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MOURNING WIDOW INJURED.

FREIGHT TRAIN CRASHES INTO A FUNERAL CAR WITH SERIOUS RESULTS.

An Open Switch the Cause of Wreck.

While a car containing the body of the late Charles M. Young, who died at Nescopeck on Saturday, was standing on a siding at that place on Tuesday morning preparatory to conveying the remains to Sunbury, his former home for interment, a freight train dashed into the funeral car, breaking the bones and lacerating the flesh of the mourners. The injured are:

Mrs. Young, widow of C. M. Young; left leg badly bruised, knee sprained, arms lacerated.

Miss Carrie Graham, left leg sprained and body bruised.

John Distelhurst, funeral director, head cut and arms lacerated.

A number of the funeral party were bruised.

Had the train been running at a greater speed the car would have been cut in half and an awful loss of life would have resulted.

Immediately following the crash railroad employees and those members of the funeral party that were able hurried to the rescue, removing the injured from the car and calming the fears of a number of hysterical women. The casket containing the body was not disturbed by the shock.

Shortly before the wreck the funeral car was run up to the station and after the corpse and mourners were on board the car was run on to a siding to await the arrival of passenger train No. 8, west bound, to which it was the intention to attach the car, which was booked for Barre, a short distance from Huntingdon. At the former place the body was to be interred.

The switch of the freight house siding was accidentally left open. Shortly before it was time for the passenger train to arrive the freight, east bound, came along. The red board was against the engineer, who as soon as he saw it, applied the air and reversed. Owing to a big number of cars the train quickly responded to the brakes, but not in time to prevent the engine going into the car.

Most of the inmates had heard the warning whistle of the freight engine, and while some leaped to the ground, others braced themselves in their seats, while a few lay in the aisle. No one had time to reach Mrs. Young, who sat alongside of her daughter, Mrs. Richards. They were pitched out of their seats, and while the daughter grasped a rail and saved herself, the widow, whose physical condition was greatly enfeebled owing to nursing her husband for months, landed against an iron support of a seat.

At first it was feared that Mrs. Young had been fatally injured, but she revived under care of physicians. Owing to her condition she was removed home, and while Mrs. McCartney, another daughter, remained to nurse her, the rest of the party stayed at the station, and when the passenger train arrived they placed the party on board and proceeded on their journey to Barre, where interment was made.

The deceased was trainmaster for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Nescopeck. Besides his wife, he is survived by five daughters, two of whom are married.

Death of an Aged Citizen.

James Henry Clewell, one of our oldest citizens, passed from this life to the life beyond at the home of his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. Alfred Edwards, on east Third street, at 5:10 p. m., Tuesday, July 18, 1899, at the ripe old age of 86 years, 11 months and 19 days.

The funeral was held at 2 p. m., Thursday, July 20, in the United Evangelical Church, conducted by Rev. J. J. Lohr, pastor.

Mr. Clewell is survived by the following children: William, Oliver, Amos, Isaiah, Mrs. Alfred Edwards, of this place, Mrs. Tillman Moharter, of Nescopeck, Frank, of Draketown, Stiles, of Benton, and Mrs. Lizzie Loftus, of Delano, Pa., and a large circle of grandchildren.

The remains were borne to their last resting place in the Berwick cemetery by six of the sons as pallbearers. *Berwick Independent.*

J. Frank Gordinor of Unityville was one of the applicants who successfully passed the examination before the State Board of Examiners last week. We are informed that he intends hanging out his shingle at Millville.

Estate of Mary Snyder.

The final adjustment of the long controversy between the estate of Mary G. Vanderslice and the estate of Mary Snyder, has been reached. The litigation has extended over a period of ten years. It has been before an auditor who has made four reports; it was tried in court before Judge Rice on an issue to determine whether Mary Snyder signed the paper upon which the claim was made, and upon the resignation of Judge Rice from the bench of Luzerne county it went into the hands of Judge Metzger of Williamsport. The claim was made on a paper bearing Mary Snyder's mark, with two witnesses, bearing date in May 1876, promising to pay a debt of Daniel Snyder to Joseph R. Vanderslice in case the former failed to pay. A long legal contest followed, and the court has finally determined the case in favor of the Vanderslice claim. By the auditor's fourth report there is distributed to the Vanderslice estate \$6550.00. On Wednesday Judge Metzger approved this report and made the following decree:

"And now to wit July 26th 1899, the foregoing auditor's report having been presented to the court, and the court having heard the arguments of counsel, and having duly considered the matter do hereby approve of the said report and the agreement of the executor, and no exceptions having been filed by the legatees to the original report of the auditor, and the entire controversy on exception to said report being between the executor of Mary Snyder deceased and the estate of Mary G. Vanderslice deceased, the court do therefore confirm the foregoing report absolutely, and direct, the executor of Mary Snyder deceased to make payment within 30 days in accordance with the distribution in the foregoing report."

