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## TRAGIC ENDING OF WHAT BEGAN AS A GAY PARTY OF PLEASURE SEEKERS.

Frank Magee, the young man taken to the Germantown Hospital shortly after midnight Saturday suffering from injuries received at the Mt. Airy avenue crossing of the Reading Railroad at Mt. Airy half an hour previous, died at the hospital at 2:30 yesterday morning. All of the others injured in the same accident will recover.

As told in the *Inquirer* of yesterday, the party, which consisted of ten persons, Mr. and Mrs. Troth, the Misses Mary and Bessie Latourette, Miss Sheip, Miss Hanson, Joseph Doyle, Edward Wells, Joseph Murphy and young Magee, were returning in a large farm wagon from Willow Grove, where they had driven during the afternoon. A hired driver was managing the horses. As the wagon approached the crossing Mr. Troth saw the train coming, but supposed that the driver saw it too, and intended to stop until it had passed. Half a minute later he discovered that this was not the case.

"For heaven's sake," he shouted in alarm to the driver, "don't you see that train coming. Stop quick."

But the driver either did not hear or it was too late to stop the horses, and the next instant the rapidly moving train struck the wagon with its load of human freight. Mr. and Mrs. Troth were seated in the rear end of the wagon. The man grabbed his wife and managed to pull her and himself out onto the ground before the crash came. Mr. Doyle succeeded in doing the same thing with Miss Sheip. These four were the only ones who escaped uninjured.

Young Magee, who was sitting in the front end of the wagon, was hurt about the chest and the back of his head was crushed in. Miss Hanson sustained severe injuries about the head, while one of Mr. Wells' ankles was broken. The Misses Latourette and Mr. Murphy were also hurt, the latter, it is feared, internally. The driver of the team escaped with a few bruises.

Magee was put aboard the train and taken to the Chelton Avenue Station, from whence he was removed to the Germantown Hospital. He remained unconscious until he died a couple of hours after reaching there. The others who were injured were conveyed to the home of E. Rittenhouse Miller, near the scene of the accident, and physicians sent for. All but Miss Hanson and the Misses Latourette were able to leave for their homes shortly after. Yesterday morning Mr. Wells was taken to Atlantic City. Young Magee's body was brought to the home of his parents, 1025 Lehigh avenue, later in the day and will be buried from there tomorrow morning.

The accident was the tragic ending to what was planned to have been a jolly house party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry H. Sheip, at their summer home in Chestnut Hill. The young people were their guests and the ride to Willow Grove and back was a part of the day's program. Mr. and Mrs. Troth were the chaperons for the ride.

It is said that the driver of the wagon was familiar with the fact that the train that struck them was due at the crossing about that time, but he probably miscalculated the distance it was away. The engineer saw the perilous position the wagon and its occupants were in and endeavored to stop his train. The speed was too great, however, for him to do more than slow up. This probably saved the lives of some of those in the wagon, for had the engine struck it when going at full speed without killing two or three others the escape would have been miraculous.

Young Magee was a member of the firm of Steffan & Magee, fancy goods manufacturers, at Broad and Vine streets. His father is a member of the Ivens, Deitz & Metzger Co., carpet manufacturers.—Philadelphia *Inquirer*, Monday.

[The unfortunate young man was a brother to James Magee of this town, and resided here for some time, during which time he was in business with his brother.—Ed.]

It is said that dynamite is being placed in the creek for the purpose of killing fish. Our informant says that out about Iron Dale last week, dead fish by the hundreds laid along the waters' edge. We hope the perpetrators of this unlawful trick, may be caught and severely punished. It is a violation of law and the person found guilty of it is liable to a fine of fifty dollars.

## P. O. S. of A. CONVENTION.

Northern Columbia County District convention convened at Jonestown Saturday, July 16 at 10 a. m., D. P., H. A. Meyers presiding.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Chaplain Jacob Stiner. Minutes of last convention at Catawissa read, and approved as read. Officers present, D. P., H. A. Meyers; secretary, W. C. Thomas; treasurer, M. McHenry; executive committee, Jacob Stiner, Geo. W. Trough.

Officers appointed as follows: Past President, Wm. Buckwalter; vice president, W. N. Hosler; M. of F., A. U. Leshar; assistant secretary, Boyd Trescott; conductor, I. Raber; inspector, F. W. Yaple; guard, Tillman Runyan; chaplain, Jacob Stiner.

