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WOUNDED BY BULLET FROM TARGET RIFLE

BELLEFONTE BOY'S UNFORTUNATE ACCIDENT ON MONDAY.

HUGH HANLEY IN HOSPITAL

The Accidental Discharge of a 22-Calibre Rifle Almost Ends the Life of Young Man—He is Now Thought to be Out of Danger.

Hugh Hanley, the seventeen-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. William Hanley, of Quaker Hill, occupies a cot in the Bellefonte hospital, as a result of a bullet wound in the neck, caused by the accidental discharge of a target rifle in the hands of John Martin, a young man employed in Alters' shooting gallery on West High street. The accident occurred on Monday afternoon about 5 o'clock while Hugh Hanley and a young companion by the name of Frank Hull, were loitering in the shooting gallery, talking to Martin. The wounded boy was at once removed to the hospital and after being given the usual first aid, showed evidence of being extremely critical and his life was despaired of. He is now thought to have passed the danger point, if no complications arise. The bullet, which was fired from a 22-calibre cartridge, entered the base of his young neck at the left side and took a downward course, and is now lodged in the right breast. Thus far no attempt has been made to remove it. There is no doubt but what the unfortunate happening was purely accidental, although there seems to have been a certain amount of carelessness entering into it. There have been a number of different stories afloat, all of which tend to show that it is a repetition of the old story of the "unloaded" gun. John Martin is the fourteen-year-old son of Frank Martin, of this place, and has been employed at Alters' for some time past. His story as he told it to a reporter of the old story of the "unloaded" gun. John Martin is the fourteen-year-old son of Frank Martin, of this place, and has been employed at Alters' for some time past. His story as he told it to a reporter of the old story of the "unloaded" gun. John Martin is the fourteen-year-old son of Frank Martin, of this place, and has been employed at Alters' for some time past. His story as he told it to a reporter of the old story of the "unloaded" gun.

DROWNING ACCIDENT AT CURTIN

Foreigner Seized With Cramps on Sunday While Bathing.

Francisco Greco, a young Italian employed by A. L. Anderson & Co., on the construction work being conducted on the lower Bald Eagle branch of the Penna. Railroad, met death on Sunday while bathing in a stream near Curtin. The accident occurred at a culvert where the water is perhaps eight feet deep. The place for years has been used as a swimming resort. Greco, who is said to have been unable to swim, ventured in alone on Sunday about noon, and got beyond his depth. In his struggles to reach a place of safety he was seized with cramps and sank. Raymond Bryan, who resides at Curtin, was the first to notice the man's body in the stream, and he immediately plunged in and brought it to shore. The effort, however, was too late to save the man's life, as he had been in the water about fifteen minutes from the time he was first seized with cramps. Dr. Huff was summoned and he made an examination of the dead man's body. In the doctor's opinion an inquest was unnecessary, and the remains were taken in charge by undertaker Wetzler of Milesburg, who in the meantime had been called by telephone. Mr. Wetzler removed them to his establishment at Milesburg and prepared them for burial, which was made on Tuesday.

"WATCHMAN" AGAIN SUPPRESSES THE TRUTH.

An Insidious Lie Published in the Last Issue of the "Watchman" Completely Refuted.

One of the most dangerous forms of falsehood is that which starts with a truth to give it some credence, and then suppresses the vital part at issue. This is what P. Gray Meek did in his paper, last week, when he again attempted to discredit the official conduct of the writer who is the present Surveyor of Customs at Philadelphia. At the conclusion of his two columns of evasion and elusion, he made repetition of his former malicious falsehoods—he attempted to bolster his infamous conduct by an artful, insidious lie—that of telling a part truth and then suppressing the important fact.

