

DEATH OF CAPT. J. H. JOHNSON

Captain Joseph H. Johnson, a man whose name in Danville has come to be synonymous with honor and upright living, a man who numbered among his list of friends almost every body that he knew, has passed from the midst of those who had learned to love him. It has been generally known throughout town for the past two weeks that Mr. Johnson was confined to his bed with the complaint that during the past year has been fastening itself upon him—heart trouble. His condition, although serious, did not seem extremely critical until Sunday noon, when acute pneumonia set in. After that he grew rapidly weaker until death came at 9:50 Sunday evening. Captain Johnson was 66 years of age, having been born at Pottsville on the 18th of March, 1840. He came to Danville when but a lad of ten years. Here for a while he was an iron worker and later entered the grocery business. For the past ten years he has operated a dye works.

EXAMINING DOG'S HEAD

There is a slight mad dog scare in the vicinity of Strawberry Ridge, as the result of which Charles Reeder, a young man of that place, may go to the Pasteur Institute for treatment. The young man bitten is the son of George Reeder, a prominent resident. The bite was inflicted quite two weeks ago by Mr. Reeder's own dog. The exact circumstances of the case have not been learned, but it seems that there was something about the dog that aroused suspicion that he might have been afflicted with rabies. The wound was canterized but as time wore on all things seemed to cause a feeling of disquietude and in order to allay fears at the suggestion of Dr. Shuman, the family physician, it was decided to send the head of the dog, which had been killed, in to Veterinarian J. O. Reed, the local representative of the State Live Stock Sanitary Board. When Dr. Reed received the dog's head he immediately forwarded it to Philadelphia for a bacteriological test by Dr. Leonard Pearson, the State veterinarian.

MASONIC RITES PERFORMED

All that was mortal of Captain Joseph H. Johnson was consigned to the grave in Odd Fellows' cemetery yesterday. Not in many years has a funeral taken place that has caused such an outpouring of our own citizens and brought here so many people from neighboring places, a fact which most eloquently attested to the high standing and personal popularity of the deceased. The funeral took place from Pine Street Lutheran church at 1:30 p. m. Rev. Dr. Shindel, pastor of Pine Street Lutheran church, is just recovering from an illness and was not physically equal to the task of conducting the funeral. In his place Rev. U. G. Myers of Catawissa officiated. Rev. Mr. Myers knew the deceased for many years and he paid a noble tribute to his memory. Among the musical numbers rendered at the funeral was a beautiful solo, "Face to Face," by Mrs. Arthur Matchett of Middletown; also a quartette "Abide With Me," by Mrs. W. R. Paines, Miss Anna Fry, Robert Jacobs and Sam A. McCoy. The deceased belonged to Mahoning Lodge No. 516, F. & A. M., and he was signally honored by the members of the Masonic Fraternity. It would be difficult to recall an occasion when a larger number of the white gloved fraternity were in line to follow a brother to the grave. Taking in lodge 516 and the sister lodge 234, present by invitation, there were in the procession at least fifty members.

SAN FRANCISCO REAL INFERNO DUE TO EARTHQUAKE AND FIRE

Worst Earthquake in American History Visited Upon San Francisco Yesterday—Indescribable Damage Done—Fires Still Burning and Fire Fighters Are Powerless. The most horrible and the greatest earthquake in American history occurred yesterday morning at San Francisco and the magnitude of the horror seems to grow with each succeeding bulletin. It destroyed telegraph and railroad facilities.

MASKED ROBBERS BOLD OUTRAGE

Like the star chapter of the most thrilling piece of fiction on the deeds of bad men in the far west is the story of a bold robbery that was committed along the border limits of Sunbury Tuesday night. The scene of the outrageous event was the home of John Lower, track-walker for the Pennsylvania railroad company. Mr. Lower resides in a small house near the creek bridge below the dam on the outskirts of Sunbury. Bidding his wife and three children goodnight he left his home after supper Tuesday evening. Sometime between ten and eleven o'clock Mrs. Lower was aroused out of her sleep by a banging at the front door. Before she realized what was going on the front door was battered open and three men, all wearing black masks over their faces, entered her room and dragged her to the bed. Frightening the defenseless woman into submission by telling her that if she made but a single outcry or attempted to give an alarm in any way that they would kill her, and displaying large revolvers the robbers roughly seated Mrs. Lower on a chair. The next act of the masked robbers was to gag their victim and tie her securely to the chair. Before they completed their work she had sustained a number of scratches on her face and bruises on her body.

