew him.

Resolved, That in the death of brother Campbell, this company loses one of its oldest and first members, one who during his connection with us has always and at all times labored to advance its interests and the interests of the town.

Resolved, That we tender to the bereaved family in this our mutual affliction our heartfelt sympathy and our trust is firm in the belief that his life was such as to merit the reward of eternal bliss hereafter.

Resolved, That as a further token of the esteem in which he was held, that the members of this company attend the funeral in a body.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the company, a copy forwarded to the members of his family, and published in the TRIBUNE and Progress.

William Williamson, }
James Crawford, } Committee.
Thomas A. Buckley, }

Commissioners Will Build.

The county commissioners have returned from a lengthy trip during which they inspected many courthouses. They have decided to build one at a probable cost of \$40,000 on the site of the present building, the court having sustained the action of the citizens who objected to building away from the Public Square. Contracts for tearing down the old structure and putting up the new one will be let in a short time, and the work of construction will begin some time in spring. The material will be decided upon in a few days, but it will probably be speckled granite.

Such are the plans of the commissioners, but before any work is done an injunction will be asked for, it is said, to prevent them from carrying out the plans. The county does not own the land upon which the courthouse now stands, and any citizen of the state can protest against it using it for a new one. The new county people will fight the new courthouse, and several citizens who want it in some other part of Wilkes-Barre will also oppose it. Between the two a new courthouse may be delayed for some time.

Camp 147, P. O. S. of A., will attend St. John's Reformed church in a body at 2 p. m. on Sunday. Rev. Berner will preach a special sermon to the members.

BRIEF ITEMS OF NEWS.

PARAGRAPHS GATHERED FROM ALL PARTS OF THE REGION.

Synopsis of Local and Miscellaneous Occurrences That Can Be Read Quickly. What the Folks of This and Other Towns are Doing.

The twenty-eighth birthday of Conrad Zang was celebrated at the rooms of the German Social Club on Tuesday evening.

A Christian Endeavor Society will be organized at Eckley on Saturday evening by the members of the Freeland branch.

Mrs. Margaret Breslin, an aged lady residing at South and Ridge streets, died on Monday and was buried yesterday at St. Ann's cemetery.

The Catholic societies of town are preparing to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. The exercises this year will be held on March 18, as the 17th falls on Sunday.

Charlie Lee, of Easton, will open a laundry in Givens' building, next to Rofowich's clothing store, on Monday next. Charlie guarantees the best kind of washing at fair prices.

Four remonstrances have been filed against liquor license applicants in this county. These are against saloons in Plymouth, Pottsville, Braddock and Plains. There are 1,012 applicants.

On and after March 11 the Lehigh Traction Company will carry the mails to Hartleigh, Ebervale, Milnesville and Lattimer. If the experiment proves a success special mail cars will be purchased.

The hearing on the new county bill before the house committee was set down for yesterday, but the opposition pleaded lack of time to prepare their side of the question, and the hearing was postponed until the 27th inst.

Lehighton has secured the new silk mill, of which Read and Lovett, of Weatherly, are the proprietors, by subscribing \$25,000, the amount required by the company. The mill is to be exempt from taxation for ten years.

A dance will be held at Mrs. Krouse's hotel, South Heberton, (Fox's former stand), on Saturday evening, February 16. Music will be furnished by DePierro's orchestra. An invitation is given to everybody to be present. No admission.

A sleighing party of about forty-five couples will leave here on Monday evening for White Haven. The opera house of that town has been engaged, and dancing and supper will be had there. DePierro's orchestra will accompany the party.

The merchants of Freeland, Pleasant Hill and Hazleton organized for protection against the peddlers on Tuesday. The officers of the Merchants Protective Association are: President, A. J. Haire; vice president, J. C. Berner; secretary, H. W. Holdenrich; treasurer, John Neuhoff; attorney, Frank Needham.

On a Visit to Freeland.

The relatives and friends of Willy Dougherty were agreeably surprised yesterday morning upon receiving a visit from him. For the past five years he has been located in the West, and until recently he resided in St. Louis. At present his home is in Alton, Illinois. His long and arduous journey was inaugurated last spring by the American Railway Union, of which he was a leading member. Work throughout the West since the end of that strike has been dull, and he concluded to pay the town of his boyhood days a visit. Mr. Dougherty is in first-class health. His friends gave him a hearty welcome home.

People Starving in Nebraska.

The TRIBUNE has received a copy of the Weekly Tribune, of Calloway, Nebraska, which is published in the heart of the drought-stricken section of that state. That the people there are in poor circumstances is shown by the paper referred to. It is printed on the clean side of wall paper, having only a single six-column page. It is the most striking illustration of hardship ever seen, and the editor makes a fervent appeal to brother publishers to supply him with white paper. There are over 15,000 people in that county alone who are on the verge of starvation, and aid of any kind cannot be sent them too quickly.

English Baptist Church Notes.

Rev. D. M. Evans, of Duryea, will preach here on Sunday next upon the following subjects: Morning, "Evidences of Conversion;" evening, "What Jesus Can Do."

The pastor, Rev. J. T. Griffiths, will be at Duryea on Sunday, where he will preach and administer the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper. The Junior Baptist Society will give an entertainment and social at the church on Friday evening, the 22d inst. A rich treat may be expected, as the programme will consist of declamations, songs, drills of a religious and patriotic character and refreshments. Admission, 15 cents. All welcome.

Anti New County Meeting.

