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AN APPALLING ACCIDENT

Train Plunges Over 300 Foot Embankment.

SEVEN MEN WERE KILLED

And Others Were Seriously Injured—A Heavy Log Train Slipped on a Steep Grade—Caused Havoc Along Its Course.

An appalling accident happened near Cammal, Lycoming Co., Pa., Wednesday of last week, when seven of its citizens were killed and three more injured, one perhaps fatally, by a runaway log train. Some of the victims were ground into an unrecognizable mass, while the engine and cars were smashed into smithereens by plunging over a 300-foot embankment. The killed are:

T. F. Schuyler, aged 55 years, married, six children; William McGilvery, aged 45 years, married, nine children; Henry English, fireman, aged 30 years, married, one child; Martin Mundorf, aged 28 years, married, one child; Frank Carlson, mineral prospector, aged 40 years, single; Jello Dennis, track foreman, aged 25 years single; James Roe, the census enumerator, aged 30 years, married, died Friday. The list of dead numbers seven.

The injured are: Wilbur Bonnell, brakeman, jammed from jumping; John, an Italian, ankle broken in three places.

CAUSE OF THE ACCIDENT.

The Oregon and Texas railroad is a private enterprise, owned by C. E. Titman & Co., and is about 12 miles in length. The road is noted for its steep grades and sharp curves. At some places the grade is 15 feet to 100. At the top of one of these steep inclines about two miles and a half from Cammal is where Engineer McGilvery lost control of the train, which consisted of a cog gear engine and two cars loaded with prop timber. The brave engineer did everything in his power to get the train under control while the men on the cars set every available brake, but despite this, the engine and cars slipped along the rails as if they had been soaped. Faster and faster the train kept going until Brakeman Bonnell, realizing the hopelessness of stopping the train, called for every one to jump. Engineer McGilvery was the first man to do so. He landed on the upper side of the bank and rolled under the cars. He was horribly mangled. The next man to jump was Fireman English, who, when he struck the ground, bounced like a ball, and fell beneath the wheels of the log cars. His body was also terribly mangled. Mundorf and Carlson also tried to save their lives by jumping, but both were killed. The body of the latter was found fully 100 feet below the roadbed. Roe and Dennis were found along the track still alive, although unconscious. Dennis died while being carried to his home. The last man to leave the train was Bonnell, who is the only living eye witness to the awful tragedy. Before he jumped he shoved an Italian named "Big John," from the car, who had his ankle broken. The only man on the train when it made the terrible plunge was Schuyler, who, on account of a crippled leg, was unable to jump.

At the point where the train left the track there is a sharp curve, and for some distance above this the rails are spread. For one-eighth of a mile above the roadbed is moved about two inches. The terrible speed at which the train was going when it left the track is evidenced by the trees and stumps along the hillside, many of them being torn from the ground. The boiler and heavy iron parts of the engine lie in the bottom of the creek 300 feet below, while along the side of the hill are scattered the logs with which the cars were loaded and the broken parts of the cars and engine. The path made by the wrecked train resembles that of a terrible tornado, some of the broken parts of the engine and cars being buried in the side of the mountain.

After Oleo Dealers.

James Foust, of Altoona, special agent for the Dairy and Food Commissioner of the State, made information last week against William Harvey, of Gearhartville, and Joseph Delehaut, of Houtzdale, for selling oleo containing color log matter. The butter in the Harvey case was sold on May 24th, and in Delehaut's case on the following day. Mr. Foust being the purchaser in each instance. The outcome of these cases will be watched with considerable interest.

Killed a Bear.

Samuel Matter and John Cooper, of Loganton, were in the Black forest a few days ago fishing. They sighted a bear which they shot. The animal weighed 315 pounds.

STRUCK JUDGE METZGER.

Attorney Edwards Throws Missiles at the Court.

There was a sensational quarrel Friday evening in the court house at Williamsport, when N. M. Edwards, a member of the Lycoming bar and Democratic nominee for congressman-at-large, accused Judge John I. Metzger of having advised a client of his to settle her divorce case. The judge told Mr. Edwards that he lied.

This enraged Mr. Edwards and, it is said, he threw an inkwell, an inkstand and a tumbler at the judge. The judge warned off the missiles, although the tumbler broke against his hand, cutting the palm. Then the men came together and Mr. Edwards is alleged to have struck the judge with his fist. The men were alone in the chambers and the judge says that when Mr. Edwards came into the room he locked the door.

