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Explosion Kills Eight.

Monongahela City, Pa., November 16. —Undoubtedly killed and probably blown to pieces, eight men are lying in the depths of the new shaft of the Brazzell Coal company, on the outskirts of Bellefonte, while another outside the mine is dead as the result of a gas explosion Wednesday.

The Brazzell Coal company has been sinking the new shaft since last summer. Two weeks ago it was learned that a pocket of gas had formed in the bottom of the mine which is 185 feet deep.

Orders were given for all the men to work with safety lamps and this had been done. Three shifts of men were employed by Contractor and General Superintendent Buzzo.

About five minutes after the men descended, a terrible explosion occurred, which blew huge pieces of timber out of the mine like skyrocket as high as 150 feet in the air. The tippie and all the mine riggings were torn down and debris scattered in heaps all around.

A Historic Gun.

James Nixon has placed on exhibition in the G. A. R. room at Philipsburg, a cavalryman's breech-loading carbine having some interesting history attached to it.

Dedication Postponed.

Roland, Centre Co., Pa., Nov. 15th, 1905. HON. P. G. MEEK, Bellefonte WATCHMAN, Dear Sir:—Will you kindly insert this letter in your valuable paper if you can find room for the same.

—Jack—"I am so glad we are engaged. You know it is love that makes the world go round."

—Gracye—"Our preacher has done a great deal to break up golf playing on Sunday."

—Gladys—"How did he manage it?"

—Sabors for the WATCHMAN.

HOCH'S VIEWS ON HANGING.

Why Kansas Governor Objects to Capital Punishment.

Prisoners in the Kansas penitentiary under sentence of death need have no fear of the governor's signing their death warrants, says a Topeka dispatch to the Kansas City Star.

The governor's letter is as follows: "The whole trend of thought on the subject of criminology is and has ever been toward more humane penalties."

"But we have gradually grown away from these brutal practices in the name of the law, and capital punishment is the worst if not the only remaining relic of the dark ages in the treatment of crime."

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

—Mrs. E. R. Tyson is seriously ill at her home in Philipsburg.

—David Walters, of this place, is being treated for a healing at the Bellefonte hospital.

—Dr. George A. Fairlamb has been quite ill the past week at his room in the Bush house.

—Prince Louis of Battenberg can hardly realize what he'll miss if he fails to visit Bellefonte.

—Mrs. Noah H. Swayne 2nd, entertained a number of her lady friends at tea yesterday afternoon.

—The teachers' institute will end this morning, but then we have three weeks of court staring us in the face.

—County superintendent David O. Etters handed this week's teacher's institute like an old-timer.

—It is reported that the front quarters of a freshly killed deer was found on the mountain north of Milesburg, one day last week.

—Elwyn Stroug, in "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde," will be the next attraction at Garman's. Monday evening, November 20th.

—William Bordin and Steve Fraintz were married in the Catholic church, Wednesday morning, by Rev. Father P. McAidle.

—Mrs. Archibald Allison entertained with six tables of cards Tuesday night in honor of her niece, Miss Bess Roberts, of Pasadena, Cal.

—Thomas Turbidy and Miss Julia Gleason were married at St. Mary's Catholic church, Snow Shoe, Thursday morning of last week.

—Wednesday evening the Mermaid club met at the rooms of John D. Meyer, president, and organized for the winter season.

—After being housed up for two weeks nursing one of Job's comforters Robt. F. Hunter is again around attending to business as usual.

—Ever since Sunday W. Harrison Walker Esq., has been housed up at home nursing a case of tonsillitis, though he is some better now.

—The farmers in the lower end of Pennsylvally are just finishing husking corn. The crop was a big one, the average yield being over one hundred bushels to the acre.

—Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Smith, who spent the summer on their farm near Howard, have returned to Bellefonte for the winter and are now occupying their home on Thomas street.

—Miss Louise Armor has resigned her position as stenographer in the office of N. B. Spangler Esq., to accept a similar position in the offices of the Central Railroad of Pennsylvania.

—Before the election all the candidates were pestered by the professional dea-beats; now the men elected are having their own time with the many candidates for the appointive positions.

—We are sorry to note the illness of Mr. Austin McClain, of Ridgway, who is suffering with heart trouble. His condition is regarded so serious that his mother and sister, Miss Ella, were summoned to his bedside on Monday.

—While working about a threshing machine, on Tuesday, Roy Bechdel, of Howard, had his hand caught in the cog wheels and three fingers so badly crushed that he was taken to the Look Haven hospital and had them amputated the same evening.

—A bazaar and oyster supper will be held by the Lutheran congregation, in the room on Bishop street, formerly occupied by Doll's bakery, Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 6th and 7th. All kinds of fancy goods, fruits and candies will be on sale, and twenty-five cents will pay for the supper.

