

TALES OF TWO PITSTONS

News of Interest to Readers Up and Down the Valley.

THROWN FROM HIS CONVEYANCE

Serious Runaway Accident on South Main Street—Purchased a Fine Farm. Proposed Benefit for the Leek Cornet Band—Other News.

Special to the Scranton Tribune. Pitston, March 27.—This morning William Williamson, son of Robert Williamson, of Pear street, narrowly escaped a serious accident. His horse took fright and became unmanageable on South Main street. In turning a corner the rig came in contact with the electric car being this city at 11:40 o'clock. Williamson was thrown out and was slightly injured about the head and shoulders, also spraining one ankle. Slight damage was done to the car, one window being broken. The car was not the cause of the accident.

Inquest Over Richard Louverick. An inquest was held tonight on the death of Richard Louverick, the boy, who on March 13 was so terribly burned in an explosion of gas at the Maltby shaft of the Lehigh Valley Coal company, that he died two days afterward. An explosion of gas had occurred and a gang of men were ordered into the mine and some were rescued; Louverick was sent near the scene of the explosion by Fire Boss Jones to clear away a place for a prop. The boy had a naked lamp and he walked into a body of gas and ignited it. Deputy Coroner Perkins held an inquest and it was adjourned from time to time. Tonight only three of the jurors: John McOwen, Thomas Mangran and James McManus, appeared at the inquest, and the deputy coroner added M. J. Doyle, of Wilkes-Barre, to form a quorum. The testimony of witnesses was heard and afterward the jury, in its verdict, said that the deceased came to his death as the result of burns received in an explosion of gas in the Maltby shaft, and Fire Boss Jones was censured for sending the boy with a naked lamp into a place where such a thing makes some accumulation, and the Lehigh Valley Coal company was censured for not keeping a supply of safety lamps on hand. The three non-attending jurors were stamped as recreant and unmanly persons for absenting themselves from the inquest.

Run Over by the Cars. Willie Keller, 12 years old, a slate picker at the Butler colliery, on his way home from work yesterday attempted to jump on a moving coal train on the Lehigh Valley railroad and he fell under the cars, the wheels of which passed over his left foot and arm and he is in a painful condition. Martin Kelly, of Cork Lane, and was brought in Fitzpatrick's ambulance to the hospital, where the surgeons amputated the foot below the ankle.

The board of health met last night at the city hall, and among other business transacted a resolution was passed, and Edward Morgan and R. J. Hallock & Co. to clean up the rubbish in their cellars within twenty-four hours or abide by the penalties of the law.

Mrs. Thomas Sheridan died at her home, on South Main street, this morning. She had been a sufferer for a long time. Three sons and two daughters survive her. Funeral notice later.

Purchased a Fine Farm. A vendue was held at the Gardner estate located near Hanson Valley station, today. The farm, containing seventy-five acres, was purchased by M. Bolin and P. P. Richards, of this city, for a consideration of \$1,750. It is considered a very valuable piece of property, as it contains a large quarry of blue stone, which can be used for building purposes. The personal property was also auctioned off at fair prices.

Leek Band Benefit. Some of our local towns are endeavoring to inaugurate a benefit for the Leek Cornet band, which will occur the latter part of next month. The play will be entitled "The Millionaire Tramp." Among the leading artists of the cast will be Frank Ferguson, who has been identified with Kittle Rhoades' company for several seasons.

Death of Mrs. Mary Cruise. The death of Mrs. Mary Cruise, an aged lady living with her daughter-in-law, Mrs. James Cruise, at Smithville, occurred last evening. Besides Mrs. James Cruise she is survived by one son and one daughter. Funeral will take place Friday morning, interment at Hyde Park Catholic cemetery, Scranton.

General and Personal Notes. Anthony Mahon and James J. Paden, of the Electric City, were taking in the sights of Pittston today. Prothonotary George Llewellyn is making great improvements in his recently purchased property. It is located on River avenue, and commands a beautiful view of the river and the surrounding country.

E. J. Tallman, esq., of Summitville, N. Y., is the guest of his brother-in-law, P. K. Richards, on Delaware avenue. The junior team of the Young Men's Christian association will go to Wilkes-Barre Saturday night to visit with the junior team of the Young Men's Christian association of that city.

EAST STROUDSBURG.