Ducks Killed by a Skunk.

Dr. B. F. Gardner is quite extensively engaged in raising poultry on his farm in Center township by incubator. He has about 300 chickens and nearly 400 ducks, the latter all ready for market, and weighing from 3½ to 5 pounds each. On Thursday night of last week nineteen ducks were killed and seven wounded so that they had to be killed, by some animal that got into the pen. On Friday his man who is employed on the farm shot a pole-cat, and the Doctor thinks that he has discovered the duck-killer. Several more of these odorous animals are supposed to have their home in a hollow tree, and Dr. Gardner intends to blow up the tree, skunks and all, with dynamite.

Serious Railroad Accidents.

While brakemen Harry Bier and William Brumbach, both Sunbury young men who are employed on the Pennsylvania railroad, were riding on the bumpers of a locomotive with their feet hanging down, the engine ran into two cars, tank first at Honey Pot yard. The men's legs were crushed between the bumpers. Both victims were taken to the Mary Backer hospital where Bier's left leg was amputated near the ankle, while Brumbach's right leg was cut off close to the knee. Bier's right foot is badly crushed and it may also be amputated.

John Thomas and Paul Dillman both of Sunbury workmen engaged on the railroad bridge over the river at Rupert, met with a serious accident on Monday. They were standing on one edge of a plank when a swinging beam struck them, knocking them down to the stonebed below, a distance of about thirty feet. Thomas had several ribs broken and was otherwise considerably contused. He also suffered injury internally. His condition is precarious. The force of Dillman's fall was broken by his falling partially in the water. His arm was broken above the elbow. He too received several ugly cuts and bruises about the body.

The Farmers' seventh annual picnic, to be held at Grassmere Park, August 10th, promises to be the event of the season. Speakers of prominence have been secured and everybody is invited to go and have a good time. A special train will be run over the Bloomsburg & Sullivan Railroad, leaving Bloomsburg at 8:00 a. m. Fare, for round trip, fifty cents.

Last Furniture Sale at Proctor Inn.

The last sale of furniture at Proctor Inn, Jamison City, will be held on Friday, August 11th. Bed room suits with mattresses, pillows, and bolster, \$15.00. Dining extension tables, and dining chairs, 2t.

HUNG HIMSELF.

Temporary Insanity. Probably the Cause of the Rash Act.

Frank Hartman, son of Marvin T. Hartman, took his own life in his father's barn, in Catawissa township, Wednesday morning of last week. His parents can assign no cause for the deed only that for some time past he has been apparently low spirited. The *Catawissa News Item* says of the affair:

Frank was working for Nelson C. Hartman. Tuesday evening he was in town, but none of his friends noticed anything out of the way with him. Last Sunday, as was his custom, he visited his parents. At that time his father noticed that the boy seemed low-spirited, but did not give the matter much thought, not regarding it in a serious light at all.

Yesterday morning Mr. Hartman attended to the stable work as usual, but had no occasion to go overhead in the barn. About 8 o'clock a younger son went to throw down feed for the cattle, and found his brother hanging from one of the cross-beams by a small rope. He at once gave an alarm but the young man was past all earthly aid, having been dead, apparently for several hours. He was an honest trustworthy young man, trusted by his employer and a favorite with his associates. The deepest sympathy is expressed for the afflicted family.

The funeral took place on Friday at 2:00 p. m. services were conducted by Rev. G. Murray Klepper, interment in Greenwood cemetery.

Wealthy Young Man's Sad End.

In trying to show some girls how fast he could run backward, on Thursday night, of last week, Edward F. Powell, a young man worth a quarter of a million dollars, fell in the street at Port Kennedy, and in a few minutes later he was dead. He was returning from an entertainment in the Presbyterian Church in that village, and bantering challenged the young women in his party to a race. The conditions were that he should run backward while they ran forward, and he laughingly declared that he could easily beat them.

The race started, but young Powell had covered but little ground when he fell heavily on his back. He did not move, and when his companions gathered around him they found him unconscious.

The doctors think that it was not the fall which caused Powell's death but that he was stricken with apoplexy from the exertion in running in that unusual way.

Sad Accident at Delano.

