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CENTRE COUNTY, PA., THURSDAY, AUG. 28.

DASHED TO DEATH.

Sightseers Descend Mt. Penn on a Runaway Gravity Car.

TERRIBLE CRASH AT THE BOTTOM.

The Car Dashes Down an Embankment, Bearing Thirty Helpless Passengers—Four Instantly Killed and Thirteen Injured, Many of Them Fatally—A Scene of Horror.

READING, Pa., Aug. 23.—A terrible accident occurred on the Mt. Penn Gravity railroad, on the outskirts of this city, yesterday. Four persons were killed and thirteen dangerously wounded. Following is a list of the killed: Charles Rettew, conductor, aged 33. Edgar M. Levan, lawyer, aged 43. Miss Rosa Heffer, aged 22. Miss Harriet Hinckle, aged 82, of Philadelphia. The injured: Mrs. William A. H. Schmeck, badly cut and suffering with concussion of the brain. William Schmeck, both legs badly fractured. Will probably die. Mrs. Schiller, terribly mangled and unconscious. Miss Katie Homan, seriously hurt about the head; not expected to live. Misses Bessie and Katie Kelley, niece of Miss Homan, both badly injured. Cornelius Hanlon, of Allentown, suffering with concussion of the brain. Mrs. Cornelius Hanlon, of Allentown, badly cut and bruised. Miss Sallie Eise, of Wilmington, Del., very badly injured and unconscious. Miss Mary Guthrie, of Wilmington; head cut, but not dangerously. Mrs. Arnold Lewis, of Allentown; left wrist broken. Miss Weiler, of Allentown; badly hurt about the head and chest. Mrs. Smith, of Allentown; skull fractured, and will die.

Cause of the Accident. The accident was caused by a car jumping the track on a sharp curve. The train left the station shortly after 10 o'clock. It consisted of one car drawn by one of the small mountain climbing engines. It was run successfully to the summit of Mt. Penn, a distance of two miles and a half, where the engine left it, the remainder of the journey over the mountain being performed by gravity. The car started down the mountain with about thirty passengers. It was soon evident that the brakes were not working properly, but the journey was continued after an effort was made to block the brakes. A Fearful Crash. The round trip had been almost successfully made when the brakes suddenly opened and all control of the car was lost. It continued with constantly accelerating speed until the last curve was reached near the terminus of the road, just before entering a deep cut. Here the car jumped the track and went crashing down a steep embankment through the forest trees. The car rolled over and over, and was crushed into splinters. The occupants were thrown out and many of them were mangled among the debris and ruins of the car on the mountain side. Some of the passengers were hurled several hundred feet.

The car being one of the open observation kind, some of the passengers jumped off before the final crash came, and were seriously injured. Two ladies who jumped were found in an unconscious condition nearly a mile from the wreck. READING, Pa., Aug. 25.—The coroner's investigation of the Mt. Penn Gravity railroad accident is in progress today. It appears that the accident was due to the defective working of the brakes. A new automatic air brake had been put on the car two weeks ago, and it had been working satisfactorily until the car yesterday started on its fatal journey. Then it refused to work.

Cannibalistic Mates. BUCKINGHAM, Que., Aug. 25.—Mrs. Cott, a French Canadian woman, left her baby in charge of two partially insane mates, the sons of a neighbor named Newton, while she went berrying. The lady was not considered dangerous. When the mother returned she found that the mates had killed the child and eaten parts of its body. The mates had on previous occasions exhibited vicious dispositions, but their parents were averse to sending them to an asylum.

A Horrible Death. ST. LOUIS, Aug. 23.—Edward Neidig, aged 40, a laborer, employed at the Merchants' Terminal bridge, met with a horrible death. He was assisting in the care of a pile driver and his body was directly under the immense hammer. In some way the hammer, weighing 2,000 pounds and coming with the impetus of a fall of fifty feet, struck the unfortunate workman across the head and shoulders, killing him instantly.