Mr. Edwards Saturday denied the correctness of the judge's version of the affair and said: "I care to make no public statement now, but if it should become necessary I will do so. The matter, through no act of mine, will not go into public print unless I am compelled to speak in justification of myself."

Dragged by a Mule.

Last Thursday a serious accident befell Jacob Spangler, who is employed by Henry Geringich, of near Linden Hall. Mr. Spangler was working corn with a mule and at noon started to ride the mule to the barn. After going some distance the animal jumped and began to kick throwing his rider whose foot caught in the trace. He tried to free himself and hopped along on one foot for some distance when his leg broke and he fell, the mule then started on a gallop and dragged him for about 80 rods when the shoe was torn off and he was freed. Mr. Spangler lay in the lane for sometime when he was found and carried to the house by Elmer Campbell and some of the Geringich family. Dr. Kidder, of Boalsburg, was summoned and found that both right leg and several ribs were broken. His back and hip were also badly bruised and the skin torn off. His head however received but a slight cut. Mr. Spangler is an unmarried man, about 35 years old. His parents live at Tylersville.

Troubles of Their Own.

The Bell Telephone company are having troubles of their own in rebuilding their pole line from Centre Hall to Lewistown. Last week a lot of poles were cut down which were erected inside the fence on the farm of Mrs. Smith, between the Old Fort and Centre Hill. These were set up again in the same holes and were not disturbed. At the upper end of Centre Hall the company set two poles inside the fence on the fields of Xavier Ghterer. He protested against the encroachment on his property, and on Monday while the linemen were fastening the wire on the new poles one pole was cut down. A lineman was working on the top of the other pole and was ordered down, but went ahead with his work. The quick strokes of the axe soon had the pole wobbling and the lineman asked for an armistice to get down, which was allowed him, and then the timber came down. There were threats of prosecution, but the matter has since been amicably settled.—Reporter.

Closing Down.

The following is one of the articles frequently seen in print on the iron business:

Hundreds of men have been laid off from work in the Cambria Steel company plant at Johnstown, and hundreds more are promised a season of idleness before many days. The company officials claim that the slack is only temporary and is usual during summer months.

The quotations on iron have been declining for some time. It indicates that the market is either over stocked or business is dropping off.

Became Wild.

On the day of Mr. Tressler's sale near Linden Hall a heifer and a bull were let into the yard for the purpose of selling them. They became frantic and ran to the mountains where they soon became wild that no one could approach them. Last week they came to Mr. Houtz's barn with Mr. Tate's cattle when they were caught. They are fat after nearly three months stay in the mountains but they are very wild and the bull is very vicious.

Farmers, Note This.

Attention of farmers and all others who make cider or other vinegars is called to the fact that before offering the same for sale they are compelled by law to mark on each head of cask, barrel, or keg, or if sold in other package containing such vinegar, the name and residence of the manufacturer, together with the brand, cider vinegar.

BELLEFONTE IMPROVING

An Indication of an Increase in Business

P. O. SALARIES ADVANCED

Report of the Department For Points in This Section of the State—Increase for the Clerks Also—A Few Towns Drop Lower Than Last Rating.

The post office department has completed its seventeenth annual re-adjustment of the post offices throughout the country. The changes which are made yearly are based on the receipts at the various offices.

As an index to the general prosperity prevailing throughout the country, the increase in the salaries of postmasters in Pennsylvania alone numbered over 160, while there were but eleven decreases.

The increases in this section of the state are as follows: Bellefonte, \$2,200 to \$2,300; Clearfield, \$2,100 to \$2,300; Emporium, \$1,500 to \$1,600; Milton, \$2,300 to \$2,400; Montoursville, \$1,200 to \$1,300; Ridgway, \$2,100 to \$2,200; St. Mary's, \$1,700 to \$1,800; Sunbury, \$2,200 to \$2,300; Watsonstown, \$1,400 to \$1,500; Wellsboro, \$1,900 to \$2,000; Windber, \$1,300 to \$1,400.

Phillipsburg suffered a decrease from \$2,200 to \$2,100.

Some of the assistants at the Bellefonte postoffice have received a gratifying raise of salary. The assistant postmaster, Will Chambers, now gets \$1,000 per year instead of \$700 and the clerks each get a raise of \$100 a year over their previous salaries.

CROPS IN THE STATE.

Cereals Fairly Good, While Fruits Show Up Better.

A fairly accurate estimate may be made as to the condition of the crops in Pennsylvania from reports received for the month of May at the department of agriculture, Harrisburg. In a large portion of the state, west of the Allegheny mountains, wheat is reported seriously injured by late frosts and the Hessian fly. Many fields will not be harvested.

