

The News of Carbondale.

THE WILD DOINGS OF A BIG BLACK SNAKE

Leaped on Miss Cronin, of Upper Canaan Street, and Wound Its Writhing Body Around Her Arm. The Endangered Woman Rescued by John Proctor, Who Made a Timely Appearance on the Scene. The Snake Captured, and on Exhibition as Proof of the Thrilling Story.

If every suggestion of a snake story was not met with a shrug of the shoulders and a deprecating laugh, that expressed one's doubt and incredulity more forcibly than a long-winded oration, it would not be at all necessary to make the preface to this story, that the thrilling tale that is to follow can be verified by some of Carbondale's most reputable citizens, whose reputation for truth and veracity is not only unquestionable, but is well established.

It seems almost weird to speak of black snakes in the Carbondale of today, but this story, which is all so solemnly affirmed, is the most thrilling tale, perhaps, of writhing serpents that has ever been related and substantiated, in this section of the country.

On Saturday evening, about 6 o'clock, while Miss Katie Cronin was returning to her home from the village or settlement at the end of upper Canaan street, she was spell-bound on seeing a snake, a black snake, its head writhing through the fence enclosing the property owned by John Proctor and located on Canaan street.

Miss Cronin was transfixed with fear. In an instant the serpent was pressing on to spring at her. Before her sense of self-preservation could manifest itself, his black snaking, which had coiled itself, its head two feet from the ground, leaped at her. The paralysis that seized her made her as immovable and as rigid as a statue. The snake landed on her shoulder, and its writhing body was coiling its folds about her upper body in almost a twinkling.

Miss Cronin was on the verge of collapse, when John Proctor, a neighbor, happened along from work. He scarcely knew how to approach the danger-surrounded woman to rescue her. Cautiously stealing up behind her, he grabbed the snake by the tail and the head. It was crawling, but plucky chance that he took. He had but little hope of being successful, but his courage and fearlessness were happily well rewarded. The snake was bound like wire around Miss Cronin's arm and shoulder. It reared up a fearful grip and a strenuous effort to cause the enraged reptile to relax its hold. Mr. Proctor finally succeeded, and with the snake firmly in his grasp he made for the house. He has an incubator, by which he hatches hundreds of chickens and ducks during the year. He had this in mind, together with the preservation of the snake as a trophy, and with the assistance of his son, Harry Proctor, his snaking was safely caged in the incubator, in the portion where he can be observed through the glass front.

The snake is a monster. It measures eight feet, four and one-quarter inches. It is still in Mr. Proctor's possession and will be exhibited at the Forest City auxiliary. Yesterday the snake consumed three gallons of water and ate a frog for his dinner.

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Early Morning Nuptials. Miss Annie Malloy and Henry Rordans Wedded at St. Rose Church.

There was an early morning wedding at St. Rose church yesterday. The principals were Miss Annie Malloy of Greenfield avenue, and Henry Rordans, of Elizabeth, N. J. The ceremony was solemnized by Very Rev. T. F. Coffey, V. G., at 5:30 o'clock.

Miss Sarah Langman, of Fallbrook street, and Anthony O'Malley, of Pike street, were bridesmaid and groomsmen, respectively. The bride wore a traveling suit of blue with hat to match.

Mr. and Mrs. Rordans left at 6 o'clock over the Delaware and Hudson for a visit first at the groom's New Jersey home and then in New York city. On their return they will reside in Carbondale.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY TO MEET IN FOREST CITY

Workers in the Foreign Cause of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Honesdale District, Will Hold Three Sessions in Forest City Church, Commencing Tomorrow Morning—The Programme.

The annual meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Honesdale district, of the Methodist Episcopal church, will be held in the Forest City church, Rev. R. L. Clark, pastor, tomorrow morning.

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MASTERS OF DANCING.

William Collins, of This City, to Attend National Convention.

William Collins, the well known master of dancing, will leave on Sunday night for New York city, to attend the convention of the National Association of Masters of Dancing of the United States at Canaan.

The convention will last about ten days. During its progress there will be what is known as a normal school of dancing. Instructors in the Delaware system, physical culture, technique and the various styles of dancing will be present to instruct classes of delegates and to exemplify the new dances which might have been planned during the year.