By motion article 5 of the District By-laws was amended by striking out February and inserting July, so that all district elections will take place at the July meeting. The convention decided that the district president, secretary and treasurer shall receive a reasonable compensation for their services.

The following committees were appointed: On credentials, Ralph Kinsner, Harry Ringrose, Geo. A. Mason; on resolutions, A. U. Leshar, J. S. Grimes, S. T. Lewis. Committee on credentials report eleven camps represented and over fifty delegates present.

George T. Morehead, of Berwick, was nominated and unanimously elected district president for the ensuing year. The following named persons were elected members of the executive committee, to serve for one year. Jacob Stiner, Wm. Buckwalter and B. F. Pealer. W. C. Thomas was elected district secretary, and M. McHenry, district treasurer, there being no opposition. Resolution committee reported as follows:

*Whereas*, We meet in turbulent times of a national warfare for humanity and against the tyranny of ages and the oppression by the Spanish people of their down trodden and misgoverned colonial subjects. Now therefore be it

*Resolved*, That we heartily endorse the wise and patriotic course of our national executives and our law makers in defending the honor of our flag, and most earnestly commend those of our citizens who have volunteered their services in the cause of human freedom and world wide enlightenment.

*Resolved*, That our thanks are hereby extended to all of the officers of our convention for the efficient manner in which they have discharged their duties during the past year.

*Whereas*, Brother H. A. Meyers retiring president of North Columbia county district, having faithfully performed the duties of his office during the past year, and

*Whereas*, the district having gained in membership during his term of office, therefore,

*Resolved*, That this convention tender Brother Meyers a vote of thanks for his faithful services in behalf of the camps in this district.

*Resolved*, That we endorse Wilkes-Barre as the place of meeting of our State camp in 1899, and that we endorse the candidacy of Brother A. U. Leshar for State building trustee.

J. S. GRIMES, } Committee.  
S. T. LEWIS, }  
A. U. LESHER, }

Collections \$3.00. Auditing committee report as follows: Expenses for year, \$4.50; balance on hand \$16.61.

Rhorsburg was chosen as the place of meeting for July, 1899, and on motion the by-laws were amended to read last Saturday in July instead of the third Saturday.

Speeches were made by A. U. Leshar, Boyd Trescott, J. S. Grimes and Ralph Kinsner, which were all full of encouragement and patriotism.

Adjourned to meet at Rhorsburg last Saturday in July, 1899.

SECRETARIES.

American naval marksmanship with big guns has been the most notable feature of the present war in the eyes of critics of foreign countries. While it is the result of specialized practice it is also the evolution of that pride in shooting straight, which from earliest times prompted our pioneers to afflict their offspring with many stripes who failed to bring in their squirrels drilled through the eye.

## Death By Drowning.

William Harman, nineteen years of age was drowned in the creek a short distance above Light Street about five o'clock Saturday afternoon. He was in the employ of John Hoffman, and had taken a horse to the creek for a wash. While riding through the creek the animal stepped into an offset and stumbled throwing the rider down under the water. He succeeded in coming up, however, holding fast to the horse, but, only to go down again in the same manner. The horse struggled and succeeded in getting out, but the young man never came up again. The body was recovered shortly afterward. An examination showed a scar on the head, where it is supposed he was struck by the horse in some manner and rendered unconscious. He was a son of John Harman. The funeral was held Tuesday morning and the body interred in the cemetery at Briarcreek.

## New Counterfeit Ten.

A new counterfeit ten dollar note has found its way into circulation, and the treasury department regard it as rather dangerous. Its description is as follows:

Series of 1880; check letter C; plate number 8; J. Fount Tillman, register; D. N. Morgan, treasurer; small scalloped carmine seal; portrait of Webster.

It is apparently printed from photo-mechanical plates, more than ordinarily well executed, on two pieces of paper pasted together, between which silk threads have been distributed. The numbering of the note is of fairly good color, but one of alignment, and the figures are poorly formed. The white outlines of the photographed original numbers can be discerned beneath the counterfeit. The seal is too dark, being red instead of light carmine. The back of the note has a good general appearance, but much of the lathe work is blurred and indistinct. The silk threads used are too heavy and not well distributed. The number of the note at hand is A 13277084. The counterfeit is well calculated to deceive persons not experts. No attempt has been made to "doctor" or give the note the appearance of age.

