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Should not overlook our store when seeking something suitable for presents for their relatives or friends. Nothing will be better appreciated this year than

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and that is what you will find if you look over our stock of Clothing, Furnishings, Hats, Shoes, Dry Goods, Notions, etc. Prices are low just now.

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are among the finest sold
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Every holiday season finds Merkt's store with the largest and prettiest lines of Toys in town. This year the assortment is more complete than ever.

If you don't know what to buy for the children, come to us and we will show you just what will please them.

No other dealer can offer you prices as low as our goods are marked, and nowhere else can so large a stock be found.

We have two large store-rooms stocked from floor to ceiling with Toys, Novelties, Candy, Confectionery, Fruits, Nuts, Smokers' Supplies, etc.

M. MERKT,

Centre Street, Freeland.

NON-UNION MEN GIVE TESTIMONY

Score of Witnesses Relate Their Experiences.

Hoffman and Betterly Families Tell of the Attack on Their Homes at Upper Lehigh Last Summer.

The operators and non-union men opened their case before the Strike Commission with addresses by Attorneys Wolverton and Burns, which was followed yesterday with the testimony of witnesses called by J. T. Lenahan and Jos. O'Brien, counsel for the non-union men. About a score of witnesses were called. They told of boycotts, attacks by crowds of men, women and boys, and an attempt to burn the house of a non-union man. The lawyers for the miners objected frequently to the admission of testimony on hearsay in attempting to fix these offenses on union men, and sometimes objected because of irrelevancy of certain statements.

Chairman Gray said the commission was not bound by any strict lines of evidence, but asked counsel to confine themselves as far as possible to direct evidence. He said it was too difficult, in trying to prove that boycotts exist, to get information on the subject. The commission, he said, wanted to know whether a reign of terror existed in the anthracite region, and it could not get that information if the strict rules of evidence were applied.

"The coward who will go to the storekeepers," he said, "and tell them not to sell the necessities of life to a poor woman, usually seeks the obscurity that the law of evidence throws around him. If a girl is discharged from her position in a store because she rode in a street car in inclement weather while a street car strike was on, the coward who discharged her is coward enough to refuse to testify."

He recognized, he said, why some merchants will not come forward and tell who forced them to refuse to sell necessities of life to certain boycotted persons; but if he (Chairman Gray) were a storekeeper he thought he would risk his all in order to assist in breaking up the cowardly business.

Each witness called told of the sufferings he or she had to endure during the progress of the strike because his or her relatives were at work.

HOFFMAN AND BETTERLY TESTIFY.

Joseph Hoffman was examined by Attorney John Lenahan. He said he lived at Dighton. He went out on strike, but returned to work after five weeks. He went to work because he had nothing to eat. His local refused to help him. Fifty or sixty men came into his yard and asked him to come down to them. He refused and some one said: "Go up and shoot the ——" He ran away to his mother's house. When he returned to his own dwelling he found the furniture all smashed. He moved away from Upper Lehigh because he was afraid to live there. He was putting in bricks around a boiler house during the strike. Witness ran away about fifteen miles to get to his mother's house on the night the crowd came to his residence and threatened to shoot him.

Cross-examined by Attorney McCarthy, witness acknowledged that the crowd was composed of boys and that they were under the influence of drink. Nobody was prosecuted for the disturbance around his house. Everybody that was in the crowd is now living at Upper Lehigh and working happily. McGuire was the only man he knew in the crowd.

John Hoffman, a mason, the father of the last witness, testified that he did jobs all around for everybody who hired him. He corroborated his son's testimony. He said besides that the crowd threw rocks at the windows and shattered the house. He went into Hawkins' house next door, and he was told to keep on his own side or else Hawkins's house might be stoned also.

The mob turned the stove upside down in his son's house and tried to burn the house over their heads. Neither the witness or his son took anybody's place. The company gave witness and his son another house, as the one they

PLEASURE.

December 25.—Annual entertainment under the auspices of the Good Will Athletic Association at the Grand opera house. Admission, 10, 15 and 25 cents.
December 31.—Fourteenth annual ball of the Tigers Athletic Club at Krell's hall. Admission, 50 cents.

"Minnesota's Best" flour is sold by A. Oswald. There is none better made.

had occupied was so badly wrecked they could not live in it.

Cross-examined: No crowds interfered with him. He could not say now that anybody was lying in wait for him at South Heberton. Suit was brought against the men who surrounded his son's house, but it was discontinued.

Attorney McCarthy wanted to prove by witness that this disturbance was merely a drunken brawl. All the parties engaged in it were bailed out.

Judge Gray said they ought to have been bailed out after having so much beer. Laughter followed the chairman's remark.

Mrs. Ethel Hoffman, wife of Joseph Hoffman, testified that people used to call her "scab" on the street. She corroborated her husband's testimony in regard to the attack on their house. She also testified that after her husband left the house the mob smashed the doors and threw stones into the house. The mob upset the stove and said, "We will burn the — out." Everything in the house was smashed. That was at 1 o'clock in the morning. The family moved away because it was not safe for them to live there.