"Watchman's" Charge Last Week

"When the editor of this paper (the Watchman) took charge of the Surveyor's office in 1894 he found two Republican Deputies on duty and fully four-fifths of the other employees of the customs house to be of the same political persuasion. In less than one month thereafter a Democrat was installed as "outside" Deputy and in less than three months both Deputies were Democrats. All these positions were then claimed to be under civil service but the strenuous head of that Department of the government at the time, Theodore Roosevelt, failed to back up the claim. * * * Mr. Lytle succeeded to the position and in less than four months time had both Deputyships filled by Republicans and scores of Democrats occupying places in the service ousted and others of his own party installed in their places. He found no reason for depriving his party of the patronage properly belonging to it because the customs service was under civil service."

TWC PENN STATE BOYS KILLED.

Met Death in Home Town by Electrocution.

Arthur May and Walter, Fey two members of the junior class of electrical engineering at Pennsylvania State College, were electrocuted at the big power plant of the Harwood Electric Company at Hazleton, last Wednesday afternoon. Death resulted from coming in contact with a live wire carrying a load of 25,000 volts to the Susquehanna terminals, known as the Berwick line. The accident was not seen by any of the employees, but the interference with the current so demoralized things that the entire region from Pottsville on the north to McAdoo on the south and the towns of Berwick, Bloomsburg, Danville, Mahanoy City and Shenandoah were without current for 15 minutes.

CAPACITY OF WHITEROCK TO BE ENLARGED

COMPANY RECENTLY ACQUIRED NEW PROPRIETIES.

MAY BUILD BRANCH RAILROAD

Intention of Company to Open Up Jacksonville Properties in the Near Future—Twelve New Kilns Now Being Built.

While Bellefonte's enterprising board of trade is reaching out for new enterprises to locate in our midst and meeting with some success, we must not overlook the fact that there are other industries already here, which have been steadily developing for years among the number being the lime stone industry, which has given employment to hundreds of men, and been of immense value to our town and community. A native product of our hills, it is here to stay and cannot be switched away to some other town as was the case with our scale works. Along this line we are informed on good authority that the Whiterock Quarries, a company started by local capital, has met with such success, that they are about to branch out on a larger and more extensive scale. They have already commenced the erection of twelve new kilns at their plant at Pleasant Gap. It is said they will open up a quarry on either the Mary Valentine farm or the Spicher farm, near Pleasant Gap, and will connect this quarry with their Whiterock plant, by a narrow gauge road, to carry the stone to their kilns. The present output of this plant is two cars of lime a day and when the new kilns are in operation, the output will be increased to five cars of lime a day, in addition to the amount of stone shipped for ballast, road purposes, furnaces, etc. The building of this railroad and the operating of the kilns and quarry will necessitate the employment of at least a hundred new men, and this number will be increased if the present plans of the Whiterock company mature.

STRUCK BY LIGHTNING.

Seven-Year-Old Son of J. I. Briggs, of Marion Twp., Seriously Injured.

On last Sunday afternoon during the heavy electrical storm that passed over Nittany valley, the little seven-year-old son of James I. Briggs, who lives on the Henry Yearick farm in Marion township, was seriously injured by lightning. The little fellow was sitting on a stone out in front of the farm house and his dog was lying on the grass a few feet away. Suddenly there was a sharp flash of lightning and the child fell over. The dog sprang up and ran wildly around the corner of the house where it dropped dead. The frightened parents carried the child into the house and medical assistance was summoned. The boy was found to be still living, but in a serious condition. Everything possible was done for him and he finally revived and we are glad to say will recover. His left side, however, seems to be partially paralyzed and he has no use of his arm. The doctor, however, thinks that this will gradually pass away and that he will soon regain the use of that member.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT UNITED STATES CUSTOMS SERVICE PORT OF PHILADELPHIA, PA.