DEALERS UNABLE TO BUY COAL

With the cessation of mining over the anthracite region—with the consequent refusal of the operators to ship a pound of coal from the mines and with a miners' strike of greater or less duration one of the probabilities of the immediate future, Danville, like many other towns of the State as far as the question of hard coal is concerned, faces anything but a cheerful outlook. Simultaneously with the shut down the shipment of coal at the mines ceased. Upon inquiry yesterday it was learned that not one of our local dealers is able to procure a pound of coal. The orders placed by the local dealers are acknowledged but there is no assurance when they will be filled. The card employed by the D. L. & W. company in acknowledging the receipt of orders has the following stamped upon it in red ink: "All orders subject to ability to ship and to prices when shipment is made." No one doubts that affairs in the coal region are drifting on toward a prolonged miners' strike and naturally under the circumstances there is curiosity to know just what surplus coal the dealers have on hand. In all the yards here it is practically the same. The dealers are busily engaged in filling the big orders placed during February and March by local consumers who had means for purchasing a big stock of coal, the room for storing it and were astute enough to foresee that a clash between the miners and operators was unavoidable. It may take some weeks yet to deliver all the coal previously ordered and until this is done it will be difficult to tell just what margin may remain to meet the general demand. The dealers, however, feel morally sure that by the time they have their orders all filled the quantity of coal on hand in their respective yards will not be worth taking into account. All of which implies that unless some unforeseen circumstance occurs to prevent a miners' strike, before the summer is half over Danville will be without coal in the dealers' yards. It is true that stores of wise forethought probably hundreds of families shipped their cellars filled but there are hundreds of others—those who purchase coal in smaller quantities, as they consume it—who will need coal and will be unable to procure it; therefore, while a miners' strike might not bring about exactly the same conditions here that prevailed three years ago, yet there would be much inconvenience and privation.

TRUSTEES AGREE ON SITE

The trustees of the hospital for the insane, who, it seems, held different views as to where the new heat, light and power plant ought to be located, have come to an agreement concerning the site. The new heat, light and power plant will be located at the rear of the main hospital building on the site at present occupied by the lumber yard. There were some things to recommend the site for the heat, light and power plant originally selected, at the coal dump, west of the hospital buildings, such as the least cost of the fact that fuel could be unloaded directly from the cars into the coal bins that feed the boilers, thereby eliminating the expense of re-handling the coal as might be necessary if another site were selected. Among the disadvantages taken into consideration by the trustees was the fact that the coal dump is about one thousand feet away and that to select that point as a site would be to necessitate the construction of a massive conduit between the plant and the buildings through which to transmit the heat, light and power, that would involve an immense amount of work and would cost up a considerable slice of the appropriation of \$91,000. In addition to this it was a question whether there would not be a loss or waste of power in carrying steam and electricity so far. The outcome of the matter was the site at the rear of the hospital was selected for the heat, light and power plant. The contract for the building will be awarded on Friday when the building committee of the trustees will hold a meeting at the hospital for the insane. The heat, light and power plant will be of brick, a plain one-story structure, 107 feet long and 59 feet wide. It will be built on a substantial stone foundation.

Fractured Knee Cap Discovered

A most remarkable case was brought to notice yesterday when it was discovered that a young man, Charles Foust, of Danville, who was hurt by a fall last autumn, had been existing for the past six months with a fractured knee cap, totally unaware of the serious nature of his injuries. The young man, who resides with his sister, Mrs. Truitt, Gulick's addition, was carrying a pail of water at his home when he fell, injuring his leg. He was confined to the house for two weeks and received medical attention. Later he began to make his way about with the aid of a cane, but his injuries did not seem to improve. Yesterday morning he visited the office of Dr. Harpel, who at once diagnosed the case as a fractured knee cap. Several other physicians were called into consultation upon the case, among them being Dr. L. G. Barber, who was able to make arrangements for the young man to receive treatment at the Mary Packard hospital at Sunbury.

