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SEVEN KILLED, NINE INJURED.

From Boiler Explosion at Northumberland.

With a terrific roar that awoke the sleeping inhabitants of Northumberland and startled them with apprehension and fear as to its cause, furnace number five of Van Alen & Co's mill at Northumberland exploded Tuesday morning, killing seven workmen, injuring nine others and tearing out a whole section of the mill.

The ill-fated men were working at the exploding furnace, and the others on either side. The mill engineer had tested the water and steam pressure in the boiler, and had left for another part of the mill scarcely a minute before the explosion.

The puddlers were preparing to draw the molten iron from the furnace, and were working it into huge pasty balls, when suddenly the brick casing of the boiler above their heads was torn asunder with a violence that sent a convulsive tremor through the immense structure.

One end of the boiler, weighing nearly two tons, was shot out like a shell from a cannon with such force that it was carried in a line drive into a field 100 yards away. The other end was blown through rafters and supports against the opposite wall, which fell with a crash.

The upward force of the explosion tore away the roof and the flying debris, bricks, timbers and bent sheeting, fell upon the prostrate workers on the ground. The iron chimney, lined with brick, which rose from the end of the furnace, crumpled like paper and toppled over into the open ground outside the mill. The whole section where the furnace stood was torn out, and a jagged hole with gaunt timbers projecting into the air, with its bottom covered with a layer of debris several feet, marked the spot where the accident occurred.

THE DEAD.

Duval Clark, aged 35 years, married.

Samuel Sarvis, aged 55 years, married.

Willard Brouse, aged 35 years, married.

Thomas Jones, aged 65 years, unmarried.

Grant Reeder, aged 38 years, married.

John F. Scholvin, aged 38 years, married.

Edward A. Krebs, aged 33 years, married.

THE INJURED.

John Newbury, leg broken and internally injured.

William Carver, head badly cut.

Harry Smith, skull fractured.

William Morgan, badly bruised.

Daniel Sanders, skull fractured.

Wesley Reichenbach, head cut.

John Quickly, badly bruised.

Francis Hummel, leg injured.

Nathan Benner, head and hip injured.

The entire town, thoroughly alarmed by the ringing of fire bells, ran to the mill, and ropes were stretched across the street to keep the crowd back while the victims were removed from the debris. Many of the bodies were blackened and disfigured almost beyond recognition. The Town Hall was turned into a morgue for the dead, and several of the injured were carried on stretchers to their homes, while others were sent in an ambulance to the Sunbury Hospital.

The mill is Northumberland's chief industry and employed about 300 in its furnaces, nail department and fifth-wheel works. The furnaces are in a row at one

THE SOLDIERS' MONUMENT.

G. A. R. Posts Will Aid in Selection.

At a meeting of the county commissioners on Saturday the date for choosing a design for the Soldiers' and Sailors' monument was postponed until February 10th, when a committee of the five Grand Army Posts in the county will meet with them and assist in the selection of a design. This action was taken in accordance with the suggestion of a number of Grand Army men who were present.

The commissioners took the following action:

The commissioners having been advised by their solicitor that under the proceedings in court relating to the erection of a soldiers' monument, Columbia County, Pa., the same must be erected on Market square, thereupon it was moved by Hess that the Commissioners of Columbia county meet at their office in Bloomsburg on February 10th, 1908, at 10 o'clock a. m. for the purpose of selecting a design from those designs already submitted to the commissioners and on exhibition in their office, and opening the bids accompanying said designs, and take such other action as they may deem necessary touching the acceptance or rejection of said bids and awarding the contract for the erection of said monument, and such action as they may deem necessary on the subject of the erection of said monument generally. Seconded by Pohe and carried.

Mr. Ringrose also made the following motion: That the clerk give notice to all persons who have submitted designs for the proposed monument in the town of Bloomsburg by sending to each of them a copy of the foregoing resolution, and notifying such persons, if they have not already done so, that they shall send in bids for their designs submitted, so as to be received by the said commissioners on or before the morning of February 10th, 1908.

Besides the commissioners and G. A. R. men, Solicitor Rhawn and H. A. McKillip, Esq. were present.

A very pleasant reception was given in the basement of the Methodist Church on Tuesday evening to the students of the Normal School by the Epworth League. A program consisting of recitations, an address by the pastor, shadow-pictures and refreshments was agreeably carried out.

end of the building, and above them are boilers which run the machinery, utilizing the waste heat of the fires that melt the iron.

The mill was closed the first week of November in order to repair these boilers and was opened Tuesday morning for the first time in three months. Over \$2000 had been spent to put the boilers in first-class condition, and the loss caused by the explosion will amount to \$10,000.