Cross-examined, witness said that after that night nobody interfered with her in the house. She was called "scab," though, after that. Mr. Lelsnering, the owner of the mine where the members of the mob worked, took them all back to work again in a week or so, with the exception of McGuire.

The family of Wilson Betterly, consisting of father, son and daughter-in-law, told of how the son was chased from their home in Upper Lehigh in the middle of the night, and how the crowd of fifty or sixty smashed the furniture and ornaments in the house and then attempted to destroy the home with fire. The father and son were working during the strike.

Robinson Is Pardoned.

The Board of Pardons has announced that a pardon had been granted to John J. Robinson, who was serving a sentence in connection with the Barney Relek murder in Wilkesbarre. This was the fourth time for Robinson's case to come before the Board of Pardons and each time heretofore the board refused to shorten the sentence. Attorneys went before the board on Tuesday and so strongly did they present the case that the board finally took favorable action.

Robinson was sentenced to eighteen years in the penitentiary at Philadelphia and began serving his sentence September 26, 1896, having been imprisoned for seven years and three months. His home is in Avoca, where his wife and three children live.

James Hendricks, who was in the penitentiary in connection with the same crime, was pardoned over a year ago.

A pardon was refused to Andrew Sisko, of Luzerne, charged with arson.

A rehearing was denied to William Penn Bowman, of Luzerne, first degree murder.

Funeral Tomorrow.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Ellen McFadden, who died on Wednesday at her home on South Centre street, will take place at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning. A requiem mass will be read at St. Ann's church and the remains will be interred at St. Ann's cemetery.

Mrs. McFadden was a respected resident of town for a number of years and her death is mourned by a large circle of friends. She is survived by her husband, Patrick McFadden; two sons, John J. Gallagher and Charles F. Hagoney, both of Freeland, and one daughter, Mrs. George Snyder, of Philadelphia.

Girls' Evening School.

E. F. Hanlon, who has been placed in charge of the girls' free evening school, which will soon be opened in the Re-fowich building, announces that the applications of those who desire to take advantage of this opportunity to increase their knowledge will be received at the school on Monday evening next. As soon as it is known how many pupils will enroll the necessary arrangements for opening the school will be made.

The lady who has been selected to conduct the new institution will arrive here about the first of next month, and the formal opening will take place soon afterward.

Masons Elect Officers.

The following members of Arbutus Lodge, No. 611, F. & A. M., have been elected as officers for the ensuing term: W. M.—George Wilnot, Jr.
S. M.—George Ripple.
J. W.—George Welch.
Secretary—J. H. Trevasaki.
Treasurer—H. E. Sweeney.
Representative to grand lodge—Rev. J. W. Bischoff.
Trustees—A. Oswald, Samuel Salmon, George Christian.

BASKET BALL.

Wilkesbarre Monarchs Defeated by the Crescents Wednesday Evening.

The second game of basket ball was played at Krell's hall Wednesday evening and resulted in a victory for the Crescents by a score of 18 to 11. The game attracted a large and enthusiastic audience.

The Monarchs, of Wilkesbarre, were the opponents of the local club and were a sturdy and agile team. The Crescents showed up in fine form and the improvement in team work was a noticeable feature. They also wore, for the first time, their new uniforms, consisting of an orange Jersey with black stripe across the breast, with an orange "C" in the center; black trunks, black and orange stockings, and the regulation suction rubber shoes. The team looked neat and nobby and played a fast game from start to finish.

The Wilkesbarre boys played hard, although it was plain from the opening that it was an uphill contest with them.

Referee Herbst called the game and the fun commenced by Centre Welsh sending the ball into Wilkesbarre territory, where, after some passes by both sides, it was secured by O'Donnell, who succeeded in shooting for the first basket, amid tremendous applause. The playing by both sides was all that could be expected until the end of the first half, the score then being 10 to 4 in the Crescents' favor.

After a preliminary practice by Wilkesbarre on basket throwing at the north end of the hall time was called.

Jacquot substituted O'Donnell as forward. With determination plainly to be seen Wilkesbarre made a valiant effort to retrieve their waning star and turn defeat to victory. The Crescents met them more than half way and proved that it was not in the timber to the tune of 8 to 7 points for the half. For alleged holding on the part of the home team Referee Herbst allowed the visitors four free throws, three of which were successful baskets. The final score was 18 to 11.

During the early part of the second half Captain Cope had the thumb of his right hand displaced. It was bandaged by Dr. Ellis, who occupied a seat on the stage, after which the game proceeded without delay.

The lines were made up as follows:
Crescents. Positions. Monarchs.
Nowak..... Forward..... Jones
O'Donnell..... Forward..... Davis
Welsh..... Centre..... Scarfoos
Cope..... Guard..... Harris
Davis..... Guard..... Woods
Goals—Welsh, 2; Nowak, 4; O'Donnell, 2; Jacquot, 1; Scarfoos, 2; Davis, 1; Harris, 1; Jones, 1; Woods, 1. Time of halves—20 minutes. Referee—Herbst.

ROUND THE REGION.