Worst Earthquake in American History Visited Upon San Francisco

San Francisco was partially wrecked by earthquake at 5:10 this morning. Shock lasted three minutes. A thousand buildings damaged and destroyed. Loss of life reported great. No water and fire all over city. All wires except one gone. City hall, costing seven millions in ruins. Modern buildings suffered less than brick and frame. Terror and excitement indescribable. Most people asleep and rushed into streets undressed. Buildings swayed and crashed, burying occupants. Panic in downtown hotels. Lick house badly damaged but no loss of life reported. The Palace and St. Francis hotels stood the shock. People flocked to the telegraph offices to send messages to friends and were frantic because there were no wires. The greater damage was done to buildings south of Market street, where mostly they are frame and tenement houses. Fires occurred in every block in that district.

POOR OUTLOOK IN COAL SITUATION

NEW YORK, April 18.—The strike situation looks darker today than at any time since the operators and miners' representatives have been holding conferences. The operators have prepared a letter to the miners answering the miners' demands for arbitration in which it is claimed that there is nothing to arbitrate, stating that all questions were settled by the previous strike commission. The reply is lengthy. In one place it says: "You are responsible for the suspension of work. There was no good reason for ordering the men to stop work pending our negotiations, which had been delayed by you, especially in view of the fact that we were willing to continue to pay the wages fixed by the strike commission." "NOTHING FURTHER TO OFFER!" In conclusion the letter states: "We have no other suggestions to make than those contained in our former propositions, and we regret that you have declined both of them. We have nothing further to offer."

Jesus of Nazareth

An audience that taxed the capacity of the Grove Presbyterian church heard a most finished rendition of Oswald Allen's cantata, "Jesus of Nazareth," Sunday afternoon. A great deal of the charm of the occasion lay in the fact that it was an undertaking entirely new in Danville. In many of the large cities the cantata is used on occasions of sacred importance, and the unqualified success of its first usage in Danville makes a reputation most desirable to those who admire this class of music. The Grove church had been beautifully decorated for the occasion. Long before 4:30, the time given out for the beginning of the cantata, every seat in the church auditorium was occupied, and people who came later were seated in the Sunday school room. The chorus of twenty voices, had been rehearsed under the direction of Mr. Irvine Yaman, and the ensemble work was rendered with a finished excellence that was a credit to the capability of the director, and to the individual worth of each member of the choir.

GROWING A SOIL

The county commissioners are now fixing up the court house lawn, after which it will be sown with grass seed. The material procured from the river bridge when the latter was cleaned off a couple of weeks ago, did not prove sufficient for the top course and in order to complete the work it was necessary to look in some other direction for fertile and productive soil such as would grow a good soil. Yesterday Ellis Rank was put to work with two carts hauling soil up from the meadow along Mahoning creek, which will no doubt fill the bill very nicely. The soil is obtained from the spot where John Keim obtains clay for making brick, and the commissioners in removing it do the brick maker a good turn by laying bare the deposits of clay. In a short time the court house grounds will no doubt be blooming like a rose. The grass on the south side of the building is already growing nicely and boards are very conspicuously displayed warning people to "keep off the soil."

Did Spring Ploughing

Under the leadership of Mr. Oscar Vastine a number of neighbors with teams assembled at the home of Mr. Clarence Phillips, Mahoning township, Monday, and rendered considerable assistance by doing the greater part of his spring plowing. The social feature was much enjoyed. All were feasted on the good things furnished by the hostess and her assistant, Mrs. Oscar Vastine. Those present were: Oscar Vastine, Clarence Hendershuff, Michael McGraw, John Casey, E. L. White, Arthur Stetler, Jasper Stetler, Alfred Diehl, William Miller, Charles Arter, Jasper Phillips and B. L. Diehl, all of whom hope for the return of health and strength of their friend.

Miss Bertha Kase Entertains

Miss Bertha Kase entertained a number of her friends at a taffy pull Saturday evening at her home in South Danville, in honor of Miss Irene Humphrey. The guests were: Misses Jessie Kimerer, Edith Kramer, Katherine Vastine, Messrs. Edwin Moore, John A. Kase, Will L. McCoy, Robert M. Jacobs and Charles A. Hartt.