Coroner W. H. Dreher, of Shamokin, empanelled a jury and will hold an inquest today. An effort will be made to fix the responsibility for the disaster. Engineer A. L. Johnson has stated that there was sufficient water in the boiler to prevent it from becoming dry. No cause has as yet been discovered to satisfactorily account for the explosion.

All but one of the dead men leave widows and families, now destitute and with no means of support.

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TWO-AND-A-HALF CENTS A MILE AGAIN.

On the Pennsylvania Railroad.

The Supreme Court of the State of Pennsylvania having decided that the Act of the last Legislature fixing a maximum passenger fare of two cents a mile is inapplicable to the Pennsylvania Railroad, its branches and leased lines, the company will on February 1st restore the schedule of fares which had prevailed—from Nov. 1, 1906, when the Company voluntarily reduced its maximum one-way rate to two and one-half cents a mile—until October 1, 1907. On the latter date, when the Two-Cent-Fare Act became effective, all one-way rates were reduced to conform to the Law as it stood.

The system of passenger fares which prevailed prior to October 1st will, after February 1st, again apply to all portions of the Pennsylvania Railroad within the State of Pennsylvania, including in the Buffalo and Allegheny Valley, the Philadelphia and Erie, and the United Railways of New Jersey Grand Divisions.

As, however, the Act is held to apply to the Pennsylvania Railroad and its branches only, the two-cent rate will, until cases now pending before the Courts are decided, be retained on these portions of the Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington and the Northern Central railroads within the State of Pennsylvania; as well as on the Bedford Division, and the Lancaster and Quarryville branch.

The Company will also resume the sale of 180-trip three-month tickets, 100-ride tickets (good within a year), and all other commutation privileges which were withdrawn pending the decision of the Courts. Although the two-cent rate will still apply to the Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington Railroads, the Company will after Feb. 1st again accord to patrons of that Company all commutation privileges which were withdrawn October 1, 1907.

Pending the decision of the Courts, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company and its affiliated lines East of Pittsburg, Buffalo and Erie withdrew the issuance of orders for special rates to clergymen living along these lines. Beginning March 1st, clerical orders will again be issued, the amount of work involved in preparing them making this delay unavoidable.

THE OPERA HOUSE.

William H. Coffman has leased the Opera House from J. R. Fowler, and assumed the management at once.

It has been fully demonstrated that Bloomsburg is an amusement loving town. The large and constant patronage accorded the three moving picture shows, the crowds at the Normal School entertainments, and the good audiences at the Opera House whenever a really good show comes, attests this fact. To make a success of it will require several reforms. The first is to keep the house clean and warm, the second is to secure good companies; and another is to keep the hoodlums away from the entrance and from the top of the stairs.

It is not pleasant for every patron to be pestered with requests to "take me in," by a gang of boys at the entrance. The yells and cat calls and jeers in the gallery should also be suppressed, and with these improvements it may be that the patronage of the local playhouse may again be built up.

COURT PROCEEDINGS.

The regular February term of court opened on Monday morning. List of grand jurors called, showing 20 present.

F. H. Wilson was appointed foreman. Wm. Tilley was appointed tip staff to wait upon the Grand Jury.

Joseph Garrison and W. H. Utt were appointed tip staves for this term of court, their duties to commence Tuesday morning.

Constables called and made their returns. The constables of Pine and Cleveland reported some index boards were not up. The constables of Centre, Mt. Pleasant and Scott reported some of the roads in bad condition. Referred to the District Attorney.

The grand jury made the following returns:

Com. vs. John Washburn, burglary, true bill.

Com. vs. Joseph Umluf, Larceny and receiving, true bill.

Com. vs. William Cortwright, Larceny, receiving, etc. true bill.

Com. vs. Michael O'Brien, Assault and battery. A true bill.

Com. vs. John Chrisman. Not a true bill. Walter Space, prosecutor, to pay the costs. Court sentenced Space to pay the costs or give bail to the Sheriff for the payment of the same within 10 days and stand committed until sentence is complied with.

The District Attorney called over the criminal list and on motion the Court permitted nol pros to be entered in the following cases.

Com. vs. Dorothy Potter, assault and battery.

Com. vs. John Fedorco, keeping a vicious dog.

Com. vs. J. A. Patterson, surety of the peace.

Com. vs. George W. Walter, embezzlement.

Rebecca H. Chromis vs. Robert F. Chromis, divorce. Motion is made for the appointment of a master to take testimony.

John J. Keenan vs. Nellie Keenan, divorce. R. O. Brockway, Esq., is continued as master to report on first Monday of next term.

Frank W. Barwick vs. Clara Barwick, libel in divorce, subpoena awarded.

