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A TRAGIC DEATH.

Chas. Tierney, a Lineman, Formerly of this Town, Instantly Killed at Wilkes-Barre.

Received a Shock of 500 Volts and Fell From a 30-Ft. Pole.

Charles Tierney, formerly of this town, and whose parents reside on the corner of East and Eighth streets, was accidentally killed by electricity at Wilkes-Barre yesterday afternoon.

The following account of the sad accident is taken from this morning's Wilkes-Barre Record:

Charles Tierney, a Traction Company lineman, met a horrible death yesterday afternoon, about 3:30 o'clock, by catching hold of a live electric wire and falling to the pavement.

Tierney, with a couple of others, was working on the street car wires at the top of a pole, at the corner of South Main and South streets, and two other linemen were nearby, one of them at work within a few feet of Tierney, and another had just started to climb the pole.

The lineman who was nearest to Tierney was startled to hear him utter a piercing shriek, and to see him bend backwards and release his hold of the pole, falling through the wires.

Lineman Charles Murray, who was standing on the pavement, heard Tierney utter the shriek and looked upward just in time to see him bend over. He held out his arms and caught Tierney, but the momentum was too great to hold him and Tierney landed head first on the pavement, although the break in the fall lessened its force.

Tierney was carried into the office of Dr. Murdoch, nearby, but he was already dead. There were no marks of any account on the body, but it was thought that there might be a fracture of the skull which could not be discovered by a superficial examination.

It was the physician's opinion that the principal cause of death was the shock of electricity, although the fall may have hastened it. The fall was about twenty feet.

Tierney had caught hold of the feed wire which runs from the pole to supply the trolley wire with electricity. Another portion of his body had come in contact with the cable of the People's Telephone Co., forming a circuit through his body. He received not more than 500 volts of electricity, which is not always a fatal amount, there being cases on record where 1,200 and 1,500 volts have not caused death.

An ambulance took the remains to the home, 131 South Sherman street. The manner in which the wife of deceased was informed of his death was pathetic indeed. Mrs. Tierney and little daughter, two years old, had been down town with deceased's mother, Mrs. Charles Tierney, shopping, and knew nothing about the accident. About 4:40 they boarded a Heights car and started for home.

The conductor's wife happened to be on the car and he mentioned to her that a man named Tierney had just been killed. Mrs. Tierney heard the name and excitedly turned around and asked what Tierney it was. The conductor, surmising by her startled actions, that she was the wife of the unfortunate man, stated that he was only injured, and that he was a Traction Company lineman. The woman wept bitterly all the way and her grief was increased when she saw a large crowd in front of the house. She rushed to the door, but the neighbors restrained her with difficulty. Mrs. Tierney became hysterical and there was scarcely a dry eye among the crowd of people.

The little one, not able to realize what was going on, stood half frightened by her mother's side. They finally were taken into the house and the grief stricken wife was left with the remains of the husband whom only a few hours before she had left in health and happiness.

Deceased was 28 years old. He had resided in Wilkes-Barre for two years. He was one of the electricians who wired the Sterling Hotel at the time of its erection and had been in the employ of the traction company for the past two months and was considered a careful workman. He formerly resided in Columbia county, where he was born, and for several years resided in Bloomsburg. He is survived by his wife and child, his mother and

father and eleven brothers and sisters, all of the latter residing in Columbia county with the exception of a brother Frank, who is now employed at Martin's jewelry store on West Market street.

An Extremely Sad Death.

An announcement, which brought sadness to many hearts in Bloomsburg, was that of the death of Olin F., son of Rev. and Mrs. A. M. Vivian, which occurred at the St. Timothy Hospital, Roxborough, Monday night. The sickness, which was brief, was contracted while on a visit here. On Thursday of last week a party, consisting of his father and some other friends, went to Wapwallopen to fish. Upon their return, in the evening, to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Hess, on Iron street, whose guests they were, the boy complained of severe pains. A physician was called, under whose care he recovered, and on Saturday accompanied his parents home to Philadelphia. On Monday he suffered a relapse, and was taken to the above-mentioned institution, and died as stated. He was an exceptionally bright boy of twelve years of age, and his death is a sad blow to his parents.

A Good Joke.

While passing by a local news stand Tuesday afternoon, the ears of the writer caught fragments of laughter. Naturally he stopped to inquire the cause of it. A few minutes before, a drummer, who had dropped in to purchase a Philadelphia paper, was perusing the columns of the daily, when suddenly he remarked, "well I declare, one hundred and fifty people have quit buying of Wanamaker." "What's that," said a middle aged gentleman, and a supporter of the merchant prince, who was leaning against the counter in the front part of the store. "They must be crazy." "No," said the drummer, and walking up toward his interrogator, pointed his index finger at the death list and said "they're dead."

An Evening Wedding.

On Wednesday evening, at the Christ German parsonage, William Kelly, inspector for the Bell Telephone Company, and Miss Lizzie Swoyer, an accomplished and highly esteemed young lady of this city, were united in marriage by the Rev. Schlenker. Howard Swoyer acted in the capacity of best man and Isabella Swoyer was bridesmaid. The gifts to the bride were many and costly.—*Hazleton Item.*

The groom is a son of Albert Kelley, of this town.