A Street Duel. LOUISVILLE, Aug. 26.—Boss Hamilton, a yard hand, and Bob Ferguson, a brakeman on the Kentucky Central road, fought with pistols on the streets of Rowland, Ky., and both were instantly killed. The trouble originated in remarks which Hamilton had made regarding the chastity of Ferguson's wife. Hamilton was asked to prove his words, apologize or fight. He accepted the latter proposition.

The President's Birthday. CAPE MAY, Aug. 22.—President Harrison arrived at 4.30 p. m. yesterday. Mrs. Harrison and Mrs. McKee, with the baby, met him and he was at once escorted to the cottage at the point, where a quiet family celebration of the president's fifty-seventh birthday was held.

Berry Pickers Lost. MEDFORD, Wis., Aug. 26.—Saturday afternoon Mrs. Barney Moller, of the town of Moller, this county, and Mrs. Moller's daughter, 15 years old, residing in Chicago, went into the woods berrying and got lost. They have not been found, although the whole town has been hunting for them.

MR. PATTISON ACCEPTS.

Letter of the Pennsylvania Democratic gubernatorial candidate, PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 23.—Mr. Pattison yesterday sent to the committee appointed by the Democratic state convention to inform him of his nomination for the governorship the following letter of acceptance:

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 23, 1890. Gentlemen: I have received your letter conveying the formal notice of my nomination by the Democratic state convention for the office of governor. The custom which calls for such interchange of correspondence has lost much of its significance by reason of the changed conditions and usages surrounding conventions of political parties at the present day. Having appeared in person before the body whose committee you are, and accepted its nomination, I took occasion to point out what in my view was the all pervading issue in the campaign then inaugurated. An extended letter of acceptance now would therefore be little more than a reiteration of what was then expressed. It is questionable, moreover, whether anything can be now said that would give greater clearness and emphasis to the thought dominating the contest between the two parties in Pennsylvania.

The platforms of the respective conventions, the controlling influences by which their deliberations and action were shaped, and the exhaustive discussion of the proceedings and the candidates by the newspaper press of the entire country, unmistakably show that not only is the issue of the campaign irrevocably made up, but that it is clearly apprehended and will be directly met and decided by the people at the polls. In this connection I may venture the suggestion that we should not permit the contest to be diverted from its legitimate and true lines. All attempts to import issues from the field of national politics will be but an effort by those now on trial in Pennsylvania to distract public attention from themselves and their records to more remote subjects of party controversy. Self government is a free field of national politics will be but an effort by those now on trial in Pennsylvania to distract public attention from themselves and their records to more remote subjects of party controversy. Self government is a free field of national politics will be but an effort by those now on trial in Pennsylvania to distract public attention from themselves and their records to more remote subjects of party controversy.

Confident that the Democratic party, its principles and candidates, represent the right and just side of the controversy, I have no doubt of the popular verdict. We offer deeds, not vacant words, as the guarantee of our fidelity. With the assurance of my profound appreciation of the honor conferred by the Democracy in choosing me as their candidate, I am, respectfully, yours, ROBERT E. PATTISON. To Hon. W. H. Swaden, Charles Brodhead, Pearson Church, P. Foley and George Ross.

PROHIBITION CONVENTION.

Men Who Want Pennsylvania to Come in Out of the Wet.

HARRISBURG, Aug. 22.—It was just a trifle inappropriate for the Prohibition brass band to play, "We've been there before many a time" as it entered the Prohibition convention, but probably very few noticed it. The new state chairman, Professor Patton, who was elected over Tallie Morgan, the young Scrantonian, had a place on the stage and met with many congratulations. The chair announced that the ballot for governor had resulted as follows: Miller, 290; Gill, 101, and he declared Mr. Miller the nominee. Mr. Gill, who was a delegate, moved to make the nomination unanimous, and it was done so with great cheering. Hon. C. W. Miller, the candidate for governor, is from Franklin, Venango county. John D. Gill, of Westmoreland; H. F. West, of Philadelphia; Col. Charles E. Hyatt, of Chester; Rev. W. R. Covert, of Westmoreland, and Tallie Morgan, of Scranton, were named for lieutenant governor; but before a ballot was taken Messrs. West, Morgan and Gill withdrew their names, and on a rising vote Col. Charles E. Hyatt was named by a large majority. For secretary of internal affairs Mr. William T. Dunn, of Allegheny, was nominated by acclamation.