Sending children to the country for a two week's outing in the "fresh air," and describing the many benefits derived therefrom by the little ones is occupying considerable space in the city dailies just now. It is a custom that has been carried on for many years, and as a matter of course the residents of the country are always willing and glad to entertain and make it pleasant for them. But, we believe in evening things up a little bit, why not send the country children to the city for a week or so in the winter. It would do the country boys and girls as much good to see the many sights of the city as it does the city children to run through the clover and breathe the fresh air. In the language of an exchange "something the nature of reciprocity in this matter would be in order."

A very sad drowning accident occurred at Pittston on Tuesday. Joseph H. Snowden and two sons aged 10 and 12 respectively were fishing in the river. Fishing grew monotonous to one of the boys and he decided to go in bathing. He got in too deep water, and was sinking, when his father noticed him. Mr. Snowden plunged into the water and seizing the boy pushed him to safety in the shallow water, but the father was then seized with cramps and sank from sight before any assistance could reach him. His body was recovered.

Robert R. Little, who received the popular vote and endorsement of Columbia County for President Judge in this the twenty-sixth judicial district, has appointed T. J. Vanderslice and J. B. Robison Esqs., as his conferees. They will meet in conference with two others to be appointed from Montour county by E. R. Ikeler. There is no indication at present that either man will withdraw, and it is extremely doubtful if an amicable agreement can be reached.

From present indications the theatrical business will be away below par the coming season. It may be a good thing for show going people, as it will have a tendency to keep bum organizations off the road, and give the patrons an opportunity to witness a first class performance once in a while.

## W. C. T. U. Meeting.

The W. C. T. U. held a most interesting meeting in the Evangelical church on Fourth Street.

The attendance was good and the program well given. Miss A. E. Thomas, of Philadelphia, was present and at the close a very encouraging Y was organized. The following ladies were elected to fill the various offices: President—Miss Mae Evans.

Vice Presidents—Miss Elsie Currin Miss Margaret Krum.

Rec. Sec.—Miss Blanche Conner. Cor. Sec.—Miss Freas.

Treasurer—Miss Annie Leshar.

The W. C. T. U. desires to thank the trustees of the church, Mr. Currin, the choir, Mrs. Melick and all who in any way helped to make our meeting a success.

The new organization will meet in the W. C. T. U. rooms every Monday evening. We most cordially invite the young men and women of the town to join this new society and help along, and if not join, to encourage them by coming to their meetings. May God's richest blessing rest upon these young people and on all their efforts to stay the terrible ravages of the rum traffic.

Co. Supp. Y. W. C. T. U.

The appearance in town on Tuesday of C. R. Woodin's horseless carriage, attracted the interest of everybody on the street and many others hurried out of buildings to catch a glimpse of the novel conveyance, as it moved down the thoroughfare. In an interview with a friend Mr. Woodin stated that he came down from his home at Berwick, a distance of twelve miles in fifty-seven minutes. He says it will run up a ten degree grade with ease. It was purchased at a cost of about two thousand dollars. The motive power is furnished by gasoline.

The attention of the police should be called to the practice of boys and young men who go in swimming in the public places along the creek before dark without anything on their persons. There have been many complaints made about the bathers appearing in a nude condition, and it is high time it is stopped. Any young man who, will remove his clothing, and stand on the bank exposing his person, should be arrested and dealt with according to law. Notices of warning should be posted, and the first violator should be made an example of.

J. C. Rutter Jr., George Enterline, Dan'l Marr and one or two others went to Light Street Tuesday evening to fish. It was the opinion of several who witnessed the departure of the party, that there would be very little fishing done, but they were mistaken in this as about 150 of the finny tribe fell victims to their alluring tactics. They all swear that the fish were caught in accordance with law, but we were not there and we only have their word for it, and that when it comes to fish stories is not very good. There is this about it, if they didn't buy them, and caught them in the manner which they should be caught, the fish in the creek at that place must be "dead easy."

An interesting program has been arranged for the picnic reunion of the C. E. Societies and congregations under the pastorate of Rev. A. Houtz, which is to be held in the grove of Mr. E. M. Laubach, Forks, on Saturday July 30. The exercises which will begin at 10 A. M. and 2 P. M. will consist of music, a paper read by an Elder, recitations by representatives of the societies, and addresses on C. E. topics by Revs. Brandt, Bell and other ministers. Miss Laura Wenner a late graduate in Elocution has kindly consented to take part in the exercises. A good dinner and supper at a moderate rate can be had on the grounds by those who do not come prepared with their own baskets. Passenger train will stop at the grove. All are cordially invited to this social and spiritual outing.

