

# FREELAND TRIBUNE.

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TRI-WEEKLY

At the urgent request of many of our patrons who were unable to be served during the rush of the past few days, we have decided to continue our

## Big Clothing and Shoe Sale.

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## MINERS STRONGLY DEMAND AN EIGHT-HOUR WORKDAY

Grievances of the Shamokin Convention Presented in the Form of a Set of Resolutions.

Strike Talk Has Somewhat Abated, But the Danger of a Conflict With the Operators Will Not Be Over Until the Report of the Scale Committee Has Been Acted Upon by the Delegates.

While the strike talk at Shamokin has somewhat abated during the past twenty-four hours, the feeling among the delegates is that the operators who have failed to live up to the promises made in the notices posted a year ago must be compelled to act fairly, and the resolutions adopted at yesterday's session make provision for the carrying out of this demand.

It is conceded now, and has been claimed by many of the leaders from the start, that the recognition of the union is a secondary consideration. The betterment of the condition of the anthracite mine worker is the paramount issue, and all the strength of the organization will be exerted to accomplish this object.

The following resolutions were adopted by the convention yesterday:

"To demand an eight-hour workday.

"To demand recognition of mine committees for the adjustment of disputes which arise, thus avoiding numerous contentions which result in local strikes.

"To oppose working with non-union men.

"To provide for the organization of all skilled mechanics in conformity with the decision rendered by the American Federation of Labor convention.

"To favor the arbitration of trade disputes.

"To provide for the erection of a monument at Lattimer, not to cost more than \$5,000, as a memorial to the victims of the Lattimer shooting.

"To condemn the action of the Delaware and Hudson Railroad Company for changing working conditions in Plymouth, which change resulted in the reduction of wages in violation of contract.

"To favor colliery unions wherever practicable.

"To provide for the systematic examination of working cards.

"To demand the reinstatement of the firemen discharged by the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad Company at Woodward, Avondale and Pettibone collieries, who refused to comply with the order of the company to work on what is called the "swing shift" system.

"To oppose the contract system now in force at some collieries and to limit to

two the number of laborers who may be employed by any one contractor.

"To request the Bureau of Mines and Mining to print not less than 25,000 copies of the mining laws for distribution among anthracite mine workers.

"To condemn the operators' system of blacklisting employees discharged by any one company."

In many cases the demands apply only to certain localities. The most important is a stand taken unqualifiedly for an eight-hour day. No demand has been made for recognition of the organization, but Mitchell says that the committee on resolutions has not completed its work and that a general resolution on the recognition question may be brought before the convention tomorrow.

Further than acting upon the report of the resolutions committee, the convention did little except to listen to grievances.

A feature of the proceedings was the visit of a delegation representing the Order of Stationary Firemen. Of the 3,000 colliery firemen in the anthracite region a third belong to this organization, another third to the United Mine Workers and the others are not attached to any organization. The stationary firemen have declared in favor of an eight-hour day and the abolition of the "swing shift" system. The object of the officers' visit was to secure the cooperation of the mine workers.

The visitors were received by the convention and Secretary Joseph Mullahy addressed the delegates and asked the embodiment in the scale of the eight-hour provision for firemen. No action has yet been taken on the matter, but it will probably be dealt with in the report of the scale committee, which is expected today.

President Mitchell said that he did not regard the letters of the operators refusing a joint conference as a recognition of the union and that he had never so regarded them.

The report that the operators had made overtures to the miners was denied emphatically by President Mitchell last night.

Charles A. Gallagher, of Freeland, is a member of the resolution committee and Frank Ray, of Jeddo, is on the scale committee.

### Blotz Damage Suit.

In court on Wednesday afternoon the last case called before Judge Ferris was that of Mary Blotz, of Freeland, vs. the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company. Mrs. Blotz seeks to recover \$5,000 damages for the death of her son, John Blotz, who was killed by a train at Fairchild's crossing in Foster township two or three years ago.

The young man was the sole support of his mother and at the time he was killed was working on night shift. He was driving home from his work early in the morning and had to cross the tracks of the White Haven and Freeland branch of the Lehigh Valley Railroad at Fairchild's crossing. The crossing is located in a deep cut and when the wagon struck the tracks it was run down by a train going to White Haven and young Blotz was killed.

The jury has not yet rendered a verdict.

### Newspaper Man Insane.

From the Nanticoke News.  
S. C. Yohey, record keeper of Dewey Tent, 433 K. O. T. M., of this town, received a letter from the keeper of records of the tent at Leechburg, Pa., stating that John J. Burke was hopelessly insane at the Leechburg hospital, and his death would probably occur in a few days.