August 11, 1913. Secretary, Third U. S. Civil Service District, Post Office Building, Philadelphia, Pa. Sir: I would appreciate your kindness if you would furnish me, at your earliest convenience, with the following information: First:—During the year 1894, were the positions of the two Deputy Surveyors, at the Port of Philadelphia, under the Federal competitive classified Civil Service regulations? Or, were they subject to removal and appointment by the Surveyor? Second:—During the year 1898, were the positions of the two Deputy Surveyors, at the Philadelphia Port, under the Federal competitive classified Civil Service regulations? Or, were they subject to removal or appointment by the Surveyor? Third:—Are the positions of Deputy Surveyor at the Philadelphia Port, now, under the Federal competitive classified Civil Service regulations? Fourth:—When was the position of Deputy Surveyor placed under the Federal competitive classified Civil Service regulations? Fifth:—At the time of my installation as Surveyor of Customs, on June 9, 1913, or since, did I appoint anyone to the position of Deputy Surveyor at this port; or, could I have made any such appointment? A prompt reply will be appreciated. Respectfully, CHAS. R. KURTZ, Surveyor of Customs.

Putting On the Screws.

Hereafter the fellows who reside in Lock Haven and refuses to become acquainted with the tax collector will receive an invitation to spend a few months with the county sheriff. The Democrat of that city says: "A first ward colored man, who is one of the colony of so-called citizens who persistently dodge the tax collectors, was arrested and jailed Saturday night by Constable George J. Cummings, on a warrant issued for the non-payment of school and county taxes for the past three or four years. The delinquent had been frequently importuned to pay but he preferred to spend his money for booze, with the result that he is now in jail, where he reads the newspaper as well as the tax collector who is so well acquainted with the school and county collectors, for all appeals and warnings have been in vain, and the only other alternate is the invocation of the law's aid."

THIRD UNITED STATES CIVIL-SERVICE DISTRICT. PHILADELPHIA, PA.

August 12, 1913. Hon. Charles R. Kurtz, Surveyor of Customs, Port of Philadelphia. Sir: In response to your letter of August 11, you are advised that during the year 1894 the position of Deputy Surveyor of Customs at the Port of Philadelphia was excepted from Civil Service examination under Section 5, Customs Rule 11, and under Special Customs Rule. During the year 1898 the position of Deputy Surveyor in the Customs Service at the Port of Philadelphia was still excepted from examination, appointment and removal being at the pleasure of the Surveyor. On November 23, 1904, the President of the United States promulgated an executive order amending Schedule A of the Civil Service Rules, by striking out paragraphs 1 and 2 and part of paragraph 3, which have since been restored to the competitive Civil Service the positions of Deputy or Assistant Collectors, Deputy Naval Officer, Deputy Surveyor, and Cashier in the Customs Service. This executive order is still in force and appointment to the position of Deputy Surveyor of Customs is now, and has been since November 23, 1904, made by selection from a certificate of eligibles who have passed the requisite Civil Service examination, unless it has been found expedient in the interests of the service and good administration to transfer or promote a qualified employee, who is in the classified Civil Service. At the time of, and since, your installation as Surveyor of Customs on June 9, 1913, you have made no appointments whatever. You could not make any appointments for the reason that no vacancies existed, nor have any additional positions been created by your office. You did not appoint any person to the position of Deputy Surveyor of Customs at this port. Very respectfully, STEWART WILSON, District Secretary.

GOVERNOR SULZER IMPEACHED.

Action Taken by New York Legislature Early Wednesday Morning.

After an all night session the New York Assembly, by a vote of 79 to 45, at 5:15 o'clock Wednesday morning ordered the impeachment of Governor William Sulzer, by adopting majority leader Levy's resolution. Republican and Progressive leaders, the governor's erstwhile opponents, were his sole champions, save for a corporal's guard of independent Democrats, who put up a hard fight against the adoption of the resolution, in vain effort to save the governor. On the evening of the governor's impeachment, the story was spread broadcast throughout the capital that Mrs. Sulzer had assumed all blame for the revelations brought out by the Frawley committee concerning the governor's transactions in Wall street.

Get Ready for the Fair.

Only two weeks intervene between now and the big Centre County Fair, which will be held on the Fair grounds, September 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th. Don't forget the dates and plan so you can attend all the time. It takes attendance as well as exhibits and horse racing to make the fair a success, and that is where the individual counts. The fair management are working hard to get up an interesting and attractive program of entertainments and there will be lots of amusements and many interesting exhibits. Many applications have already been received for exhibition space and the bigger the line of exhibits the greater the fair. If you contemplate having an exhibit begin to plan now, don't wait until too late. Help to make the fair a big success in every particular.