In the central and southern portions of the state, the outlook for wheat is more favorable and bids fair to make an average of at least eighty per cent. of a full crop. Hay cannot possibly average more than half a crop. This shortage is caused by drought and severe frosts.

As to fruits the reports are more encouraging. Barring certain sections where late frosts got in their work on early peaches and cherries, the fruit growers of the state will, from present indications, reap an abundant harvest. The season has not sufficiently advanced to give an accurate report on oats and corn crops.

ANOTHER FAKE.

The other day the writer's attention was attracted to an advertisement in one of the popular monthly magazines in which the merits of "Dr. Groves Herb Bitters" were put forth in good shape. If you would send 20 cents to Dr. Groves, Hartford Conn., F. F. street, you would receive a sample of this wonderful compound. As a guarantee of good faith the corner of the advertisement contains the Dr.'s portrait showing him to be quite a distinguished gentleman. And here is where the trick came in. At a second glance it seemed quite a familiar face, and sure enough it was none other than that of the deceased ex-Governor A. G. Curtin, of this place. Dr. Harris has the copy of the advertisement and is much amused over the enterprise of the Dr. Groves.

Glover-Kurtz.

The marriage of David Livingstone Glover, E. q., to Minerva Gertrude Kurtz was duly solemnized at the home of the bride's parents in Millinburg borough, on Tuesday, June 12th, in the presence of a large number of relatives and friends. The bride is a daughter of Luther Kurtz who formerly resided at Aaronsburg.

For Another Carnegie Library.

A cable from Skibo castle, Scotland, announces Andrew Carnegie's willingness to erect a public library in Huntingdon at a cost of \$20,000, provided the citizens will guarantee \$2,000 annually for its maintenance. A petition will be presented to the next meeting of council asking that the offer be accepted.

A New Bug.

In some parts of Woodward township, Clinton county, a new species of bug, which the farmers call the Rose bug, is causing great loss by destroying all kinds of vegetation. The bug also attacks fruit trees, eating both the leaves and the fruit. In some vicinities the entire cherry crop has been destroyed.

DECISION ON POLES.

Property Owners' Rights Must be Respected.

Judge Simonton at Harrisburg last week settled the question as to whether telephone and telegraph companies can plant poles in pavements without asking leave of the property owners. Some time ago four telephone men tried to plant a pole on the property of a man named Kochehour, in that city, and Mr. and Mrs. Kochehour, in trying to prevent them, were roughly handled, and brought suit for assault and battery.

The case was tried last week and the evidence was damaging to the prisoners, who claimed they had been sent to do the work by the company. Judge Simonton made a charge, greatly in favor of the plaintiffs, and roundly scored the prisoners.

It took the jury but a short time to find the defendants guilty. Judge Simonton, in imposing the sentence, said: "Taking into consideration that the company sent you there we will not send you to prison but impose a fine, which, if not paid, will be equivalent to imprisonment. He then sentenced them each to a fine of \$50 and costs of prosecution.

Heretofore telephone and telegraph companies have been riding roughshod over property holders.

THE FOURTH AT HECLA PARK.

There will be a glorious Fourth of July for the people living in this vicinity for on that date will occur at Hecla Park the Fifth Annual Picnic of the Undine Fire Company, of Bellefonte, and the committee having the affair in charge are sparing no pains or expense to make the day one long to be remembered. Three good bands will be present during the day and evening and there will be plenty of music. There will also be boat races, fireworks and dancing, the Undine orchestra furnishing the music in the pavilion for the latter.

During the afternoon the Famous Repass Band, of Williamsport, will render a choice program of selections and overtures. The committee having the affair in charge is as follows: J. S. Knisely, chairman; William Doll, Charles Hazel, Edward Gehret, James Wian and John Morgan.

In the evening the Repass Band will produce the Grand Spectacular Military Musical Extravaganza "The Spanish-American War." In this mammoth production nearly 1000 people take part, and the band is assisted by a chorus of 200 voices, military companies, Grand Army Veterans, Sons of Veterans, vocal quartet, firing squads, rifle and drum corps, musical and military supernumeraries, battery of electric artillery, avil chorus, etc.

LATEST FROM CHINA.

Dispatches from Shanghai offset the rumors of a massacre of foreigners at Peking, and declare positively that the international forces under Vice Admiral Seymour arrived at Peking on June 17, just in time to prevent a massacre. The Legations are now declared to be safe.