CONGRESSMAN WATSON DEAD.

He Expires Suddenly, While About to Enter His Carriage. WASHINGTON, Aug. 26.—Congressman Lewis F. Watson, of Pennsylvania, died suddenly at the Shoreham hotel yesterday. This makes the third Pennsylvania member who has died this session. Heart disease was the cause of death. Congressman Watson had been ailing for nearly two years. His private secretary had called a cab, and Mr. Watson was about to step into it when the former saw that he was looking remarkably pale and suggested that he get him a glass of brandy. This he declined, and the words were hardly out of his mouth before he reeled. He was caught in the arms of Proprietor Keenan, of the Shoreham, and his secretary. He expired on a sofa in the hotel a moment after. His wife started for Warren with the remains last night. Mr. Watson had been renominated for the Fifty-second congress. He was the largest individual timber owner in Pennsylvania, having large interests in the Dakotas.

Immediately after the adjournment of the house the Pennsylvania representatives met in the house lobby.

Representative O'Neil presided and Representative Kerr acted as secretary. Resolutions of regret were adopted.

Pennsylvania Census Figures.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25.—The population of the following Pennsylvania cities and counties is announced by the census office:

Table with columns: CITY, POP., INC. Harrisburg 45,164 9,402; Lebanon 14,734 3,866; Mt. Carmel 8,243 2,885; Shamokin 14,329 4,135; Sunbury 5,795 1,689; Ashland 7,370 1,213; Mahanoy 11,291 4,110; Pottsville 14,194 911; Shenandoah 13,445 3,289; Tamaqua 4,967 ...; Columbia 36,844 4,435; Dauphin 96,696 20,768; Lebanon 48,034 9,573; Montour 15,286 157; Northumberland 74,561 24,446; Schuylkill 153,737 23,781.

Huntingdon and Broad Top.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 26.—The Huntingdon and Broad Top Railroad and Coal company reports shipments of coal for the week ending Saturday amounting to 38,174, an increase over the corresponding week last year of 10,325 tons. The total amount shipped to date this year is 1,216,470 tons, an increase of 442,124 tons.

To Open Prohibition Headquarters.

LANCASTER, Pa., Aug. 26.—Professor H. D. Patton, the recently elected chairman of the Prohibition state committee, left for Scranton to open headquarters for the coming campaign.

APPALLING DISASTER.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Laid Waste by a Whirlwind.

DEALING DEATH AND DESTRUCTION.

Many Buildings Completely Demolished and Hundreds of Houses Unroofed—A Large Number of Coal Breakers Wrecked.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Aug. 20.—One of the worst cyclones ever experienced in this vicinity came upon this city about 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon. It came from up the river. The sky was black as night and the wind blew with great velocity. Trees were blown down and hundreds of houses were unroofed, and many houses completely demolished. It is said that several people were killed, but up to this time the number cannot be learned. In different parts of the city the havoc made by the cyclone is fearful, many districts being laid in ruin, and there are a number of people homeless. The loss will reach hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Every wire in the city, telegraph, electric light and telephone, were blown down. Trains and engines which were at the depot were blown over and wrecked. The streets are blocked with fallen trees and buildings. One hundred tin roofs have been telegraphed for and building mechanics of all kinds can find employment. The Murray shaft fan house was blown down and the fan stopped. There are twenty-seven men in the mine, but it is hoped they can be got out safely.