"BRANDED AS FALSE."

From the Centre Hall Reporter, August 7: Meek in Error. The charge made by P. Gray Meek in the Democratic Watchman that Charles R. Kurtz, surveyor of the port of Philadelphia, and editor of the Centre Democrat, upon taking the oath of office made himself a party traitor by appointing two Penrose Republicans to the best positions in his department, has been conclusively branded as false. There is no semblance of truth in the statements. The positions referred to are protected by civil service, and Mr. Kurtz had nothing whatever to do with their appointment or retention. It does appear from the records that Mr. Meek made Mr. Carson, a Republican, and the man complained of, chief clerk during the time that he (Meek) was surveyor of the port of Philadelphia, and at a time when it might have been possible to appoint a Democrat. These statements made by Mr. Meek were they considered alone, would not be referred to in this paper, but his attitude toward the Democratic party from the local field up, and from the county chairman to Secretary Bryan, is such that it is necessary to say without reserve that much that has appeared within in the past few years in the Democratic Watchman's political columns IS NOT THE TRUTH.

Successful Reunion of Mattern Family

The Mattern reunion at Stevens' Park, Tyrone, on Thursday of last week, was one of the most successful gatherings of the kind ever held by this famous old family. The morning hours were spent in transacting business concerning the Mattern association. After a delightful dinner served on the large tables in the woods, the association reassembled and listened to some stirring speeches made by prominent speakers, who were there from a distance. The following officers were re-elected: President, Geo. Mattern, Osceola; vice president, Harry Mattern, Washington, D. C.; John C. Mattern, Franklinville; Blair Mattern, Pittsburgh; Collins Mattern, Half Moon; J. C. Mattern, Warriorsmark; treasurer, Claude Jones; secretary, George Fietner. The following gentlemen were added to the executive committee: Samuel M. Hess, Philipsburg; Sanford Mattern, Pottsville; H. M. Gray, Tyrone; Flora Conrad Nepps, Johnstown.

Trouble Over Cattle.

On Friday a hearing will be held in the office of Squire Musser, at which time Jack Thorpe and James Heaton, both residents of Marsh Creek, and neighbors, will be given an opportunity to air their grievances. These otherwise good citizens fell out over the act of Mr. Heaton's cows and young cattle in breaking into Mr. Thorpe's cornfield. The latter claims to have notified the owner of the animals several times, and after the last deprecation he locked them in his barn and sent word to that effect to Mr. Heaton. During the night the barn door was broken off and the cattle liberated. Thorpe then had Heaton arrested on a charge of malicious mischief.

A CORRECTION.

From the Philadelphia "Bulletin," August 12th, 1913: Surveyor of Customs Kurtz Did Not Appoint Republican Subordinates. Charles R. Kurtz, of Bellefonte, Pa., the new Surveyor of this port, has corrected the report that he had reappointed Deputy Surveyors Richard B. Williams and Captain W. R. Carson. It was published in "The Bulletin" that he made the appointments of both Mr. Williams and Captain Carson secure immediately after taking the oath of office, June 9. On that date, "The Bulletin" in a news article on the new Surveyor being sworn in, said: "Immediately after taking the oath of office, Mr. Kurtz performed his first official duty by reappointing Mr. Williams and Captain Carson as deputies." As a matter of fact, Surveyor Kurtz had nothing to do with either Mr. Williams or Captain Carson. Both held their office under Civil Service regulations, and have continued to do so. Mr. Kurtz had no jurisdiction in their cases, and did not either reappoint them, or name anyone to succeed them. Vacancies in these positions could only be created for cause recognized by the Civil Service laws, and vacancies could be filled only in accordance with same regulations. There are no positions under the Surveyor which are excepted from the operations of the Civil Service reform laws, a fact which has been officially communicated to Surveyor Kurtz by the Civil Service Commission.