Dead and Unknown.

While attempting to jump on a rapidly moving freight train on the Catawissa branch of the P. & R., at Hauck's station, Wednesday afternoon of last week, a young colored man, whose name or residence is not known, fell under the wheels and was instantly killed. A second train, the crew of which made the discovery, also passed over the body, which was horribly mutilated. The remains were taken to Tamaqua and buried without having been identified.

Mens' Meeting.

Next Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock there will be a special service in the Y. M. C. A. building. The Male Choir will be present and under the direction of the leader, Mr. O. H. Yetter, will conduct a half hour song service at the opening which will be followed by an address by Rev. G. H. Hemming, D. D. Every man in Bloomsburg has a cordial invitation to be present.

Death of David K. Sloan.

David K. Sloan died at his home in Orangeville Saturday last. His death is thought to be due to paralysis. His illness was of only a little over a week's duration. He is survived by one son, E. H. Sloan. Funeral services were held at his late residence at 10 o'clock Tuesday. Interment in the Orangeville cemetery.

A Man With Nerve.

John Schaffer, of near Bloomsburg, while attending the Bloomsburg Silk Mill picnic at Milton Saturday fell under a trolley car, which he was attempting to board, and had two fingers of his left hand cut off. In spite of this injury he danced all the afternoon without having the injured members dressed.—*Milton Standard.*

DESERTED.

Mother and Child in The Poor House—Husband in Jail.

They Were Formerly Residents of Berwick.

Not quite a year ago, Andrew Engle and his wife, the latter in a delicate condition, left Berwick to walk to Hazleton. The day was an inordinately cold one, and when they arrived they were suffering considerably from the weather. They were given lodging and food at the station house. A day or two later, through the efforts of a few generously inclined people, a furnished home was given the couple to live in, the husband was supplied with work, and their condition appeared to be comfortable. In January a babe was born. A short time afterward they disappeared from Hazleton, and their whereabouts according to the Hazleton papers, was unknown. The following is extracted from the Allentown Item of Saturday.

"Friday afternoon Mrs. Andrew Engle came to the police station with her eight months old babe on her arms asking for aid. She said she was from Slatington, where she worked at the American Hotel for her board. Her husband boarded there and he skipped out without paying his board bill or providing her with money. She was told to see Poor Director Bittner. At 10:30 o'clock last night Officer Weaver found her wandering about the water works and brought her again to the police station. She was given lodging for the night and breakfast at the Pennsylvania Hotel. She was sent to the poor house this afternoon. Mrs. Engle is a comely woman and looks honest and willing to work. Her babe lay sleeping in her arms. When her husband skipped out he boarded a Valley freight train to come to Allentown, but was put off at Rockdale. Officer Kramer was detailed to watch for him. This morning Sergeant Haines arrested him and locked him up pending the arrival of a Constable from Slatington with warrants charging fraud and desertion. The warrants were issued by Squire Hanke."

Letter From Mrs. James B. Neal.

Mrs. Joseph Buffington, wife of the United States District Court Judge of the Pittsburg district, has received a letter from Mrs. James B. Neal, wife of Dr. Neal, now with United States Consul John Fowler, at Che-to, telling about recent events in China.

The letter was written from Chefoo July 10, and in it Mrs. Neal gives her version of the incident when the Chinese warship, which assisted the disabled battle ship Oregon, was authorized by Captain Wilde to fly the American flag. Mrs. Neal writes:

"There is one good Chinaman in the world. He is Captain Sah, of the Chinese gunboat Hai Chi, on which twenty-six of us American women and children took refuge while she was lying five miles out in Tsung Chow harbor. Capt. Sah gave assistance to Capt. Wilde of the Oregon when the latter grounded, and in recognition of his service Capt. Wilde gave the Chinaman a letter bearing an official seal that for saving and guarding Americans at Tsung Chow, Capt. Sah and his ship were under American protection. While we were still on board the Hai Chi, a Russian man-of-war started in her direction. But Capt. Sah ran up the stars and stripes, as Captain Wilde had told him to do, and the Russian ship turned promptly away. There were twenty-six American women and children of us to cheer and cry as 'Old Glory' unfurled from the staff of a Chinese warship."

Brennan—Breslin.

Tuesday morning, in the church of Our Lady, Mt. Carmel, Rev. Meuwese united in marriage James Brennan, of Centralia, and Miss Fannie Breslin, of Mt. Carmel. Miss Mary Gallagher acted as bridesmaid and Thomas McGinley, of Centralia, did the honors of best man. The young people are very highly thought of. They will spend their honeymoon at Atlantic City.

John Howell, of near Oak Grove, for some time past employed in the Harman & Hassert car shops, suffered a severe paralytic stroke. His recovery is very improbable.

A LETTER OF EXPLANATION.