Mr. Burke has many friends in Nanticoke, who will be sorry to hear of his affliction. He was for years employed as city editor of this paper when the late J. C. Coon was editor, and was familiarly known as "Senator" on account of the numerous articles he wrote over that signature. About nine years ago he was married to Miss Annie Gilligan, who was then and is now one of our most efficient school teachers. Mr. Burke is reputed to be worth over \$50,000. He has many relatives in Wilkesbarre.

### Miner Badly Injured.

James O'Donnell, of Coxo addition, was severely hurt in Oakdale colliery yesterday afternoon. He prepared a blast and set fire to the same, and after waiting several minutes for the expected explosion he concluded that the charge had missed fire. Returning to investigate, he arrived at the scene just as the blast went off. He was struck by pieces of the flying coal and was severely gashed about the head and face. He was also thrown backward and in falling broke one of his ribs.

Mr. O'Donnell was immediately taken to the Miners hospital. Upon his arrival he learned that a case of smallpox had just been discovered at the institution and he was asked to be returned to his home, which was done.

### Scarcity of Coal.

Owing to the suspension of work at Drifton collieries, on account of high water, no pea coal can be had at that place and Freeland users of this grade are compelled to burn the larger sizes.

The peculiar disease which has afflicted many mules at Jeddo has necessitated the taking off of several teams which haul Highland coal to town, and Markle & Co. are able to deliver only a portion of the orders which have been placed for their coal.

The fear of a strike has caused a large local demand for coal this month.

### Confirmation Services.

A class of fifteen will be confirmed at St. Peter and Paul's Slavonian Lutheran church on Sunday morning by Rev. Carl Houser.

On the same day a large class will be confirmed at St. John's Reformed church by Rev. J. B. Kerschner.

At St. Luke's Lutheran church Rev. J. J. Kuntz will confirm a class of seventeen on Sunday morning.

Additional locals on the fourth page.

## Great Bankrupt Stock Sale

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\$18,000 Worth of High-Grade Seasonable Goods are offered for sale at from 40 to 50 cents on the dollar. Enormous bargains, which for lack of space and time cannot be given in detail here, await purchasers. This is a genuine bankrupt sale and the loss we are compelled to sustain is your gain.

Entire Stock Must Be Sold.

Nothing has been reserved. We are giving you two garments for nearly the value of one. Save your pennies and dollars for this sale, for nothing of its kind may ever be held in Freeland again. This is the chance of a lifetime to buy reliable goods at half their value. Keep your eyes open and don't be misled. Remember the time and place. Doors open at

8.30 A. M.,

Special Bargains Given Tomorrow

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PHILA. ONE-PRICE CLOTHING HOUSE,

Birkbeck Brick, Freeland.

### THEATRICAL.

The Dot Karroll Company opened a three nights' engagement last evening before a crowded house. The play was "A Night in Chinatown" and it gave the large audience a realistic insight into life in certain portions of our large cities. The piece was handsomely staged and the several members of the company did full justice to their parts.

Dot Karroll, the sprightly star, won a great deal of deserved applause, and her efforts to please were not lost upon those present. She acted the "tough girl" of the play in a manner pleasing to all, and the support given her was all that could be desired.

The specialties between the acts by the various members of the company were as good as any rendered by the high-class vaudeville shows and the audience was also well pleased with this portion of the entertainment.

Tonight the company will produce "Devil's Mine" and tomorrow evening "The Corner Grocery."

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The reputation of "The Irish Pawnbrokers" had preceded them to Freeland, consequently a very small audience was present on Wednesday evening to see them play. The local management refused to allow the curtain to go up on account of the poor patronage and the engagement was cancelled.

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The popular melodrama, "The Span of Life," is booked for an early presentation here. The play never fails to pack the house.

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"Down and Up" will be the only attraction at the Grand next week.

### Bids for the Opera House.

Bids will be received until April 19, 1902, by the Young Men's C. T. A. B. Corps for the renting of the Grand opera house building. Bids are asked for one or three years and for the auditorium separately and the auditorium and halls collectively, the lease to take effect on August 1, 1902.

The right is reserved to reject any and all bids.

By order of the Board of Trustees, Alex. Mulhearn, chairman, John J. Meehan, secretary.

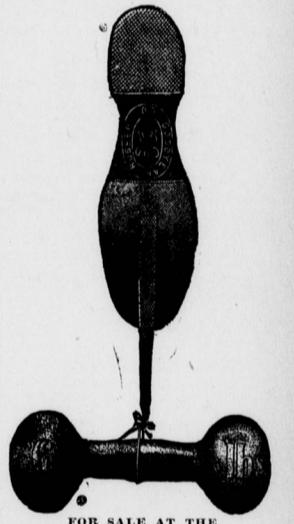
### Card of Thanks.

We hereby extend to the people of Freeland and vicinity our sincere thanks for their contribution of \$75.00, donated towards the erection of St. Lasko's Catholic (Magyar) church at Hazleton. Collected by Freeland branch of St. Lasko's Society, of Hazleton.

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