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RAILROAD FATALITY.

John S. Phillips Struck by D. L. & W. Train Tuesday Afternoon.

Death Followed at Hospital.

John S. Phillips, for many years a resident of Bloomsburg, but for the last year or more a resident of Berwick, where he was employed in the paint yards of the American Car & Foundry Company, was struck by the south bound passenger train on the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad, a short distance below the station at about 4.15 Tuesday afternoon, and was injured so badly that he died at the Mary Packer Hospital at Sunbury at ten o'clock the same night.

The accident, so far as we have been able to learn, was witnessed by but one person, a boy by the name of Tase Coleman. He says Phillips was walking along the track, on the outside of the rail, and had just turned his head, looking toward the School Furnishing Company, when the engine struck him, and buried him a distance of probably twelve feet.

The train was stopped, and the injured man placed in the train which was backed up to the station. An examination revealed the fact that the injuries were of a fatal nature. His face was covered with blood, and was beyond recognition. The entire upper part of the face was crushed, the lower jaw was shattered, several teeth were knocked out, his neck bore several deep gashes, and his leg was broken. He was conscious, but could not talk.

He was removed from the station to the office of Doctor Bruner on Market Street, where the doctor assisted by Doctor John dressed the wounds. The physicians decided that it would be best to take him to the Mary Packer Hospital, thinking that his life might be saved. He was accordingly taken down on the evening train, by Doctor Redeker. His condition upon arrival at the hospital showed slight improvement and the physicians of the institution immediately placed him under the influence of ether, and set the fractured leg. He recovered from the effects of the ether, but in a few minutes there after, he began to sink and at ten o'clock he passed away.

The deceased was fifty-seven years of age, and is survived by a wife and two sons Ralph and Frank. He was a man of more than ordinary intelligence and at one time owned a half interest in the Columbia County Republican. His partner in the newspaper business was D. A. Beckley. He was at one time employed as foreman of the job printing department of the Wilkes-Barre Record; and was also foreman of the COLUMBIAN office from 1875 to 1881. He had not worked at the trade for many years. About two years ago he was employed by Bryfogle Bros., florists, and went from there to Berwick where he has since resided.

About half past three o'clock on Tuesday he appeared at the office of the School Furnishing Factory and applied for work. He secured a position in the finishing department and was to report the next morning. It was while coming from the Furnishing Factory that the accident occurred.

A very peculiar feature of the accident is that engineer Harry Seiple, who claims to have been looking ahead, failed to observe any one on the track. Neither did fireman Al Mosier see any one. The engineer was of the opinion that the man was on the front end of the engine and had fallen off.

The body was brought to Bloomsburg yesterday morning and will be buried from his son Ralph's home tomorrow at ten o'clock. Four of his former fellow-workmen and friends at the Paint shop, Berwick, will act as pall-bearers. The services will be private.

THANKS.

Our genial friend, the COLUMBIAN, in last week's issue, modestly calls attention to the twenty-eighth birthday, editorially of the present proprietor, G. E. Elwell. The COLUMBIAN has always served a clean reliable newspaper and has many friends in the county. May good luck and prosperity follow.—*Bloomsburg Daily.*

TROLLEY ACCIDENT.

Lloyd Smith of Nescopeck Attempted to Board Moving Trolley Car and Fell.

LEG TERRIBLY MANGLED.

Seventh Street, almost directly in front of the power house, was the scene of a trolley accident about six o'clock Friday evening. Lloyd Smith, of Nescopeck, was the victim. He had his left leg so badly mangled that amputation was necessary.

The unfortunate young man is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Smith of Nescopeck, and is an employee of the American Car & Foundry Company of Berwick. Work was slack Friday afternoon, and he and another young man and a fellow-workman, William Clase, of Hazleton, decided to come to Bloomsburg. They spent the afternoon in town, and were in conversation with some young ladies on Seventh street, when the car came along. Both started for the car, Smith for the front and Clase for the rear end. Smith succeeded in getting hold of the front handle but the momentum swung him around the end of the car and he fell. The wheels passed over his left leg mangling it to such an extent that amputation was necessary.

He was taken to the office of Dr. Redeker on East street, and his parents notified by telephone. They came down accompanied by Doctor Clark. The party was taken to Berwick by special car, leaving here at half past nine o'clock, and the injured man was conveyed to his home at Nescopeck by wagon. The operation of amputation took place about twelve o'clock the same night, and was performed by Doctor Bierman, of Bloomsburg and Doctors Clark, Reagan and Davis of Berwick.

The car was in charge of motor-man Stephen Hartzel and conductor William Leiby. The accident would have been averted, had the young man waited until the car stopped. William Wanich, another conductor, who was on the car returning to his home at Espy, had just a moment or two before relieved Hartzel, so that the latter could eat his supper, and had observed the young man, and had already applied the brake, but thinking that they had gotten on, released the brake. He didn't know that anything had happened until he was told to stop. Clase did not get off the car to ascertain the extent of his friend's injury, but went on to Berwick.

HORSE RACE AT BENTON.

The result of the horse race at Benton on Saturday between Mabel W. and Surprise the former owned by Ben McHenry of Benton and the latter by Harry Mitchell of Berwick was somewhat unexpected. McHenry's mare was picked as the winner and we understand that odds of two to one were placed on her. Surprise won in three straight times being 2:28 1/4, 2:32 and 2:32. The race attracted a large crowd of people and Benton was livelier than it has been in many a day. But Ben is undismayed. He believes that his horse is the best.