The convention will be held in McDonald's Knickerbocker Dancing academy, Fourteenth street, the centre of dancing instruction and physical culture in the Metropolis.

The convention last year, which Mr. Collins also attended, was held in Buffalo. He will be the only one from this city.

SITUATION THE SAME.

Four D. & E. Engineers Still at Work—Pumps All Running.

There was no change yesterday in the firemen and pump-runners' phase of the coal strike situation.

The four Delaware and Hudson engineers, who refused to come out on Monday, are still at work and will remain at their posts, according to their present attitude. All of the pumps are working, and the other employees of the company are acting as firemen.

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with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Thomas, of Philadelphia avenue.

George L. Martini, ex-United States consul to Martinique, now business manager of the Providence, R. I., News, and his father, L. C. Darte, of Kingston, were the guests of relatives here over Sunday.

DECKVILLE.

Blakely borough council met in regular session on Monday evening. The councilmen present were: Messrs. Brown, Hartman, Halford, Johnson, Nichols, Smith and Moulis. Street commissioner's time for May, amounting to \$157.43, was ordered paid. Dr. J. B. Grover was present and stated he was ready to pay the interest on the \$375 electric light bonds, providing the council would accept it. He further stated that it was a malicious falsehood; that he was willing to do as he agreed; but council could not produce the proof that would entitle them to receive the money. So it was decided to lay the matter over for one month. The following bills were ordered paid: M. Curtiss, police service, \$2.50; W. J. Davis, police service, \$4.85; A. W. Pustecost, janitor, \$4; Delaware and Hudson company, freight on road scraper, \$7.70; Scranton Electric Construction company, supplies, \$27; George Newton, interest, \$12; Levi Stage, cartage, 50 cents; Scranton Supply and Machinery company, supplies, \$8; Lackawanna Coal company, fuel, \$38.45; Peck Lumber company, lumber, \$31.55; J. H. Lavin, supplies, \$4.25; A. D. Haines, car fare, etc., \$1.25. Bills of C. B. Scott amounting to \$136.54, for supplies, were held up on account of not being endorsed by purchasing committee. The engineer's report was laid over, to enable the electric light committee to check up with bills. Orders were drawn for salaries as follows: Thos. Williams, engineer, \$60; George Gault, \$65; Thos. O'Hara, fireman, \$35; C. B. Scott, supplies, \$17.33. A communication from the Oliphant borough council, in regard to taking action against the different coal companies for encroaching upon the river bed with culm, was read and filed. A road scraper was ordered purchased from the Good Roads company, for the sum of \$225. Secretary Reed reported election results. The following were collected, \$227.50; uncollected, \$85.10. The treasurer's report showed having received \$238.51 from Secretary Reed, but received nothing in May from the tax collector. An opinion was read from Borough Attorney Watkins, stating that, in his opinion, the borough had grounds to take action against the water company on account of not furnishing the necessary supply at the late configuration at Peckville. The matter was tabled awaiting opinions from other attorneys that are now working on the case. On account of Dr. J. B. Grover having resigned as a member of the board of health, Dr. Ross Lloyd was appointed to fill the vacancy. Bids will be received the coming month for hauling fuel to electric light plant. The Scranton Gas and Water company, through their representative, Mr. Cumming, asked permission to lay a water pipe under the bridge at Depot street. The request was granted, providing that new planks replace those torn out in laying the pipe. Mr. Ferris was present and protested against the water company leaving their water pipes as in present condition, where same crosses Sulphur brook on Main street. The council will view the spot and decide if any action will be taken at the next regular meeting. W. J. Broad, foreman of the fire department, was present, and asked council to take charge of the fire alarm system. Upon motion the fire company was given permission to take the work done and send bills to council for payment.

JERMYN AND MAYFIELD.

One of the fiercest thunder storms of the season, accompanied with deluging rain, passed over the borough at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Several houses were struck, but fortunately no serious damage was done. The home of Mr. and Mrs. V. H. Haas, on South Main street, the bolt descended the chimney and passed out of the cellar wall. Mrs. Haas was stunned and has since suffered considerably from shock.