A sad and distressing accident occurred at Delano, on Wednesday evening of last week, when a six-year-old son of Lewis Keselerling, of Ashland, who was visiting relatives there, fell from a wagon and had his right leg caught in the spokes of the rear wheel. Both bones of the leg were broken between the knee and ankle and the leg seriously contused before the driver could stop his wagon.

New Telephone Company.

Albert Savidge, son of Judge Savidge of Sunbury, has been in town the past week soliciting subscribers for a new Telephone Company. On Saturday F. C. Angle and C. P. Hancock of Danville were here in the interest of the same company. The new organization will include Sunbury and Shamokin in this district, and will charge low rates for long distance messages.

The New Bank.

The interior of the new Bloomsburg National Bank is rapidly approaching completion. The certificate of the comptroller of the currency was issued on the 24th inst and it is now expected that the bank will open for business on August 1st. W. H. Hilday is the cashier and Morris Broadbent teller.

Gone to Italy.

Joseph Ratti, general manager and treasurer of the Bloomsburg Silk Mill, started on Monday morning for a visit to Italy, his native land. He will be absent several months. It is his custom to cross the water every year or two. His many friends here wish him *bon voyage*, a pleasant visit, and a safe return.

Telephone for All.

The new telephone rates are adapted to the wants of everyone. All may enjoy the convenience and protection of a telephone at a price suited to their needs.

AN EARLY MORNING BLAZE.

A fire, which for a time, threatened several buildings in the vicinity of its origin, broke out at M. I. Hennessy's residence, adjoining his bottling works, at the corner of Main and Leonard streets, about three o'clock this morning. The Good Will Fire Company was soon on the scene and soon extinguished the flames, but not until all the furniture was ruined and the interior badly damaged. The cause of the conflagration is not exactly known, but it is supposed to have resulted from an explosion of a lamp, which had been left burning.

The town clock was used for the first time to arouse our slumbering residents, and it served as a first-class alarm. In spite of the fact that the bell designated by two taps the location of the blaze, people were unable to locate it, and the streets were all agog for some time, the people being undecided which way to run.

In justice to the other fire companies we will say that they were all out, but their services were not needed.

STATE NEWS ITEMS.

—The last battalion of the Nineteenth Regulars got away from Camp Meade Friday on their way to the Philippines via San Francisco.

—A singular accident happened on Monday to Roy Allison, a son of Charles Allison at Port Carbon. He was laughing heartily and in bringing his hand down forcibly upon his knee he broke it.

—There is a scarcity of servant girls in Hazleton, owing to the demand created for female labor at the local and out of town factories where better wages are paid. About 700 girls are employed in the Silk Mills and factories in that vicinity. —Professor T. S. Tippey arrived at his home in Kinsman Tuesday from Vancouver, where he disembarked from steamer Gareton. He brought with him \$300,000 in gold dust, which he has obtained from a claim on Eldorado Creek. This makes over a million dollars that he has brought from Klondike in the last five years.

—During a progress of a thunder storm in Lower Chanceford township, York County, Sunday afternoon, Joseph Miller, a farmer, was killed by lightning and his wife was severely shocked. Both were sitting on a covered porch when the stroke came. A pair of steel frame glasses, which Miller wore, were melted from his face.

—The first Italian school teacher selected to teach in the public schools of this state was selected by the Kline township School Board on Saturday night through the influence of Peter Bruno, an Italian member of the board. The election of the Italian teacher has caused some indignation among the citizens of the township.

—Alden Deets, of Franklin, 27 years, was perhaps fatally injured while engaged in dynamiting fish Saturday. He was in a boat, and was prepared to explode a stick of dynamite in the water when it exploded in his hand. The right hand was blown off, one eye was blown out, and the sight of the other destroyed, and he was terribly cut and bruised about the head and limbs.

The Telephone Exchange has been torn up this week, on account of improvements which are being made to the rooms by the owner, Paul E. Wirt. Mr. Wirt is desirous that the interior of the building shall be in keeping with the exterior, which since the recent extensive remodeling presents one of the handsomest fronts in town.

James Sutliff died at his home in Huntingdon township, Luzerne county, Thursday evening of last week, from apoplexy. He was taken suddenly ill while turning hay in the field and had to be carried to the house. Mr. Sutliff was fifty four years of age and is survived by a wife and several children.

At a meeting of the Bloomsburg School Board, held Friday night, which was attended by every member, the contracts for furnishing coal and supplies were awarded to Harman & Hassert and S. R. Bidleman, respectively. They being the lowest bidders.

Why not go to the Farmers' picnic August 10th. Only fifty cents for the round trip. Short, cool ride, and good, solid comfort, after arriving at the Park, which, for natural beauty, is not excelled anywhere.

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