A meeting was called on Monday afternoon to protest against the new county bill, and at 7 o'clock that evening about thirty of the business men of town and others assembled at the Central hotel to map out their campaign against the measure. The meeting was organized by the election of D. J. McCarthy as chairman and Lewis Lloyd secretary. Several addresses were made on the new county bill, with the result that a committee, consisting of the following gentlemen, was chosen to go to Harrisburg on Wednesday: D. J. McCarthy, Joseph Neuberger, John M. Carr, Esq., Charles Dushock, Condy O. Boyle, H. C. Koons, Peter Timony and Thomas Birkbeck. Another committee was appointed to solicit funds to defray the expenses of the trip.

BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS' NOTICE.

To the electors of the borough of Freeland.

Whereas, By a majority vote the board of school directors of Freeland borough school district, has signified their desire to make an increase of indebtedness in the sum of \$10,801, for the purpose of raising funds with which to erect a new school building, and to submit to the vote of the qualified electors of this borough the question as to the said increase of indebtedness, at the election to be held in February, 1895.

Therefore, Notice is hereby given by the board of school directors of Freeland borough school district, that an election will be held at the places of holding the municipal elections in the borough of Freeland, on Tuesday, February 19, 1895, between the hours of 7 o'clock, a. m., and 7 o'clock, p. m., on said day, for the purpose of obtaining the assent of the electors thereof to such increase of indebtedness.

Last assessed valuation of property...\$155,508
Proposed increase of indebtedness... 10,801
Seven per centum of valuation... 10,891

The purpose for which the indebtedness is to be increased is to raise funds with which to erect a new school building.

The election aforesaid will be held in the first election district of this borough at the town council room, on the north side of Front street.

In the second election district of this borough at the justice of the peace office lately occupied by Wm. A. Grimes, now the property of Peter F. Meehan, on the southeast corner of Carbon and Centre streets.

In the third election district of this borough at the office of Adam Sachs, A. Johnson, on the west side of Centre street.

In the fourth election district of this borough at the basement room of Hugh Boyler building, on northwest corner of Walnut and Ridge streets.

This election will be held at the above-named places, at the time and under the same regulations as provided by law for the holding of our municipal elections, and it shall be the duty of the inspectors and judges of election in the four election districts of this borough, on the approaching election day, to receive tickets, either written or printed, from electors qualified under the constitution of this state to vote in such districts, labeled on the outside "Increase the Debt," and containing in the inside the words "No Increase of Debt," or "Debt May Be Increased," also to briefly state the purpose and amount of increase.

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Attest, D. F. Shelhamer, secretary.

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Section 1. That hereafter every person, whether principal or agent, not engaged in a permanent business in the borough of Freeland, Luzerne county, Pa., but entering into, beginning or desiring to begin, a transient retail business in said borough, for the sale of any goods, wares, or merchandise whatsoever, whether the same shall be represented or held forth to be for rent, assignment, or about to quit business, or of goods damaged by fire, water, or otherwise, or by any attractive or persuasive advertisement whatsoever, shall first take out a license for the same from the burgess.

Section 2. That the amount of such license in the borough of Freeland shall be one hundred and fifty (\$150) dollars per month, to be paid in advance. Every such license shall be renewed monthly during the continuance of such sales, upon the payment for each renewal of one hundred and fifty (\$150) dollars. No license, or renewal thereof, shall be issued for a longer or shorter period than one month. And upon failure of said person or persons to secure license, he or they shall be fined in a sum not less than three hundred (\$300) dollars, to be collected in all other cases as by law collectible.

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James McCready, }

AGENT WANTED.—We wish to engage a reliable and energetic man to handle our goods in Freeland and vicinity; liberal commission paid; a bond for \$500 is required of all parties entering our employ. Call or address Grand Union Tea Co., 30 W. Broad st., Hazleton, Pa.

First-Class Laundry,

CHARLIE LEE, Prop.
Givens Building, Centre Street.
Starch-iron shirts, 8c; wash-iron shirts, 10c; collars, 2 for 5c; cuffs, per pair, 5c. All kinds of laundry work at lowest rates. FAMILY WASHING A SPECIALTY.

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CLOTHING and HAT STORE.

Freeland, Pa., 57 Centre Street.

All Winter Goods at greatly reduced prices. Avail yourself of the opportunity. Winter is not over yet; we have yet four months of cold weather to struggle with.

Overcoats and Pea Jackets for men and boys to go at any price, regardless of cost.

Winter Suits at unprecedented low prices. Good goods, too.

Sweaters all wool, which you must see in order to appreciate.

Hats and Caps big variety; we always have the seasonable article.

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JOHN C. BERNER

Is closing out—

Woolen Goods, Blankets, Shawls, etc. Underwear, all kinds, special prices; very cheap. Gloves and Mitts, very cheap. Men's and Boys' Winter Caps and Overcoats. Dry Goods, heavy cloths and flannels, must be closed out.

I carry complete lines of Furniture, Carpets, Beddings and Oil Cloths. The Carpets will be sold regardless of cost for this month.

Groceries and Provisions. Fruits and Vegetables.

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Ballentine and Hazleton beer on tap.

Baths, Hot or Cold, 25 CENTS.

SPECIAL NOTICE!

Owing to the dullness of trade during the poor times that we are having at present, we have concluded to hold for the next two weeks a great sacrifice sale, which will be known as THE HARD TIMES SALE. Everything in our large lines of Clothing, Hats, Caps, Gents' Furnishings, Trunks, Valises, etc., (our merchant tailoring department included) will be sold at greatly reduced prices. Give us a call and see how cheap clothing can be bought at our establishment.

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CHAS. ORION STROH,

Attorney and Counselor at Law and Notary Public.

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JOHN M. CARB,

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