—John Baisor, of Filmore, has sold his store at that place to Lyman Emerick, of Habersburg. Mr. Emerick will move to Filmore and take possession at once while Mr. Baisor will move to Altoona and with Fred Sellers will open up a store in that city.

—Sunday evening's wind storm was one of the worst that has passed over this section in weeks. The scaffolding around M. I. Gardner's new house, corner Spring and Howard streets, was blown down, badly frightening a number of people going to the Presbyterian and Methodist churches. No great damage was done, however.

—The fair to Williamsport tomorrow, for the State-Dickinson foot ball game will be one fare for the round trip. Hundreds of students from the College will go down tomorrow morning and will come back on a special train in the evening.

—Christ Meyers, of lower Bald Eagle valley, was out in the Soocot region, on Monday, rounding up some young cattle he had out grazing for the summer, when he came across the carcasses of six dead cattle which had evidently been killed by lightning during a thunder storm.

A GRAND BAZAAR.—Tickets are now out for a grand bazaar for the benefit of the new Catholic convent in this place.

- 1. A silver tea and coffee set. 2. A lady's gold watch and chain. 3. Buffet. 4. Morris chair. 5. Washing machine and wringer. 6. Writing desk. 7. Hat rack. 8. Hall seat. 9. Enamelled brass bed. 10. Two-burner oil stove. 11. Extension table. 12. Swing. 13. Chiffonier. 14. Gentleman's gold watch.

When all the tickets are sold the time and place for the drawing will be announced. Price of tickets, \$5 cents.

THAT NEW AUTO LAW.—Inasmuch as there are a number of automobile owners in Bellefonte it might be wise for them to remember that under the new law, which goes into effect January 1st, 1906, all owners of automobiles are required to take out a license before the state highway commissioner.

STATE-DICKINSON FOOTBALL GAME.—On account of the State-Dickinson football game at Williamsport, on Saturday, November 18th, the Central R. R. of Penna. will sell excursion tickets from Bellefonte and intermediate points, to Williamsport, at one way fare for round trip.

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FOR THE STATE-DICKINSON GAME AT WILLIAMSPORT.—The Pennsylvania railroad will sell excursion tickets from Bellefonte to Williamsport and return, on account of the State-Dickinson football game tomorrow, at a single fare rate, \$1.52 for the round trip. Tickets will be sold November 17th and 18th good to return November 20th inclusive.

WOTRING FAMILY REUNION.—The following family reunion notice is of peculiar historical interest to the Woodrings in this county as they and the Wotring referred to below are descendants of the same family and relatives. The notice says: An interesting reunion of the Wotring family was held last week at Sand Spring Grove, near Macungie, Pa., on the old Wotring farm, which has been in the family during about a century.

—Miss Anna Saxton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Saxton, of Allport, who was training as a nurse at the McGirk sanatorium, Philipsburg, died at that institution, last Saturday afternoon, of typhoid fever. She was twenty-one years of age and a young woman highly esteemed by all who knew her.

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—Last Friday night the saw mill located in the gap back of Shingletown, operated by Sobenok and Smith, of Howard, caught fire and was burned to the ground, together with considerable lumber. The fire is supposed to have originated from a spark from the engine. The loss is over two thousand dollars with no insurance.

—Since locating in Altoona Dr. H. K. Hoy has prospered amazingly as he is just now engaged in litigation with the Altoona Midway Oil company for the recovery of two hundred and forty thousand shares of its capital stock. The Midway company's possessions are in California and its stock is now above par.

Pine Grove Mention.

J. Charley Wright spent Sunday in Sinking valley.

Dr. Franks, eye specialist of Philadelphia, was here last week.

Geo. B. Jackson is now proprietor of the State College cigar store.

Mrs. Clayton Struble is spending a week among relatives in Tyrone.

Supervisor E. S. Tressler, transacted business at the county capital Monday.

Our village blacksmith, Will Collins, is visiting his sons at Pitscain this week.

Mrs. Lydia Long, of Bellefonte, spent last week at her former home near Boalsburg.

Curtis Miller, of Tyrone, is with his father G. T. Miller, gunning for small game.

Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Neidigh were visitors at J. Cal Struble's home over Sunday.

J. A. Kline, proprietor of Centre Mills, was looking after his trade here last week.

Miss Edith Borest, of Spruce Creek, is a visitor at N. C. Neidigh's home at White Hall.

The largest corn crop for many years in this section of the country is about all cribbed.

Robert Campbell, of Pittsburg, spent several days last week with his mother at State College.

