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DEATHS OF A WEEK.

Fifty-two of the Victims Under One Year of Age.

The mortuary report for the week ending July 16 shows a total of 123 deaths, being a death rate of 26.10 per 1,000 per annum. The leading causes of death were typhoid fever, 5; tubercular disease of the heart, 2; pneumonia, 4; gastro enteritis, 6; choleric diarrhea, 22; old age, 4; alcohol, 2; drowning, 3; railroads injuries, 3; gunshot wounds, 2.

Of the decedents 2 were between and 90 years old, 52 under 1 year; 123 were white, 5 black; 32 were single, 49 single; 4 widows, 1 widow and 2 not stated; 64 were natives of Pittsburgh, 25 from other parts of the United States and the balance from foreign countries. Twelve of the deaths were coroner cases and 25 died in institutions. The largest number of deaths occurred in the fourteenth ward, being 18.

PEOPLE COMING AND GOING.

A. R. Mason, one of the special agents of the Internal Revenue Department, is at the St. Charles. Mr. Mason is a brother of the Commissioner. He smiled when asked what he was doing in St. Charles. The last time he was here he helped the commissioners of Somerset county. Mr. Mason thinks the illicit business has been broken up in that section.

Among the passengers for New York last evening were Mrs. John C. Anderson, S. C. Milburn, of the Union Pacific road, and H. C. Dimock, Commercial Agent of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul.

O. F. Palmer, president of the circle at the St. Charles hotel, was away yesterday from a ten-day vacation along the lakes.

H. H. Stanback, of Youngstown, and James McClure, of Elizabeth, put up at the Monganahela House last night.

Edward Greer, of West Bridgewater, and M. H. Gilchrist, of Kansas City, are guests at the St. Charles.

Mrs. E. A. Frank owner and proprietress of the Jones House, at Clarion, is among the guests at the St. Charles.

Dr. George Wood and wife, of New Bethlehem, are visiting Frank B. Newell, of the St. James Hotel.

W. P. Arms, of Youngstown, and L. H. Pitkin, of Akron, are among the guests at the Duquesne.

E. S. Seiter, of Corry, and J. L. O'Donnell, of Warren, are staying at the Schlosser.

W. D. Sharpe, of Huntingdon, and G. Fulton, of Scranton, are at the Anderson.

L. Herrington, of Waynesburg, and C. H. Scott, of Franklin, are at the Central.

T. W. Phillips, of New Castle, was a passenger for Atlantic City last night.

John E. Reed, of Clarion, is at the Seventh Avenue Hotel.

Manager Gallich of the Bijou Theater, went East last night.

A. E. W. Painter went to Cresson last evening.

Pittsburghers in New York.

New York, July 22.—(Special)—The following Pittsburghers are registered at New York hotels: F. G. Bryen, Fifth Avenue; A. H. Blauke, Cosmopolitan; J. Bredin, Hoffman, E. P. T. Evans, Astor; E. F. Gould, J. B. Primes, Jr., Metropolitan; J. H. Hartley, Metropolitan; A. H. Henry, Grand Union; A. L. Johnson, Grand Union; J. L. Johnson, Grand Union; H. C. McNaughton, Cosmopolitan; H. E. Miller, Grand Union; D. B. Phillips, Broadway; J. H. Smith, Metropolitan; Y. Sweeney, Sinclair; W. S. Walker, Earles; Mrs. N. F. Newell, Westminster; G. W. Pusey, Metropole; G. W. Wammott, Jr., Brunswick.

RIVER NEWS AND NOTES.

Louisville Items.—The Stage of Water and the Movements of Boats.

SPECIAL TELEGRAMS TO THE DISPATCH.

Louisville, July 22.—Business fair, weather cloudy and warm. River falling, with 2 feet 5 inches on the falls, 5 feet 9 inches in the channel and 4 feet 9 inches below. The R. & W. Canal closed a few hours ago. The Great Morris left for Salt river this afternoon. The John K. Speed is due up. Departures.—For Cincinnati, Flewood; for Carrollton, Kentucky, Early; for the City of Louisville, for Kentucky river, Falls City.

WHAT UPPER GAUGES SHOW.

ALLEGHENY JUNCTION.—River 7 feet 7 inches on gauge. John K. Speed passed up at 8 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Fine rain this morning.

WARREN.—River 4 feet. Fair and warm.

MORGANTOWN.—River 3 feet 6 inches and stationary. Fair and warm.

CHARLESTON.—River 4 feet 10 inches and stationary. Clear. Thermometer 72° at 8 P.M.

THE NEWS FROM Below.

EVANSTON.—River stationary, 7 feet 7 inches on gauge. John K. Speed passed up at 8 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Fine rain this morning.

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DEPARTED.—Ben H. Parker, Parkersburg. Arrived Congo, from Cincinnati, and will return to Cincinnati Saturday. Warm and clear.

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