George Carr, of Tobyhanna, spent Tuesday in town visiting friends in both boroughs.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Yetter and daughter, Myrtle, spent Monday in New York city.

Red lights have been placed at each end of the hall in the Normal, for the benefit of the students in case of fire, so that they will know which way to turn if fire demands their speedy exit.

Mrs. Abraham Albert is dangerously ill at her residence, on Green street.

Miss Nellie Pipher, of Marshall's Creek, is visiting her mother, Mrs. James Place, on Green street.

Mr. Dutut, brother of Walter Dutut, the prothonotary of Stroudsburg, has moved from Milford Crossing to the house of Abraham Albert, on Green street.

Mr. and Mrs. James Place, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Wolfe, William Wolfe and daughter, and Miss Nellie Pipher attended the funeral of Girard Staples, at Junction, N. J., on Sunday last. A special train conveyed them from this point.

Mrs. Wesley Slocom, of Lackawanna avenue, has returned from a visit to friends at Plymouth, N. J.

Daniel VanWhy has been granted a license for his new hotel, situated near this place on the Bushkill road.

John Weber, of Tobyhanna, is visiting friends in Stroudsburg.

John Lee, a photographer of Phillipsburg, N. J., has purchased the gallery formerly owned by Louis J. Dawson,

AN AGREABLE INNOVATION

Bandits Who Hold Up a Train are Promptly Shot Down.

DETECTIVES WERE ON BOARD

And When the Robbers Stopped the Train, the Detectives Took a Part in the Entertainment, with Very Satisfactory Results.

Chattanooga, Tenn., March 27.—Two robbers dead and a third mortally wounded are the results of an attempt to hold up the south-bound train on the Cincinnati Southern railroad at 2:30 this morning. The train had just passed the station at Chattanooga, and was north of Greenwood, Ky., when a white lantern, swinging in the middle of the track, just ahead, brought it to a dead stop. A tall, lank, bearded countryman, perhaps 45 years old, mounted the steps of the engine, and thrusting the barrel of a pistol into the face of Engineer Tom Springfield, ordered him to stand still, which he did, while Fireman Rankin, who was next to the out-lay, observed a discreet silence. Three other men climbed into the baggage car, which they evidently mistook for the express car.

Three road detectives, Thomas Griffin, Will Edgell and Will Atgove, were in the smoking car when the train stopped. Allgove stepped up to see what was going on. As he stepped down he was ordered to throw up his hands by the man with the lantern, but instead he pulled his own revolver and began firing. The other two robbers took flight at the shooting, and jumping from the baggage car, began a fusillade of shots.

The Robbers Vanquished. Edgell and Griffin appeared on the scene and it is believed they brought down two of the robbers, one of whom died instantly, while the other lived till 4 o'clock. A third man was wounded in the breast, perhaps fatally. He clambered upon the tender and refused to budge until Cumberland Falls was reached. There he was given in charge of the engineer. Two of the attacking party escaped.

Officials of the road have had knowledge for some time of a plot to rob the train, and the officers were in readiness. The wounded man claims to be a tramp from Pennsylvania. Some of the men were identified, but are mountaineers.

THREE BROTHERS SHOT.

Result of an Old Feud Between Families in Alabama. Birmingham, Ala., March 27.—An old feud of long standing between the Christian and Riddle families culminated in a bloody tragedy near Armstrong's chapel, Macon county, today. John Christian, aged 18, was found on the plantation of the Riddles, when Seab and Charles Riddle, young men, drove him off. Christian returned with his father, Captain John Christian, both were armed with shotguns, and forthwith opened fire on the Riddles, killing Seab and fatally wounding Charles.

At this juncture Andrew Riddle, aged 8, a brother of the victims, appeared on the scene, and he, too, was shot and will die.

INDUSTRIAL TOPICS.

The price of coal in the Hocking valley region has been advanced 5 cents a ton.

A gentleman closely identified with the Ohio-Reading committee says that President Roosevelt has instructed the committee to insist upon a percentage minimum of the anthracite coal business of 23 per cent; if he accepts anything less, he says, the committee will want to know the reason.

Evidence of coal has been found in the mountains north of Millburg and an effort is being made to raise a fund and have engaged prospectors and drilling apparatus. According to a geologist who examined the mountain at different points there is a vein of coal some-where about Millburg.

