



MYSTERIOUS SHOW OF MIND-READING

Was Displayed in the St. Charles Hotel Parlors.

NEWSPAPER MEN ARE STARTLED

King Bartell, of Georgia, Just Returned from India, Gives a Wonderful Exhibition—While Blindfolded He Plays Cards and Dice, Reads Figures, Describes Objects and Performs Other Incredible Feats.

A number of newspaper men were mystified, even startled yesterday afternoon at the St. Charles hotel by the mind-reading feats of King Bartell, who has just returned from India, where for four years he has been studying the legends and occult science of the natives of that country. Blindfolded, without the aid of paraphernalia and with the assistance of only those who were strangers to him he accomplished things which were not believed possible until they were actually witnessed.

Bartell was found in conversation with Proprietor Melvin, of the St. Charles, on the hotel porch by a Tribune reporter after midnight on Tuesday. The stranger acknowledged himself to be without money, and said he came to Scranton only because he had heard of its thrift and industry. He modestly told of his four years' residence in India and of his having learned to do while blindfolded many things which are frequently advertised but which have never, in Scranton at least, been performed within a group of persons who were all acquainted with each other and without the aid of confederates or paraphernalia other than a piece of chalk, four large napkins for blindfolding and objects furnished by the company.

FEATS HE PERFORMED. What transpired was given an added strangeness by reason of Bartell's assertion that he had never given a platform exhibition of his powers. He did what he said he could do, feats that are frequently advertised but which have never, in Scranton at least, been performed within a group of persons who were all acquainted with each other and without the aid of confederates or paraphernalia other than a piece of chalk, four large napkins for blindfolding and objects furnished by the company.

Bartell first played a game of casino with a gentleman holding an important editorial position on one of Scranton's daily newspapers. This feat, like all the others, was performed after the usual manner of the game, the marks being bound over his eyes and face by as many persons. Beneath the napkin, in nearly every instance, a soft kind glove was bound over each eye. There was absolutely no chance for him to see.

He dealt the cards, which were furnished by Proprietor Melvin, one of the party standing near and with a hand placed on the operator's head. Bartell held the cards so that his sub-partner could see them but not a word was spoken in relation to the hands. The editor won the game but during the process Bartell would "build" and call his plays as correctly and quickly as would his opponent.

READ THE NUMBERS. Bartell then seated himself before a small polished oak table and drew a small circle with a piece of chalk. He requested one of the gentlemen to write a set of figures within the circle, the latter standing with his disengaged hand on the operator's head. The figures written, Bartell immediately wrote them in duplicate. As a final test a family photograph album was brought by Mr. Melvin into the room. One of the company was asked to open it and gaze on any one of the pictures. This was done, the gentleman standing as before with a hand on Bartell's head. The album was then closed and the gentleman removed. Bartell made his first error in selecting the wrong picture but his second trial was successful.

One of the company announced himself as being skeptical and asked Bartell to submit to a further test. The latter agreed. A napkin was tied over his eyes and the gentleman who had expressed himself as being skeptical sat facing Bartell and held the album high before the latter's face and with its back toward him. A picture was selected, the album was closed and the bandage was removed. Bartell was wrong in his first attempt to point out the proper picture, but was not slow to correct himself and turned the leaves until he found the right one.

DEMOCRATS CAUCUS. Nominations for Tonight's Meeting Were Agreed Upon. At a caucus of the Democratic selection in Mayor Bailey's office last night it was agreed to send to the meeting tonight the following nominations: Patrolman, James Hart; food inspector, T. E. Cullen; janitor of city hall, Thomas Marshall; permanent men, Niagara hose company, W. L. Eldridge; Hook and ladder company, Adam Steinhouse; Relief Engine company, Jacob Frazz. Mr. Manley fought hard to have his man, Clarke, from the Twelfth, named as patrolman, but as the others believed there was no hope of his being confirmed he was overruled.

MINOOKA. John O'Hare, of Hastings, N. Y., is visiting friends on Main street. The remains of the late Jeremiah McCarty, of Davies street, were interred in Minooka Catholic cemetery yesterday morning. Theron T. Osborne returned yesterday from a few weeks' sojourn at Atlantic City. P. J. Mulhern has removed to his new residence on Stafford street.

MAD DOG SCARE AT PECKVILLE. Watchman William Whitehead at Ontario Breaker Bitten. HIS HAND BADLY LACERATED. With the Assistance of Minor Craig, the Watchman Succeeded in Getting the Dog Into a Pump House, Where It Was Killed by Chief-of-Police Richard James, of Peckville.

ARE NOT THROUGH YET.

Another Injunction Against the Mt. Vernon Company.

Another injunction was issued yesterday against the Mount Vernon Electric Street Railway company to restrain it from laying a track on the streets of Winton borough. Michael Gallagher, a Winton property owner, is the complainant. Some time ago the members of the borough council obtained an injunction which had the same object in view as the one secured yesterday by Mr. Gallagher. The first injunction was dissolved by the court Monday.