Storm at Julian.

On Sunday afternoon about 4:30 o'clock, a fearful storm struck Bald Eagle Valley, near Julian. The rain came down in torrents. The wind did a good bit of damage to the corn and oats. Several miles above Hannah the people knew nothing of the storm that occurred only a few miles away. Many autoists out joy riding became stranded along the roadside while others sought shelter in nearby farm houses. Those more fortunate with side curtains and first-class engines and equipment proceeded on their way rejoicing.

Hospital Notes.

Arthur Thomas, of Waddle, was operated on last Wednesday. Boyd Gramley, of Bellefonte, was also operated on during the past week. Those discharged during the past week were Mrs. Mary Campbell, Mrs. George Tibbens, A. A. Dale, Esq., and Harry Shreffler, all of Bellefonte. Those admitted for treatment were Mrs. A. Miller, Mrs. William Kline and the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Harper, all of Bellefonte. There are twenty-eight patients in the hospital at present.

Festival at Fillmore.

Attention is again called to the big ice cream festival to be held by the members of the M. E. church at Fillmore on the evening of Saturday, August 23rd. A hearty welcome is extended to all who wish to spend a few hours of enjoyment.

MARRIAGES.

Fultz-Robbins. James H. Fultz and Miss Ora V. Robbins, both of Woodward, were married on Monday of this week at the office of Squire W. H. Musser. Orwick-Blowers. Mr. Edward Orwick and Miss Emma J. Blowers, both of Taylor township, were married on Wednesday, August 6th, by Rev. G. W. Rothemel, at the parsonage of the United Brethren church at Port Matilda. Mr. and Mrs. Orwick will start housekeeping at once in their new home in Taylor township, where the groom is successfully engaged in the lumbering business. Dayton-Maitland. A very pretty wedding in which Bellefonte people are interested occurred in Trinity Episcopal church at Williamsport, Tuesday at high noon, when Miss Louise Garman Maitland, daughter of Isaac B. Maitland, became the bride of Walter E. Dayton, of Towanda. The wedding ceremony was performed by the Rev. Robert F. Gibson, rector of Trinity church, in the presence of a large company of friends of the young couple. Miss Maitland was attended by four maids of honor, Mrs. D. P. Mathewson, of Bath, N. Y.; Mrs. Carl Rothfus, of Williamsport; Mrs. George Dayton, of Towanda, and Mrs. Robert Keiser, of Bath. She had as her bridesmaids Miss Martha Newman and Miss Ida Fisk, both of Williamsport. Paul Dayton, of New York City, a brother of the bridegroom, was the best man. The ushers were George Dayton, of Towanda; Worth Jennings, of Towanda; Carl Rothfus, of Williamsport; George Johnston, of Towanda; Robert Keiser, of Bath, N. Y.; and Thomas Piollette, of Towanda. The bride was attired in a white chateau with a court train and tulle effect. She carried a bouquet of lilies of the valley. At 1 o'clock following the wedding a breakfast was served at the Country Club. Seventy-five guests were entertained at the breakfast. The bride is a grand-daughter of the late Daniel Garman, of Bellefonte and has visited here quite often. They will reside at Towanda.

Meeting of Pomona Grange.

Centre County Pomona Grange will hold its third quarterly meeting in the Hall of Victor Grange at Oak Hill, Thursday, Aug. 21, at 10 a. m. All members of the order are cordially invited to attend. D. M. CAMPBELL, Sec'y.

Raising Funds to Purchase Organ.

The pupils of Rock Mills school in Benezers township are endeavoring to raise funds with which to purchase an organ for the use of the school. With this end in view they will hold a festival at the school house on Saturday evening, August 16th, and promise an evening of enjoyment for those who show them encouragement by attending.

Lewisburg Journal's Big Edition.

Last week's Lewisburg Journal was issued as a twenty-two page edition, printed on book paper, and replete with interesting write-ups and splendid half-tone illustrations. The effort on the part of J. F. Kurtz was in honor of the town's centenary, and is well carried out.