Philadelphia, March 27.—The newly elected board of directors of the Pennsylvania Railroad company met this afternoon for reorganization. No changes were made in the personnel of the organization and President Roberts was unanimously re-elected. The total vote cast at yesterday's election for directors was 932,907, but the vote was not tallied. Last year the vote was 753,338 shares.

Shipments of bituminous coal over the Huntington and Broad Top railroad last week, while not as heavy as during the preceding week, nevertheless, showed an increase, aggregating 35,798 tons, or 1,948 tons in excess of shipments for the corresponding week last year. This brings the total shipments above the rate of last year, aggregating 22,116 tons for the same time last year, an increase of 37,575 tons.

The anthracite situation is thus stated in a sentence: "One dollar a ton added to present prices means \$1,000,000 a year. If the rate is raised to the average price for the last ten years they would be a gain by nearly \$2,000,000 a year. It is the clear perception of these facts which has caused the rate to be raised last year. The percentage of the trade now anxious to agree upon some definite policy. It may not be done this week or next, but it will be done before long."

The presidents of the eastern bituminous coal companies are meeting at the Pennsylvania railroad office in Philadelphia today to endeavor to arrange a pool for the government of the soft coal trade this year. The idea is to allot to each company a percentage of the tonnage to be shipped. The line trade not being interfered with. If this matter can be settled satisfactorily it is proposed to advance freight rates about 10 per cent above the rate of last year. The percentage question, however, will be considered first.

The Pennsylvania Coal company are about to make an experiment which will be very interesting to every man, woman and child in every mining town. The smothering of mine fires has always been considered a very questionable proceeding and it is the result of a long and costly experience that the company is now going to try to extinguish a fire by breaking out in their No. 3 mine near Mt. Carmel. The fire got beyond control and all ordinary methods were exhausted. It was not detectable to flood the place and the smothering process was resorted to. The gangways were closed up, all cracks and crevices sealed as nearly air tight as it was possible to make them. For twenty years the place has thus been closed up and now they propose to reopen the gangways to see whether the fire is out or still burning.

New York, March 27.—A member of the anthracite coal committee of five, appointed at the meeting of the anthracite coal presidents on Thursday last week, says that the committee has made progress with the work, but that the labor was not concluded yesterday. The matter under discussion is of a very delicate character, and the committee has been reluctant to make any announcement. It is believed that no information be given out until the report has been submitted to the presidents on Thursday. Reports of a special arrangement between the Reading and the Pennsylvania railroad companies will be dismissed as imaginary. It must also be understood that no demand by any company will be tolerated by the coal presidents as a basis for a compromise or concession and a regard to the general interests will be the order of the day. No improvement in anthracite coal prices is discernible.

The Philadelphia Inquirer thinks that "Mr. Sloan or Mr. Harris or Mr. Olyphant, who have been in the coal business all their lives, were to get about the task of making the coal trade, hatched by the railroad companies, a success, it would be a source that are behind the New Jersey Central party, there would be good reason to look for the attainment of satisfactory results. But, Mr. Maxwell has been to the coal trade; he came in it in 1871, and he has never known a time when the business was anything but prosperous. The years since 1871 have all been good. It is a simple fact that the experienced men in the trade are not hopeful of a settlement, and the only way out seems to be through some gigantic speculative operation, such as a combination by merger or lease of some of the companies. Of this there seems to be little prospect, in spite of the rumors circulating in New York that the Pennsylvania railroad is back of the deal and has obtained a foothold in Reading."

Philadelphians Tallow Market. Philadelphia, March 27.—Tallow is quiet and unchanged. We quote: City, prime, in hds., 4 1/2; country, prime, in hds., 4 1/2; in bbls., 4 1/2; cakes, 4 1/2; grease, 3 1/2.