EDITOR OF THE COLUMBIAN,
Dear Sir:—We would like you to publish the following article, not only in justice to the committee in charge of the employes of the Bloomsburg Silk Mill picnic, but also the employes themselves, that their friends and patrons may know that when we, as a committee, published the fact that good meals could be procured on the grounds of the Milton Park for twenty-five cents (25 cents), we did so in good faith, having a letter from W. W. S. Butler, Supt. of the Trolley Co., to that effect. We remonstrated and argued against the 10c. extra for meals, but were told that they did not believe that we ever had any such letter, and would not, unless we produced same, which, unfortunately, we did not have with us. We failed, however, to ask, in any of our letters to Mr. Butler, how much ice water would be per glass, thinking, of course, it would be free, but we were again in the wrong, as Mrs. Foust & Bro. charged our patrons 1c. per glass, for which action we are very sorry, but could not help.

Extract of letter from W. W. S. Butler, Supt. of the Lewisburg, Milton and Watsontown Pass. Railway, dated June 30, 1900:

"We have sold the exclusive privilege of the restaurant to Mrs. Foust & Bro. for the season. We, therefore, could not let any caterer on the grounds. Mrs. Foust provides excellent meals at 25c. each and can provide for 700 or more."
S. H. HARMAN, J. N. HUMMER,
President. Secretary.

Bitten By a Dog.

A little son of Cyrus Eveland, who lives near Stillwater, had his head and face badly cut by a vicious bull dog Thursday afternoon of last week. Had it not been for the assistance of Mrs. Eveland, whose attention was attracted by her son's cries, he probably would have been killed.

An effort is being made by Theta Castle, Knights of the Golden Eagle, to secure a special train to go to Milton on Monday evening, September 3d, Labor Day. If a sufficient number will go, the special can be had. One of the leading features of the celebration is the production of the Spanish-American war, by the famous Repasz Band, of Williamsport.

The employees of Paul E. Wirt's pen factory, supplemented by a few of their friends, had a delightful time at Hess' Grove, Rupert, on Saturday. The day was an ideal one, and so pleasantly was the time spent, that not until it was absolutely necessary, did they leave the grove to catch the train for home.

William Abbott, in defiance of an existing rule, left the curbstone market Tuesday morning before eight o'clock, for the purpose of delivering, and, as a result, was arrested. We were unable to learn the amount of the fine imposed.

The floor in J. S. Bachman's wholesale liquor store has been raised on a level with the pavement.

J. G. WELLS,

Successor to S. F. Peacock & Co., Market Square.

SPECIAL SALE

Bicycle Sundries!

Electric Gas Lamp, reduced \$3.25 to \$2.25.
Gem Gas Lamp, reduced \$2.00 to \$1.50.
Everlit Lamp, reduced \$1.50 to 75c.
Jim Dandy, reduced \$1.25 to 60c.
Unique, reduced \$2.00 to \$1.00.
Globe Vapor, reduced \$2.00 to \$1.00.
Light Weight, reduced \$1.25 to 60c.
Veeder Cyclometer, 50c.
Sheppard Cyclometer, 20c.
Sheppard Ber. Gear, 60c.
U. S. Trip Cyclometer, 60c.
U. S. Odometer, \$1.50.
Bicycle Bells, 10c. to 50c.
Shoe Saddle, 75c.
Gillian, \$1.05.
Victor, 1.05.
Christy, 1.05.

A few Split Bamboo Fishing Rods left. \$1.25, \$1.75 and \$2.50.

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School Suits,

All Kinds,
All Prices,
All Sizes. 

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\$1.98 to \$5.50.

TWO-PIECE SUITS,
8 to 15, \$1.00 to \$6.50.

THREE-PIECE SUITS,
All wool, Coat, Pants and Vest. Sizes, 9 to 16, \$3.50 to \$7.50.

Ben. Gidding,

Bloomsburg, Penn'a.

 Come in and see us—we'll treat you right.

CARPETS!

Rather warming during this kind of weather to talk of carpets. But the fall is coming on apace and you will want something to brighten up your rooms. It is almost useless for us to tell you what you so well know, that we are headquarters for carpets of all kinds. None can show you the selection we do, nor the variety in quality and prices. We can give you carpets from 16c. up to \$2.00 per yard, and all between. Our carpet room is so well lighted that we can show you just how your carpet will look when on the floor.

NEW PATTERNS are in and more will arrive in the next few weeks. Give us the early call.

By a good contract with the mill we are still able to offer you

Wool Velvet Carpet, Made Laid and Lined, 90c.

FURNITURE.

Rather late, but we offer you a new lot of porch rockers for \$1.80, worth \$2.00. Plenty of new rockers in stock. We have a special bargain in a 6-foot extension table, \$6.00.

DRY GOODS.

New lines of all the seasonable goods, at seasonable prices, fresh from the N. Y. markets. We picked carefully—very carefully. We don't want a big lot of goods to grow stale on our hands. We want to give you only what is fresh and new.

SHIRT WAISTS.

To close out. Your own prices.

GROCERIES.

Same old story. Same old pleasant proof that we're IT. Business constantly growing. But we want more of your trade. If you don't buy from us now, give us a trial.

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