At 7.30 p. m. reports come from Sugar Notch, a mining town three miles from here, that the destruction to property is terrible and that fifteen persons were killed. Coal breakers in all directions have been more or less damaged at Parsons and Mill Creek, four miles from here, and ten men are reported to have been killed. All communication is cut off and the telegraph wires are down in all directions.

The Killed.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Aug. 25.—The list of the victims of the recent cyclone in this city now numbers sixteen as follows: Begold, Jacob; McGinley, Mrs. Eliza; Fritz, John; McGinley, baby; Fratz, John A.; Martin, Eva; Hamilton, George; Olan, Frank; Henaghan, Mrs. James; Rittenmeyer, Peter; Kern, Joseph; Schmidt, Eddie; Laidie, John; Thompson, Nellie; McGinley, John; Vandermark, B.

THE SECOND CYCLONE.

Great Destruction Wrought in the Lebanon Valley.

SHERIDAN, Pa., Aug. 23.—The heart of the Lebanon valley was visited by one of the most destructive storms in its history. It was the second cyclone to strike it within a period of forty-eight hours, and, although not attended with fatal results, the extent of the damage to property was greater than on Tuesday evening. The storm raged with great fury between Lebanon and Reading, but the most damage was done in the vicinity of this village. The cyclone wreaked its direst vengeance at the western end of this village, where a number of buildings were destroyed. At Myerstown a number of barns and stables were wrecked, and between that place and this all the fences were blown down, trees uprooted, telegraph poles prostrated, and the corn levelled in the fields.

A freight car was blown from the track at Sheridan station, on the Philadelphia and Reading railroad, and travel was delayed for an hour. Heavy telegraph poles were shivered into splinters, and all telegraphic communication was cut off. All fences between this place and Womelsdorf are down. Great damage is also reported to have been done in the vicinity of Mt. Zion, Lebanon county, and in Heidelberg township, Berks county.

THE STABLE BOY'S BODY.

Found in the Wrecked Street Railway Depot in Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 23.—The body of John Christy, the 16-year-old stable boy, was dug out of the debris of the street railway depot, at Eleventh and Susquehanna avenue, yesterday. This brings the total number of victims of Thursday night's disaster up to five. The others killed were Charles Severn and Augustus Paul, conductors; Charles Fisher, driver, and Mrs. Paul, wife of Conductor Paul. She had brought her husband's supper and they had just sat down in his car to eat it. Their 10-year-old boy, who was with them, escaped with a broken arm. Ten others were seriously injured. The loss on the building and cars destroyed amounts to about \$50,000.

In consequence of the rumors current that the weak condition of the walls of the depot are as much responsible for the accident as the cyclonic wind burst, a most rigid investigation is being made by the coroner to discover, if possible, the exact cause of the awful catastrophe. Deputy Coroner Dugan said that the depot is built upon made ground, which was so shifting that piles had to be driven in before the operation began. While in course of erection one of the walls tumbled in, and several years ago, during a severe wind storm, the front blew out.

Bucks County Democrats.

DOYLESTOWN, Pa., Aug. 26.—There were probably 2,000 persons present at the Democratic county convention yesterday which made the following nominations: Senator, George Ross, of Doylestown; assembly, First district, Dr. Oliver H. Fretz, of Quakertown; assembly, Third district, James L. Fabian; sheriff, J. Johnson Beas, Warminster; clerk of quarter sessions, R. Beatty Schermerhorn, of New Hope.

Pumping Out a Colliery.

MAHANAY PLANE, Pa., Aug. 25.—The Lawrence colliery has shut down for sixty days to combine the concentrated energies of a steam pump and hoisting slope to remove the water in the old Stanton colliery. The workings of the two collieries have been united by a tunnel. A total of 2,125,000 gallons of water will be removed daily.

Five Years for Forgery.

LANCASTER, Pa., Aug. 25.—Jacob Conrad, who for nine months practised a system of swindling city mechanics by means of forged checks, pleaded guilty in court and was sentenced to five years and six and a half months' imprisonment in the eastern penitentiary.

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