Rev. C. E. Essenden, of Tioga, is paying his family a brief visit this week.

Mrs. Marie Jay, of Third street, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Anna Landier of Scranton.

William J. Evans, of Providence, and Miss Margaret Evans, of Second street, Jermyn, were united in marriage Saturday evening, at the home of Rev. M. R. and Mrs. Thompson. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Maynard R. Thompson, pastor of the Baptist church. They will make their home in Providence.

Preston Badger, of Cemetery street, was a Scranton visitor yesterday.

Mrs. Ann Lander, of Scranton, spent yesterday with relatives in town.

Mrs. H. A. Willman and daughter, Mrs. C. A. Battenberg, of South Main street, were Carbondale visitors yesterday.

Patrick Feeney has gone to Pittsburg where he has accepted a position.

Mrs. Frank Orchard and children, of Carbondale, are visiting relatives at this place.

George Reese, of Blakely, has accepted a position as bookkeeper for J. H. Lally, the hardware merchant.

P. J. Cowley left yesterday for Johnstown, Pa.

Daniel Hopkins, of Scranton, was a caller in town yesterday.

W. J. Speicher, George Pfarr, Arthur Bishop, Henry Beck and Will Sauer left for Lake Ladore yesterday morning where they expect to camp for a week.

Miss Sallie Corcoran is visiting her sister, Mrs. M. J. Kearney, of Main street.

Miss Carrie Battenberg is visiting relatives in Scranton.

Miss Laura Lawrence has returned from Philadelphia where she has been attending school.

Mr. Isaac Mendelsohn of Mayfield, was a caller in town yesterday.

Miss Margaret Eaton was a caller in Carbondale yesterday.

Ernest Battenberg is enjoying a two week's vacation.

Miss Bridget Lally, of Philadelphia, is visiting her father of Laurel street.

Arthur Bishop has secured a position with the First National bank of Jermyn.

The home of Robert Sharples, of

Advertisement for Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. Includes text: "It seems but just and fair to give credit to your 'Favorite Prescription' when I know it has restored me to perfect health which I have not enjoyed for years before." and a portrait of Miss Yetta Wilson.

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MORE MEASLES.

The Epidemic Seems to Be Spreading Over the City.

The mild epidemic, as it were, of measles, which was spoken of in The Tribune on Monday, is spreading. Several cases have been reported.

Three new cases were reported at the Board of Health office this week. They are located in the Pott's home on Jefferson street.

The breaking away from coffee is an exceedingly serious problem to many people, especially when headaches follow leaving off the drug, and dyspepsia and bowel trouble grows more and more serious if the coffee is continued. So there you are between two fires.

A comparatively easy way out was taken by a lady from Franklin, Pa., who says: "We had a curious experience with coffee. Husband had been, for many years, a sufferer from dyspepsia with heart-burn, headaches and general nervous trouble. We tried a great many remedies but none of them did him any lasting good.

"We concluded that there must be something about employment that thus affected him. One day a man told him that probably coffee was the cause of his trouble and advised him to use Postum. The first time I made it I studied directions and made it good. Well that day was a day long to be remembered.

We liked the Postum but we had a hundred headaches compressed into one. You see the trouble was we had both used coffee so long that our nerves were in a state of collapse without the usual stimulus. Until then I did not dream I was such a slave to coffee but we had to do something to quit, so the next morning I used Postum with part coffee and we missed the headache, then I used less coffee every morning for about two weeks, and then Postum alone for nearly a year now, and I just wish you could see the change in my husband. He has better teeth than he ever had before, never has the headache, can eat anything he wants, does not have heart-burn or any stomach trouble, and he cannot be induced to drink coffee under any circumstances.

When anybody mentions dyspepsia in his presence he tells them what cured him.

I was almost as bad as he but am now entirely well, and have gone up from \$8 pounds to 108 pounds and am so thankful for the blessing of good health.

If my name will do any good, use it, for we stand by the latter part of the month. A. E. Bowers, 23, 9th Street, Franklin, Pa.

TWO SUCCESSFUL EVENTS.

Piano Forte Recital and Musicals for Benefit of Church.