The starter on Saturday was Horace Hile of Benton and the judges Frank Ringrose, Espy, John Baker, Benton and C. W. McKelvy, Bloomsburg.

WILL DIVIDE DIOCESE.

Active steps were taken on Monday for the division of the Central Pennsylvania diocese of the Protestant Episcopal Church. A special committee was named at Pottsville which will shortly raise \$60,000, the fund required for the division. Should the required amount be raised the matter will come before the Diocesan convention next spring for action.

The Berwick Daily Enterprise was six months old on Monday, and it seems to be a very healthy youngster. Editor Rasely has an abundance of energy and if he has been able to hold his own this long it is an indication that the Enterprise is a permanent fixture in Berwick. If two dailies can succeed in Bloomsburg surely Berwick ought to support one.

REDEMPTION OF U. S. GOVERNMENT 5 PER CENT. BONDS.

The Secretary of the Treasury, has given notice that he will redeem at any time, the FIVE PER CENT. Bonds due February 1st, 1904, with interest to maturity.

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THE "FRIENDS" PRESENTED A SWELL APPEARANCE.

The Friendship Fire Company, forty strong, all togged out in parade uniform and headed by the Bloomsburg Band, presented a swell appearance as they marched from the Town Hall down Main street to take the 11:40 P. & R. train for Allentown on Tuesday. Few towns the size of Bloomsburg can boast of a better looking volunteer fire company than is the Friendship, and fewer still are capable of more heroic work. Their record during the years that the organization has existed is one of which they have reason to feel proud. They are always ready and willing to do their duty and the whole town joins in hoping that the three days at Allentown may be conducive to their pleasure and profit.

This convention, it is said will be the largest gathering of firemen ever held in the United States, and to accommodate all the visitors hundreds of private citizens have thrown open their homes. The hotels will be more crowded, and many of the companies have engaged quarters in towns several miles beyond the city.

The Allentown committee has a fund of \$20,000 to spend for decorations and for the entertainment. On Centre Square, which is in the heart of the city, there is a court of honor, made of sixteen handsome columns, all beautifully decorated and illuminated. In the centre is the soldiers' monument, one hundred feet high, lighted from base to top with 1000 tiny incandescent lamps. Nearly every business house and private residence in the city is decorated, and the various public buildings, notably the fire engine houses, are almost covered with flags and bunting.

Last evening the visiting firemen were the guests of the Allentown fire companies at a reception and dance on the asphalt of Centre Square, for which two bands furnished the music.

Today will be the big day and the parade will take place. It will move at 11 o'clock this morning. Chief Charles H. Cohn will be the chief marshal. There will be 219 fire companies, and about 12,000 men in line, not including the 3100 musicians.

The following prizes will be awarded:

Handsomest uniformed company, \$50; company coming the greatest distance, \$50; company parading largest number of men, \$50; handsomest hand engine, \$50; handsomest hose carriage, \$50; best Darktown brigade, \$50; best drilled company, \$50.

Philadelphia will be represented in line by the Volunteer Firemen's Association, with its old hand engine; the Volunteer Firemen's Association, with an old hose carriage; the Active Association with a hand engine, and the William Penn Association with an old hose carriage. That city will also have seventy votes in the convention.

The parade will conclude on the Allentown Fair Grounds, where it will be reviewed by the dignitaries. Subsequently, the massed band of 2800 pieces, directed by Dr. A. Howard Thomas, of Philadelphia, will play "America", the "Star Spangled Banner", and "Onward Christian Soldiers", in which the audience will join. This will be followed by a feast.

Tomorrow will be devoted to these races and an exhibition run by the Allentown fire department.

There is considerable going on this week, fair at York and Milton, and the Firemen's Convention at Allentown.

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SITUATION ALARMING.

Centralia is in the throes of a small pox scare, to say nothing of diphtheria, which also exists there and from which cause one death has occurred.

Hattie Hanley, an eighteen year old girl, first cousin of Price Lewis, the original small pox patient, was declared a victim of the same malady Monday evening by Dr. L. Davis. A quarantine has been established and the father, four children and a casual guest, Percy Merton, are penned up. The house is in a densely populated section and the neighbors have been given twelve hours notice to vacate. Merton had been in the house before the disease was finally pronounced small-pox and as his boarding-master refused him admittance he was forced to return. School board will meet today when they will insist on vaccination and likely order the schools closed. The new case will be cared for by Dr. Gwiuner and another nurse, Miss Elizabeth Huffman will be engaged.

WEDDING AT ST COLUMBA'S.

James McNally and Miss Elizabeth Gorrey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gorrey were married at high noon on Tuesday in St. Columba's Catholic Church. Rev. J. R. Murphy performed the ceremony. Only the close relatives and a few friends were present. The couple were attended by Miss Catharine Gorrey, a sister of the bride and M. C. Davis of Johnstown. The bride was attired in a brown traveling suit. At the conclusion of the ceremony the party took a car for Berwick where a reception was held, after which Mr. and Mrs. McNally left on a wedding tour embracing Niagara Falls, Philadelphia, Harrisburg and other cities. The groom was formerly of Milton. He now holds a remunerative position with the A. C. & F. Co. of Berwick.

Invitations have been received in town for the wedding of William Reice, son of Chas. H. Reice, to Miss Genevieve Jones, of Philadelphia. The ceremony will take place in Philadelphia on Oct. 21st.



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