In the first action the claim was made that the street railway company had no right by any ordinance of the borough to lay tracks. The company produced the ordinance properly signed and attested, and the council held that the ordinance was not recorded as required by law. It was held that if the ordinance is not recorded that is the fault of the borough, and the borough cannot profit by its own error and the court took this view of the case.

This time the plaintiff is a tax payer who seeks to restrain the company from laying tracks on Gallagher street and other streets in the borough. He owns considerable property and says that the construction of the road would work him great injury.

MONTGOMERY WAS WARNED.

He Thought So and His Death Soon Followed.

While Robert Montgomery was working as a pump runner, his hand was caught in the Wamant colliery, No. 18, he says he felt the presence of something supernatural. It was some minutes before he could see anything, but then he managed to discern the dim outline of a man, with a warning finger upraised. He spoke to the person, but received no answer. He at once left the mine and told his friends he had received warning of death, nor could any argument convince him that it was merely a case of hallucination. He could not be persuaded to return to the mine. A couple of days after he had seen the apparition he refused to leave his bed, and although a physician told him he was not sick, Montgomery could not be convinced. Although no sickness manifested itself, he grew weaker and died on Saturday. He was a soldier in the war of the rebellion.—Nanticoke News.

WILL DISCUSS IT LATER.

Tax Committee Reports Favorably on the Regan Resolution.

The tax committee of select council met last night to pass upon the Regan resolution advising the board of revision and appeals to order a new city assessment for 1897, but as the matter is of such vital importance, it was thought best to have it discussed in council and so agreed to report it favorably with the information that the committee had not discussed its merits. It will come up tonight and will be expected to be the subject of a warm debate. Those in favor of it will base their arguments on the fact that it will more revenue and the justice of a more equitable assessment. Its opponents will argue that it is not right to raise the taxes in these hard times and that the city can get along for two years more with the present assessment.

FLOODING A MINE.

Explosion at Blackman Colliery Proved Very Serious.

The work of flooding the Blackman mine near Newtown, Luzerne county, was begun Tuesday. Ever since the explosion of gas in the mine last Saturday, by which four men were burned, one of whom has since died, the mine has been on fire and all efforts to check the blaze have failed. The mine belongs to the Lehigh Valley Coal company. The fire is so serious that workmen cannot approach within fighting distance, and Tuesday flooding was resorted to. Large volumes of water are being poured into the burning area, and it is expected that the mine will be flooded in a short time and the fire extinguished.

KILLED IN AN ELEVATOR.

Philadelphia Woman's Fatal Attempt to Operate It Herself.

Philadelphia, Aug. 19.—Mrs. Mary Rumford, assistant housekeeper of the Women's Christian association, was instantly killed today while attempting to alight from a freight elevator on the eighth floor of the big association building at Eighteenth and Arch streets. In some unaccountable manner the elevator started before she could get off. Her head was caught between the floor of the car and the door frame, and she was crushed to death. The regular attendant was away and Mrs. Rumford operated it herself, as she had often done before. She was about fifty years of age.

St. Paul and Return.

Special train via Nickel Plate road, account Grand Army of the Republic encampment, will leave Buffalo at 11:55 p. m. on Saturday, Aug. 29, after arrival of all trains from the east, but train and sleeping cars will be ready for passengers at 9 p. m. The lowest rates will be made via the Nickel Plate road. Secure your sleeping car space from your nearest ticket agent, or write direct to F. J. Moore, general agent, Buffalo, N. Y. State if there are ladies in your party, as special cars will be reserved for them. Be sure your tickets read via the New York, Chicago and St. Louis railroad, and take special train, leaving Buffalo 11:55 p. m., Saturday, Aug. 29.

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MAD DOG SCARE AT PECKVILLE

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HIS HAND BADLY LACERATED

With the Assistance of Minor Craig, the Watchman Succeeded in Getting the Dog Into a Pump House, Where It Was Killed by Chief-of-Police Richard James, of Peckville.

A mad dog created an abundance of excitement in the vicinity of Peckville last night. It was a large black mastiff of tremendous strength and inspired terror in all who saw it.

The dog was owned by some one on the Ridge near Archbold and made its appearance at the Stages shaft near Peckville about 7:30, rushing into the engine room where pump runner A. Williams, Engineer R. T. James and Fireman William James were. They seized pieces of iron as weapons to defend themselves from the brute which was springing at them in an enraged way.

Finally the dog made a desperate leap toward Williams and his teeth fastened in the jacket worn by the pump runner. A portion of it was torn into shreds from his body but fortunately the teeth did not reach the flesh.

By means of the pieces of iron the men succeeded in beating the animal away from Williams and it then darted from the engine house and started for the Ridge.

It was given a clear path by those who saw it coming but managed to implant its teeth in three cows and as many dogs that crossed its range of vision while it was darting hither and thither about the Ridge.

INTERVIEW WITH MR. LAW.

Widows of Entombed Men Want Rescue Work Continued.

Yesterday afternoon about fifteen widows of the entombed men, with some other friends, and accompanied by James Derrig, whose son is among the entombed men, had an interview with Mr. Law in his office. Mr. Derrig, acting as spokesman for the others, said that they called to request Mr. Law to continue the work of excavating for the bodies of the entombed men.

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