R. Elizabeth McClure vs. C. B. McClure, divorce. On motion of Frank Ikeler, Esq., J. G. Jayne, Esq., is continued as master with leave to file his report at the next term of court.

In the case of Harmony vs. Harmony the Court filed an opinion refusing a decree in divorce.

In the matter of the sale of the real estate of J. J. Campbell, late of the borough of Catawissa, deceased, on motion of L. C. Mensch, Esq., the order of sale is continued until the first Monday of May.

The report of viewers on the opening of East First street is confirmed absolute, excepting as effects Mrs. Ray Yohe.

In the matter of opening of East Fourth street, the report of the viewers is confirmed nisi.

Report of viewers to assess damages for land taken by Franklin School Board confirmed absolute.

Report of viewers on a public road in Montour township near Jacob Giger's confirmed absolute.

Report of viewers for a county bridge over the race at the Paper Mill in Scott township confirmed nisi.

Samuel Neyhart, Harry Little and Philip Harris appointed viewers for a bridge in Briar Creek township near residence of Claude Adams.

William G. Yetter, Isaiah Rhoades and Benjamin Waters appointed viewers for a private road

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in Franklin township, near Bethel church.

Road in Catawissa township, near D. Fetterolf. Exceptions to report of viewers filed.

Petition filed for appointment of re-viewers on a public road in Catawissa borough and township.

Report of Inspectors of a county bridge over Chillisquaque creek in Madison township approved by the Court, as was also the report of the inspectors of a bridge in Benton township over Raven Creek.

The viewers in the petition for a county bridge in Scott township on the public road leading from Light Street to Mount Pleasant township were on motion continued to make their report at next term of court.

Lloyd Reifelderfer plead guilty to the charge of stealing six pigeons from Dan Witts in Morgantown. Sentenced to pay costs, \$10 fine, and 30 days in jail.

Rule granted to show cause why proceedings against Thos. L. Biter, charge fornication, should not be quashed.

Petition presented asking for a receiver in the limited partnership of Smith & Supplee Co.

Joseph O'Brien plead guilty to breaking into the D. L. & W. station, and Smith's store at Berwick. Defendant said he lived in Philadelphia, and had been in Berwick only five days. He was sentenced to pay the costs, \$100 fine, and three years in the penitentiary.

The Gruver hotel case at Espy was postponed until February 15.

Hotel license of G. B. Remley at Light Street transferred to J. B. Keller.

The petition of Ida M. Stamm, guardian of the minor children of Amandus W. Stamm, deceased, was presented asking the Court to make an order allowing her to use \$1.00 per week of their estate toward their maintenance. The petition was presented by W. C. Johnston, Esq., and the order prayed for was made by the Court.

In the matter of the lunacy proceedings of James Naughton, on motion of E. J. Flynn, Esq., Frank T. Smith was appointed a committee. Bond in the sum of \$300 approved.

Upon petition of citizens of West Greenwood township, the election

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AS OTHER SEE IT.

Some of Judge Krickbaum's Democratic enemies over in Columbia county are rejoicing because the court has accomplished what they were never able to do—the defeat of the old war horse. Because some election officers were derelict in their duty, the ballots cast by legal voters in good faith were thrown out. A man who would accept a title to an office in the face of an adverse majority, upon a technicality is a mighty small potato, and ought not to be considered for any public position.

Whatever Judge Krickbaum's faults may be or may have been, he was always a loyal party man, which is more than can be said of most of those who are opposed to him, and if the management of the Democratic party gravitates into the hands of those who are now exulting over his defeat, we make the guess that another decade will see the Democratic majority in the county entirely wiped out.—Milton Record.

REPORT, EAST FOURTH STREET.

The viewers on the proposed extension of East Fourth street filed their report in Court Monday morning and assessed the following damages:

Damages—Boyd C. Evans \$25; J. L. Wolverson \$2288; William Thomas \$1,170.

Benefits—John Mourey, \$30; Wm. Hutton, 5 lots, \$160; Grace Neal Hutton, \$30; M. C. Jones, \$30; Evangelical church, \$60; F. R. Drake, \$80; N. M. Dewitt, \$40; J. M. Robbins, \$800; M. M. Hartzel, \$80; Lloyd Fox \$40; E. J. Stetler, \$40; P. K. Vanatta, \$80; J. C. Wolf, \$40; Harry John, \$40; A. R. Kashner, \$400; Charles Hartman, \$40; Mrs. Albert Metzger, \$40; F. P. Keifer, \$40; Davis Bros., \$160.

Master Frank Pursel, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Pursel, while sliding on the icy pavement on Market street below Fourth on Tuesday, fell down and broke one of the bones in his right leg above the ankle. He was removed to his home and Dr. Bierman set the broken bone.