Guy Jacoby Esq., was noticed on Wednesday carrying a cane, brought from County Antrim, Ireland. It was presented to him by James Magee 1st. He also presented John S. Williams with a cane from the same place. The recipients prize the relics very highly.

It is said that every dog has his day. If this is the case, the Bloomsburg curs will have to wait a good while for theirs. There are so many of them.

# Take Advantage

OF THIS

## OPPORTUNITY

WHILE IT IS HERE.

YOU MIGHT REGRET IT LATER.

Hundreds of Suits for Men and Boys.

Hundreds of pairs of Fine Shoes for Men, Boys, Women and Children.

Hundreds of Hats are here and must be sold out completely, and at

## ABSOLUTE COST.

\$5, 6, and 7.50 buys Men's Suits that cost from \$2 to \$4 more at any other store.

\$1.50 and \$1.98 Buys Boys Suits worth from 75c to \$1.00 more.

98c. and \$1.98 buys Men's or Women's Fine Shoes, retailing from 50c. to \$1 more at any other store.

50c. buys \$1 Percal Shirts, attached collars.

25c. buys 50c. Straw Hats.

Single pants to match up coats and vests, beautiful kinds at \$1.50 and up.

# GIDDING & CO.

Ho, For Glen Onoko.

OUR TERMS OF PEACE.

If you want a day's outing, take your wife, or your sweetheart, or someone else's sweetheart, and go with the P. O. S. of A. picnic and excursion to Glen Onoko, on July 23d. Glen Onoko is situated about two miles from Mauch Chunk. Cars run between the two places every few minutes. It is a piece of nature's handiwork. There are magnificent pleasure grounds, where every accommodation is at hand to make picnickers comfortable. It is a beautiful place, a succession of beautiful falls, cataracts and cascades, meet the eye at almost every step, natural bridges, over rushing, roaring torrents, which seethe and boil under the feet of the awe-stricken pleasure seekers, huge fissures of lofty rocks, giving proof of old time convulsions of nature, and overhanging cliffs, portends danger, and makes the journey all the more awe-inspiring and gloriously grand. Remember the date, July 23d.

Day after day more developments come to light which go to prove that the recent Bourgoyne disaster was marked by more brutal and inhuman treatment by one person to another than was ever heard tell of in an occurrence of this kind before. Women and children struggling for their lives were torn from the boats and other objects to which they were holding and pushed out into the awful deep, never to rise again. From last accounts the survivors are to be tried for murder. It is perfectly right. There are grounds for suspicion, and the law will decide whether or not self-preservation is responsible for the many lives, which would have been saved had not the above described conduct been resorted to.

An exchange of ours says: "The naughty boy gets candy and sweet meats as an inducement to be good. The good boy gets no extras as he is expected to be good anyway. The prodigal son got the fatted calf, fine raiments and rings on his fingers, while his father fell on his neck and wept. In our opinion it would have been more fitting had the old gent fallen on the other end and let the boy do the weeping."

The administration is ready to conclude a peace treaty with Spain on this basis:

Cuba for the Cubans, under an American protectorate.

The Philippine Islands to pass into American possession.

Porto Rico to become an American colony.

A coaling and naval base in the Canaries.

A sufficient money indemnity, the amount to be determined.

There will be no recession from these conditions, and the war will be continued until Spain grants them.

Court Proceedings.

Court convened on Monday at nine o'clock.

Petition of W. A. Marr, Guardian of Ellen M. Church minor, child of Mary Church for permission to join in making deed for land etc. in Catawissa Borough. Petition granted.

In the matter of the lunacy of Wm. Kressler of Scott twp. Petition to make void proceedings in lunacy and decree that said proceedings be superseded and determined final.

In the matter of special tax in Sugarloaf twp. Decree ordering mandamus filed.

O. B. Mellick vs. Penna. R. R. Co. Petition to strike off judgment filed, and petition granted.

Zach. Kreisler vs. Well Keefer. Petition to open judgment. Rule granted returnable next argument court. Order of sale in the estate of Wm. Shultz granted. Robt. M. McBride appointed constable in Bloomsburg to fill vacancy caused by resignation of Wesley Knorr.

A terrific storm accompanied by furious wind, heavy rain, and glaring flashes of lightning struck this town yesterday afternoon about half past four o'clock, and continued for forty minutes with terrible force. The water came down in torrents and many of the streets for a time were under water. Considerable damage was done to the telephone lines in and outside of town.

A vitrified brick crossing has been put down at the corner of Market and Fourth Street.