No need to scratch your life away. Doan's Ointment brings instant relief in all cases of Itching Piles, Pin Worms, Eczema, Ringworms, Hives, or other itches of the skin. Get it from your dealer.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

New York, March 27.—The anthracite coal situation dominated the stock market today, and the uptrend was weaker than for some time past. At the opening Reading was affected by its February statement. The stock opened at 14, dropped to 12 1/2, and rallied to 13 1/2. Jersey Central was heavy, breaking 3 1/2; Lackawanna advanced 1/8 to 1 1/2; Delaware and Hudson rose to 12 and broke to 12 1/2. Rumors were rife to the effect that the Lackawanna had or would acquire control of the Susquehanna and Western, but the stories were denied by Lackawanna officials. In the industrial group, General Electric was weak, and in the last hour fell the decline, falling to 24 1/2. In the last hour the market was at its weakest. Northwest fell 1/2, St. Paul 1/2, Burlington 1/2, Rock Island 1/2, Chicago Gas 1/2, Louisville and Nashville 1/2, Manhattan 1/2, and Union Pacific 1/2. Speculation closed barely steady in tone. Net changes show losses of 1/2 to 1 per cent. In the general list, but the anthracite concern closed anywhere from 1/2 to 3 per cent lower. The total sales were 250,000 shares.

CHICAGO BOARD OF TRADE PRICES

Table listing various commodities and their prices, including wheat, corn, oats, and other agricultural products.

Scranton Board of Trade Exchange Quotations

Table listing local market prices for various goods such as flour, sugar, and other commodities.

York New Produce Market

New York, March 27.—Flour—Quiet, unchanged. Wheat—Dull, firm; No. 2 red and elevator, 60 1/2; No. 2 red and elevator, 60 1/2; No. 2 white, 59 1/2; No. 2 white, 59 1/2; No. 2 white, 59 1/2; No. 2 white, 59 1/2.

Connellton.

An enjoyable Union Sunday school entertainment was held last Saturday night at the home of Mrs. Lizzie Jones and Miss Sarah Hildebrand. The entertainment was very successful and admirably given; David Pickrel gave a humorous recitation that was highly appreciated; the Howells family, of Lawrenceville, assisted by friends in this place, supplied good music; T. Davies, of Duryea, entertaining the audience with his vocal exercises and songs; Willie Jones, of Minooka, sang a number of pleasing songs; and Richard Thomas, of Duryea, contributed several fine musical numbers.

The foundation for the new William A. breaker is nearly completed, and the lumber is daily expected to arrive. The Lawrence company of the Connellton Coal company is working nearly full time.

Mr. Brown, outside boss at the Lawrence, is in Philadelphia. P. J. Judge, of the William A., is filling his place.

John Barber, of the Babylon hotel, is making an alley ball court.

CHOKED TO DEATH IN A FENCE.

Peculiar Accident Happens to Colored Gentleman Who Inhabits Too Fractly.

Versailles, Ky., March 27.—Polk Calmes, colored, while on his way home in an intoxicated condition, fell against the fence in front of the Versailles cemetery.

His head became fastened between the pickets and he choked to death.

Buffalo Stock Market.

Buffalo, March 27.—Cattle—Receipts 265 head; on sale, 25 head; market opened steady, closed firm. Hogs—Receipts 4,250 head; on sale, 3,500 head; market opened heavy, steady, light grade and pigs low, closed weak to 5c lower; York weights, 4.00; mixed, 3.75; market steady; 4.00 and medium, \$3.10; 3.50; 4.00; 4.50; 5.00; 5.50; 6.00; 6.50; 7.00; 7.50; 8.00; 8.50; 9.00; 9.50; 10.00; 10.50; 11.00; 11.50; 12.00; 12.50; 13.00; 13.50; 14.00; 14.50; 15.00; 15.50; 16.00; 16.50; 17.00; 17.50; 18.00; 18.50; 19.00; 19.50; 20.00; 20.50; 21.00; 21.50; 22.00; 22.50; 23.00; 23.50; 24.00; 24.50; 25.00; 25.50; 26.00; 26.50; 27.00; 27.50; 28.00; 28.50; 29.00; 29.50; 30.00; 30.50; 31.00; 31.50; 32.00; 32.50; 33.00; 33.50; 34.00; 34.50; 35.00; 35.50; 36.00; 36.50; 37.00; 37.50; 38.00; 38.50; 39.00; 39.50; 40.00; 40.50; 41.00; 41.50; 42.00; 42.50; 43.00; 43.50; 44.00; 44.50; 45.00; 45.50; 46.00; 46.50; 47.00; 47.50; 48.00; 48.50; 49.00; 49.50; 50.00; 50.50; 51.00; 51.50; 52.00; 52.50; 53.00; 53.50; 54.00; 54.50; 55.00; 55.50; 56.00; 56.50; 57.00; 57.50; 58.00; 58.50; 59.00; 59.50; 60.00; 60.50; 61.00; 61.50; 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