The musical events of Monday evening were highly successful, both from an artistic and social standpoint.

At the home of Hayden Evans, on Laurel street, there was the piano-forte recital by Mrs. Arthur Long, of Scranton, one of Mr. Evans' pupils.

The numbers by Mrs. Long were given with artistic feeling and splendid technique. Miss Via Jones, contralto, and Mrs. Frank Brundage, soprano, assisted, rendering the solos which won the prizes at the national elistedford in Scranton on Friday last. The treat which their singing offered was fully appreciated.

The beautiful parlors of the home of John J. Simpson, on River street, were filled with the patrons of the musicale, so delightfully given under the patronage of Mrs. Simpson. A dainty luncheon followed the music. The programme was as follows: Piano solo, Mrs. F. H. Woodworth; vocal solo, Miss Susan Black; violin solo, Robert Gardner; vocal solo, Miss Bowman; vocal duet, Miss Susan Black and Ralph Williams; piano solo, I. Val Hollenback; solo, Ralph Williams; violin solo, Robert Gardner; vocal solo, Miss Bowman; duet, Miss Black and Mr. Williams; piano solo, I. Val Hollenback.

Will Go to Potter County.

William Walker, a well known young man of the town, who left here a few weeks ago for Massachusetts, returned yesterday and spent the day at his home in this city. He will leave today for Costello, Potter county, this state, where a good position awaits him. During his absence, Mr. Walker visited the leading New England towns, besides New York city and Philadelphia.

Alderman Morrison Very Ill.

Alderman Morrison was worse last evening. Doctors fear that pneumonia has set it. Dr. William Morrison, of Philadelphia, his son, is at his bedside.

Will Wed Scranton Man.

Another of the weddings that will take place during the month of June is that of Miss Helen Patterson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Patterson, of Lincoln avenue, to Clayton P. Dalrymple, of Scranton. The nuptials will take place in the First Presbyterian church, the latter part of the month. The announcement will be the occasion of numerous felicitations among the

MEETINGS OF TONIGHT.

Carbondale Lodge of Masons. Father Carew Branch, Catholic Knights. Pioneer Castle, Knights Mystic Chain. Carbondale Lodge, Knights of Pythias. Ladies' Auxiliary, Railroad Engineers, afternoon.

Will Be Wedded Today.

There will be an elaborate wedding at St. Rose church at 9 o'clock this morning. The bride will be Miss Katharine Quinn and the groom, John Scanton, both of Fairbrook street. Both are well known and their nuptials will attract a good deal of interest.

St. Aloysius Meeting.

The St. Aloysius society held its regular semi-monthly meeting last evening and transacted important business.

THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Elizabeth Nicholson will be held this afternoon. Services will be conducted at the house, No. 15 Birkeret street, at 3 o'clock by Rev. Rollin A. Sawyer, pastor of Trinity church. Burial will be in Maplewood cemetery.

J. F. Salfrey, of Scranton, county coroner, was in town yesterday and investigated the circumstances surrounding the death of the late James Moran. Finding that it was due to a stroke of apoplexy, he decided that no inquest was necessary.

Dr. William Morrison, of Philadelphia, is here on account of the dangerous illness of his father, Alderman William Morrison.

Rev. A. F. Chaffee, of the First Methodist church of this city, was among the several clergymen who delivered eulogistic remarks at the funeral services of the late Mrs. Sarah L. Peck, of Green Ridge, Monday.

J. J. Sweeney left last night for Chicago, where he hopes to find employment. James Fluellen has gone to Harrison, N. J., where he has secured a good job.

A. L. Sahn, W. B. Skeels, S. H. Williams, Thomas Harris and J. H. Reese are at Fiddle lake on a fishing trip.

The police troopers have discarded their blue winter helmets for the light colored summer ones, which are also lighter in weight.

OLYPHANT

St. Patrick's Parochial Academy will close Friday, June 20. The closing exercises will be held in the Father Mathew opera house. An opera, pretty drills and several other numbers will be rendered by the pupils. Re-

ARCHBALD.

W. J. Speicher, George Pfarr, Arthur Bishop, Henry Beck and Will Sauer left for Lake Ladore