Brick Yards in Operation

John Keim has already begun the work of making bricks for the season, all four of his brick yards having started up. Some brick were made on Friday, but these later were damaged by the rain. Yesterday the season opened in earnest and taking in all four of the yards Mr. Keim has some twenty-five men employed. From now on except when the weather is rainy each of the yards will be in operation every day. A little later on two additional moulders may be put on, which will increase the combined product of the kilns very much. Pending the adjustment of difficulties between the coal operators and the miners Mr. Keim is uncertain as to what measure of success may attend the season's work. Should there be a shortage of anthracite coal it will be impossible for him to burn brick, as his kilns are not adapted to bituminous coal and wood suitable for the purpose here has become a commodity so scarce as to be practically out of the question.

Several More Automobiles

It is altogether likely that during the coming summer, several automobiles will be added to those now in commission in Danville and immediate vicinity. The fact is known that there are several prospective purchasers and it will probably be only a short time until the new machines are in evidence. It is also rumored that at least one automobile will be for hire and will be run in any direction over the country roads at so much per hour. A popular route, it is believed, will be found to lie in the direction of Washingtonville and Strawberry Ridge, which have always proved favorite objective points for hack parties and others when out for pleasure. A longer ride of course, will be between Danville and Milton and Danville and Bloomsburg. An automobile run over the river bridge through Riverside and out over the State highway proves immensely enjoyable. Indeed, it would be difficult to turn in any direction in the midst of our delightful scenery and not find a route that would possess an especial charm in the pleasant summer weather.

Little Girl Breaks Arm

Gussie, the six-year daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Bedea, Factory street, while at play Saturday afternoon fell and fractured her left elbow. A board had been removed from the fence enclosing the lot and the little girl was in the act of skipping through the aperture when her foot caught on the lower rail and she fell foremost through the fence striking her left arm in such a way as to fracture the bone at the elbow joint.

Will Patrol Tracks

The Reading railway company has inaugurated a plan through which it can save its property from damages and destruction. Commencing this week track watchmen were placed along the entire main line, covering the road east as far as Tamaqua and west to Williamsport. They travel in a relay system, patrolling this immediate vicinity as follows: One starts at Carbon Run and paces to Big Mountain, the next from Big Mountain to Excelsior and so on along the whole route between the points named above. Upon reaching a telegraph office they must report to the operator there, time of arriving and leaving that point, and the operators along the line make a report of the watchmen's movements to headquarters at Tamaqua hourly. This is a systematic record of their doings kept up. The whereabouts of every one on the main line is known at all times and just where he can be found when wanted. The object of this as stated above is to protect the tracks and the property along them, the company stating that it is not going to run any risks of depositions being committed, but will try to prevent such from happening.

New Silk Mill for West Berwick

A concern known as the W. E. Beer Silk Mill Co., after much negotiating has finally secured land in West Berwick for the erection of a silk mill at that place. Two large brick buildings will be erected at once, and it is hoped that the mill can begin operation in four months' time. It is said that between 200 and 250 hands will be employed. The company already has large plants in operation at Patterson, N. J., and Lehighton, Pa., and the West Berwick plant will be a branch of the large mills.

Loss Over \$100,000,000

As Associated Press dispatch last night said that conservative estimates placed the loss in San Francisco well over \$100,000,000, and growing larger with each report. Leland Stanford Demolished—Leland Stanford university, the greatest school of the West, and in many particulars the finest in the world, was practically demolished. One student, from Nebraska, was killed.

Between 500 and 700 Killed

Late Associated Press dispatches last night placed the killed between 500 and 700. The figures are constantly changing, however, and it is impossible to tell as yet the extent of the fatalities. Lent will soon be a memory—just like the umbrella some one borrowed of you.

Helman—Beyer

Miss Ada M. Beyer, of this city, and Charles S. Helman, of Strawberry Ridge, were united in matrimony Saturday. The nuptial knot was tied by Rev. C. D. Lerch at the home of the bride's father, Philip Beyer, corner of Nassau and Front streets, at half past four o'clock in the afternoon, the ring ceremony being employed.

Little Girl Bled to Death

Sylvia Porhortoe, a child, bled to death at Shamokin last night as the result of severing an artery in her neck. The child had stepped upon a chair to get a drink from the sink on the lower. As she was the first of-door plant to bloom in the spring, yet late in the fall it buds again and at times, when the fall is very late, it comes out in full bloom and a few of the fragrant sprays can be found at that time.