After serving two years in jail for a crime somebody else committed, James Gillespie, a Schuylkill county prisoner, has been recommended for pardon. The home of the Misses Bannan was broken into in January, 1901, by a burglar who secured several hundred dollars and departed. Gillespie was arrested and sentenced to seven years in jail. It has now been learned that he is innocent. Gillespie has proved that he was in Sunbury the night the burglary was committed.

At a meeting of the Luzerne county Medical Society, last night, adopted resolutions condemning the obstruction caused to the Susquehanna through the existence of the Nanticoke dam, which prevents the proper carrying away of local sewage. The physicians declared the obstruction to be a menace to health, and recommended that the medical society co-operate to secure the removal of the dam.

The convention of the United Mine Workers of District 9, at Minersville, re-elected John Fahy, president; Paul Pulaski, vice president; George Hartline, secretary, and W. A. Yoder, treasurer. Mining Superintendent Velth, of the Reading Company, was commended for his conciliatory treatment of the men in the company's employment.

The latest scheme of film flammers is to mark a five-dollar bill and after getting change have a partner change a dollar bill and claim he tendered the V. The first man's marks are known by the second and he successfully identifies it, and the merchant or business man falls into the trap.

To fill the unexpired term of her dead husband, Mrs. M. A. Biddy, of Catawissa, was appointed tax collector of Catawissa borough by the court, giving to Mrs. Biddy a position that is held by no other woman in the state.

Christmas trees have made their appearance in town. The prices this year are said to be reasonable.

CASTORIA.
The Kind You Have Always Bought
Bears the Signature of *Dr. J. C. Peck*

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.

Councilman P. G. Gallagher, who as a member of the national executive board of the U. M. W. of A. rendered valuable service in preparing the miners' side of the controversy before the Strike Commission, is home on a short vacation. To Mr. Gallagher belongs the credit of selecting the witnesses who showed up the methods of the local operators.

James Roderick, chief of the mine bureau, has not yet made the apportionment for the Luzerne mine inspectors, notwithstanding that the recently-elected inspectors, Messrs. Boyle and Davis, will go on duty January 1. The Third and Fourth districts, with headquarters at Pittston and Wilkesbarre respectively, will be divided.

Argument on the motion to set aside Harvey's petition in the Ferry contested election case, which was to have been heard yesterday, was postponed until January 5, on account of the judges attending the funeral of Judge Albright in Allentown.

John Slusser, of Chestnut street, a son of Mr. and Mrs. James Slusser, is suffering from a broken arm and fractured ribs, received by falling on Wednesday from a loafe at No. 2 Highland, where he is employed.

Freeland was well represented last evening at a ball held in Hazleton by the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen. Many of the D. S. & S. employees belong to the organization and the members were out in force.

Mrs. John Kester, who has been receiving treatment in a Philadelphia hospital, has returned home. Mrs. W. C. Fell, who was also treated in an hospital in that city, is expected home tomorrow.

Joseph D. Myers, of South Washington street, received notice this week of the death of his sister at Reading. This is the second sister Mr. Myers has lost by death within a few months.

Henry Reinsmith, of Youngs, Northampton county, has sold his single dwelling on Burton street, Freeland, to Mrs. Mary Logan, for \$1,300.

There is a story that the Lehigh Valley Railroad will increase wages after January 1. The increase will likely affect all employees.

Walter Houseknecht, of St. John, has secured employment on the D. S. & S. Railroad and has removed his family to Adams street.

The young people of Eckley are making preparations for an outing, supper and dance at Rockport during the holidays.

E. M. Porter and family are removing today from Dighton to the dwelling owned by William Rauch, Chestnut street.

G. Mord NeuBurger, of Jefferson university, Philadelphia, is spending the holiday vacation at his home here.

William Allen and family removed this week from Dighton to Mauch Chunk, where the former is employed.

Markle & Co.'s hotel at Jeddo is undergoing a thorough renovation.

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Famous Tigers Ball.

It is the unanimous verdict of the people of the Lehigh region that the balls held by the Tigers Athletic Club, of Freeland, have been the best, the biggest and the most successful social affairs conducted in the anthracite coal fields. On

Wednesday Evening, December 31,

this noted organization will hold its fourteenth annual ball. The Tigers invite you to become their guest on this occasion, and, as in previous years, they will exert every effort and utilize every opportunity at their command to make your visit one of the most pleasant events of your life.

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An inexhaustive exhibit of remembrances that appeal to the eye and bring pleasure and comfort to the recipient can be seen here. If you will come to our store at once you will find suggestions enough to satisfy the most exacting. Every article we sell contains full value for the price paid.

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The prettiest and largest selection of Four-in-Hands, Imperials, Bows, and Tecks in town, in plain white and plain black silks, also all the newest fancy colors in Ties, are now on sale at 25c.

Come and see our new 50c holiday Neckwear. The prettiest Ties that we've ever shown; all shapes, all colors, all styles, 50c.

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Xmas Suspenders from 25c upward.

Xmas Socks from 25c upward.

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Xmas Sweaters from 50c upward.

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