Samuel E. Goss came up from Bellefonte to look after his large insurance business in this section.

The venerable Thomas Kustaborder is making his annual visit among relatives at Warriorsmark.

Warren Bailey, of Johnstown, and Robert Campbell, of Pittsburg, were State College visitors last week.

Mrs. D. A. Grove and Mrs. H. Etters braved the storm last week and drove up to visit friends at Graysville.

Miss Bartram Goheen, who spent several months at Hollidaysburg, is home again much improved in health.

Mrs. Linn. Bottorf and children came over from Curwensville to spend a week with relatives at Lemont.

Mrs. R. T. Gates, of Baileyville, was one of the mourners at Mr. Flick's funeral at Port Matilda on Monday.

William Dixon is offering his stock and farm implements for sale on the 21st, on the D. G. Meek farm at Fairbrook.

J. Clayton Etters, of Oak Hall, has thoroughly remodeled his roller mill and is ready to accommodate his many customers.

On account of a kick by a vicious horse, Mrs. George B. Thompson is ill in bed but thankful that her injuries are not severe.

Last Wednesday John Snyder moved to State College and quit the farm for a rest that he and his good wife so well deserve.

Arthur Peters, of Williamsport Commercial college, was home with his mother at Oak Hall a few days last week and did a little gunning.

The Modocs left bright and early, on Tuesday, for their camp on Stone Creek. Henry Gingerich with his team landed the camp fixtures safely.

Mrs. Geo. Y. Meek, of Tyrone, who has been prostrated with nervous trouble for some months, was admitted to the hospital in Altoona on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Smith are mourning the death of their baby boy Albert, who died at their home on the Branch, Sunday evening, aged eleven months.

Miss Ella Collins, who has been spending her vacation with her parents on Main street left for her duties as nurse in one of the city hospitals on Monday.

Charles Strouse has purchased the Detron property on the corner and intends to move to Potter township, where he will engage in farming after April 1st.

Hon. J. W. Kepler brought down a fifteen pound gobbler on old Tussey mountains. Geo. Rossman has his full quota, having shot four the beginning of the season.

John Neidigh, who holds a good job at Pitscain is visiting the home of his youth at State College. He recently returned home from a trip to California and other western States.

J. P. Weber, of Boalsburg; Samuel Harpster, of Gatesburg; C. H. Close, of Milton; J. F. Herman, of Bellefonte, and Taylor Milliken, of Reedsville, registered at the St. Elmo last week.

Mrs. Samuel Bressler is home again happy and well after undergoing a serious operation for the removal of a large tumorous growth at the University of Pennsylvania hospital in Philadelphia.

J. Cal Bailey and wife are mourning the death of their baby girl, aged two months, who died at their home at State College, Tuesday afternoon after a brief illness. Interment was made in Boalsburg cemetery at 9 o'clock a. m. Thursday.

The past week has been a gay one socially on this side. Last Friday evening about thirty-five couples participated in a social dance at the Boalsburg hotel; on Monday evening twenty-five couples tripped the light fantastic at the home of Frank Fishburn in the Glades and last evening sixty young people engaged in a dance in the Odd Fellows hall in this place.

—T. R. Harter & Co., of Loganton, who last week bought timber tracts at Coburn, Hecla and Beech Creek, this week bought the Hagen tract in Bald Eagle valley, three miles west of Mill Hall. This is one of the best tracts of virgin timber in this part of the State, being thickly covered with white and yellow pine and hemlock. The erection of a saw mill on the tract will be begun at once so that operations can be started as soon as possible.

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—"HOW'S THIS FOR A BEAR STORY?" —Under the above heading the following thrilling story, in which Dr. Kurtz, of Howard, figured as the hero, is going the rounds of the press, and so vividly has the original writer pictured the almost calamitous exigencies of the situation that we hastened to call up the doctor and congratulate him upon his miraculous escape when he laughingly informed us that the whole thing was a hoax.

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—"DOCTOR KURTZ WAS HUNTING IN THE mountains between here and Howard when he found bear tracks leading into a cave. Determined to investigate, he crawled into the hole on his hands and knees to find that inside it was of considerable size. His eyes had not become accustomed to the darkness before he heard the grunt of a bear, and saw two fiery eyes. As brain ran past him towards the mouth of the cave he fired and the bear fell blocking the passage. The carcass was so heavy that, try as he would, the physician could not move it out of the way. Suddenly two cubs appeared and they too, were killed.

—"FOR NEARLY TWO DAYS DOCTOR KURTZ was compelled to remain in the cave. Fortunately he had taken with him a bounteous lunch. A searching party which started out to look for him tracked him in a light snow and found his calls as they approached the cave. The bear weighed 375 pounds."

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