The British Consul at Tien-Tsin telegraphed confirming the reports of the Boxer outbreak at Tien-Tsin and the burning of churches and a great number of Chinese houses.

He added that the Chinese troops made no visible effort to restrain the Boxers on their attacking the settlement, but that the foreign guard killed 100 of them.

No details have yet been received of the casualties or of the condition of affairs at Peking, but well-informed persons express the opinion that the summoning of Li Hung Chang to the capitol foreshadows the early submission of the Dowager Empress to the dictates of the Powers.

Yeager-Tripple.

On Tuesday afternoon Harry C. Yeager and Miss Ruth Tripple, daughter of the late William Tripple, were married at the home of the bride on North Spring street. The ceremony was performed by Dr. William Laurie. The intimate friends of the young couple only were present. They departed on a two week's trip and will visit friends at Pittsburg and in Ohio. Mr. Yeager has been head salesman in Mingle's Shoe store for a number of years. Miss Tripple has been an employee of the Bell Telephone Exchange for some time. They are popular young people of the town and have the well wishes of all.

Schemes for the Milkman.

An exchange says: "A scientific person asserts that bag-pipe-playing in the vicinity of a cowshed causes the cows to yield more milk. If the milk man knows his business he will do the bag pipe act." If a milkman lays a water pipe to the milk shed he manages to get more money out of his milk.

This is how the animals went into the ark—2x2."

1,000 INCREASE FOR BELLEFONTE

The Census of 1880 and 1890 Published for Comparisons.

LIST OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS

In Centre County the Past Six Months as Returned—Data for Information to Our Many Readers—Official Reports Will be Made Later.

During the past week many of the census enumerators over the county completed their canvass. Some few are still at work but the bulk of the territory has been gone over. There will be much speculation as to the population of the various districts and for that reason we give, for the purpose of comparison, a copy of the last two census, of Centre county by districts:

	1890	1880
Bellefonte borough	1,890	1,000
North ward	1,777	1,020
South ward	1,469	709
Benner township	1,222	1,282
Boggs township	2,042	2,098
Burnside township	536	465
Centre Hill borough	411	354
College township	1,696	1,417
Curtin township	549	624
Ferguson township	1,748	1,817
Harris township	869	949
Heggs township	1,088	1,795
Haines township	1,490	1,422
Halfmoon township	749	664
Harris township	869	949
Howard borough	504	497
Howard township	949	957
Huston township	796	827
Liberty township	1,244	1,284
Marion township	611	674
Mills township	714	643
Miles township	1,438	1,512
Millheim borough	709	577
Patton township	1,045	761
Union township	678	814
Phillipsburg borough	3,245	1,779
Ward 1	829	869
Ward 2	1,695	1,014
Potter township (E)	1,764	2,375
Rush township	2,820	1,591
Snow shoe township	2,367	1,419
Spring Twp., incl. Coleville village	3,199	2,330
Coleville village	242	230
Taylor township	577	613
Unionville borough	820	1,041
Unionville borough	248	209
Walker township	1,538	1,497
Worth township	849	899
Total	43,289	37,942

This time the population of the West Ward of Bellefonte will be about 728, an increase of 19. The South Ward will come close to 1600, which is an increase of near 150. The North Ward will show about 2500 or an increase of 700. That will make the increase in the borough about 1000.

It is not likely that the census enumerators will be paid for their work before September next, after the books have been gone over by the experts and the enumerations verified.

Census enumerators cannot give out information concerning their work, not even state the population of territory assigned them when the work is complete, under a penalty of \$500.

It is supposed that by July 1, Superintendent Merriam of the census will likely have his first announcement to make. Commencing with the larger cities and coming down in as nearly regular order daily bulletins will be issued of the populations.

BIRTHS AND DEATHS.

Register A. G. Archey kindly furnished us with the following statistics relative to the number of births and deaths in Centre county the past six months as returned to that office:

	Births	Deaths
Bellefonte boro., N. W.	15	10
" " S. W.	22	15
" " W. W.	13	11
Centre Hill boro.	7	5
Howard boro.	7	5
Millsburg boro.	4	6
Millheim boro.	6	6
Phillipsburg boro., 1st W.	9	4
" " 2nd W.	12	3
State College boro.	6	3
Unionville boro.	2	0
Benner Twp., N. P.	6	4
" " S. P.	6	4
" " W. P.	6	4
Boggs " N. P.	3	2
" " S. P.	3	2
" " W. P.	3	2
Burnside Twp.	7	11
College " N. P.	12	11
" " S. P.	12	11
" " W. P.	12	11
Curtin " N. P.	3	2
" " S. P.	3	2
" " W. P.	3	2
Ferguson " N. P.	4	4
" " S. P.	4	4
" " W. P.	4	4
Gregg " N. P.	4	1
" " S. P.	4	1
" " W. P.	4	1
Haines " N. P.	5	3
" " S. P.	5	3
" " W. P.	5	3
Halfmoon " N. P.	8	5
" " S. P.	8	5
" " W. P.	8	5
Harris " N. P.	10	2
" " S. P.	10	2
" " W. P.	10	2
Howard " N. P.	7	4
" " S. P.	7	4
" " W. P.	7	4
Huston " N. P.	6	6
" " S. P.	6	6
" " W. P.	6	6
Marion " N. P.	6	1
" " S. P.	6	1
" " W. P.	6	1
Patton " N. P.	14	4
" " S. P.	14	4
" " W. P.	14	4
Potter " N. P.	19	7
" " S. P.	19	7
" " W. P.	19	7
Rush " N. P.	12	10
" " S. P.	12	10
" " W. P.	12	10
Snow shoe " N. P.	19	15
" " S. P.	19	15
" " W. P.	19	15
Spring " N. P.	14	2
" " S. P.	14	2
" " W. P.	14	2
Taylor " N. P.	12	3
" " S. P.	12	3
" " W. P.	12	3
Union " N. P.	10	2
" " S. P.	10	2
" " W. P.	10	2
Walker " N. P.	4	0
" " S. P.	4	0
" " W. P.	4	0
Worth " N. P.	2	2
" " S. P.	2	2
" " W. P.	2	2
Total	441	220

Running a Business College.

Emory S. Ripka, son of A. C. Ripka, of Centre Hill, has become one of the proprietors of the Chambersburg Business College, the sale being concluded on Monday of last week. The new firm is Willier & Ripka. Emory is a graduate of the Lebanon Business College and will have charge of the shorthand department in the new concern.

FACT, FUN AND FANCY.

Bright Sparkling Paragraphs—Selected and Original.

Whatever a man seweth, that will be easily rip.

Satan is always on hand to help a man put up a stove-pipe.

Why shouldn't the sailor's account be cast up by the sea?

Why can't they hang a painting until after it is executed?

Why does the tallest man in a crowd always get in front?

The long-headed clergyman preaches the shortest sermons.

Why does lightning strike churches oftener than saloons?

Why is it that but few sermons are as deep as they are long?

Why don't chattering teeth usurp the functions of the tongue?

Why does a person never feel angelic after eating angel-cake?

Why is the average man so candid in admitting the faults of others?

Why is a woman's husband less dear to her than her husband's wife?

Why can't a man yell as loud in proportion to his size as a baby can?

Why don't they arrest beer-drinkers for blowing the tops off schooners?

Why don't some one invent a folding bed that will discourage profanity?

Why don't they keep cyclones locked up in the weather bureau drawers?

Why should a man who wears a stove-pipe hat ever have a cold in his head?

Why do similar opportunities make a hero of one man and a fool of another?

Why don't girls employed in match factories get married sooner than other girls?

Why should a man's love for his wife grow cold when she keeps him in hot water?

Why wouldn't the pink of propriety be an appropriate flower for our national emblem?

Why does a man's wife always think he has been drinking when he calls her an angel?

Why isn't the ringing sound in a man's head when his wife hits him with the broomstick, a marriage ring.

RECENT DEATHS.

STEWART LEE BERGSTRESSER:—Of Smithport, McKean Co., died June 14, at Hurlersburg while visiting his brother E. L. Bergstresser. He was born at Boalsburg, Centre Co., in 1832, a son of Jacob Bergstresser, one of the early settlers of Centre Co., Stewart Bergstresser was one of the oldest photographers in the state.

JOHNSON GARDNER:—One of the well known residents of this county, died in Beech Creek boro. last Thursday afternoon from a complication of diseases. He was 72 years old. His wife and the following named children survive: Mrs. Edgar Holt, Northumberland; Bert, of Winburn, and George, of Geneva, N. Y.

NANCY SPARR:—Died on Tuesday evening at the Sparr homestead, in Harris township, after a brief illness. Her age was 67 years; interment at Boalsburg, Friday morning. She was a maiden lady and the last of her family and leaves a large estate.

JACOB MCCOOL:—Son of Jacob McCool Sr., of Spring Mills, died at that place on Tuesday evening, after a brief illness. He was about 32 years of age.

MONUMENT FUND.