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RAILROAD WRECKS COSTLY.

Large Sums Paid for Injuries and Deaths of Passengers.

When the enormous amount of capital invested to make possible the operation of a railroad is considered, and then to this is added the ordinary running expenses, and the possibility of a wreck at any moment entailing a loss of thousands upon thousands of dollars, the wonder is that the cost of transportation is not greater, rather than less, than it is.

The first suit filed against the Pennsylvania railroad because of the injuries sustained in the recent wreck near Harrisburg in which twenty-one lives were lost, was filed Thursday in the United States circuit court in New York by Clarence J. Opper. He was a passenger on the wrecked train, and asks damages in the amount of \$50,521.

He says he was thrown violently to the ground and stunned, his feet lacerated and the drum of his right ear destroyed. He avers that because of these injuries he is unable to continue to earn a livelihood.

Representatives of the Western Maryland Railroad Company have made a settlement with the families of practically all of the victims in Frederick county of the recent railroad accident near Westminster. The settlement was made on a basis of \$500 to each family where one member was killed. In the case of the Sweeney family, where a father and two sons were killed, the company paid the surviving widow \$1,500. It is understood that Mrs. Sweeney did not accept the terms of the railroad company at first, but after holding out for a larger indemnity, finally agreed to accept the offer of the company.

From the Hancock Star.

Louis Bishop, stepson of Mr. Thomas Beatty, Hancock, was drowned in the C. & O. Canal ten miles above Hancock about 9 o'clock Friday. Bishop was boating on boat No. 70, in charge of Capt. Lafayette Dick, loaded with coal for Williamsport. Andrew Jenkins, colored, was arrested charged with pushing Bishop into the canal, but was released, the coroner's jury finding that the drowning was accidental. Bishop was interred Saturday at Siding Hill.

J. Irvin Wisner, engineer of the Maryland Geological Survey, Baltimore, on Wednesday came to Hancock for the purpose of making surveys on the Hancock-Warford road, which it is proposed to make under the new road law by which the county pays half and the State half. The road will be made from Hancock to the Pennsylvania line, about two miles. It is one of the most used roads in this section. When the road is completed it will be a model of pike construction.

Presbyterian Reunion.

The annual reunion of the Presbyterians of the Cumberland Valley, and the adjoining parts of Maryland, West Virginia and Virginia, will be held at Pen Mar, Thursday, July 13th. The committee has secured two able speakers, the Rev. J. H. Moore, of Keyser, West Virginia, and the Rev. William J. B. Edgar, of Philadelphia.

The music will be of the same high order as that of former years. Many of the leading singers of Harrisburg, will aid in this part of the service. The beauties of Pen Mar are such that every one will enjoy them and for this reason the services will be made as short as possible. Special trains will be run from all points and the rates will be same as last year.

Harry E. Spangler, of Wells Tannery, spent a day or two in this vicinity last week looking after the purchase of a farm horse.

BIGGEST GIRL IN STATE DEAD.

Mary Shadow, Who Weighed 450 Pounds, Succumbed to Heart Disease.

Mary Shadow, said to be the largest woman in the state of Pennsylvania, died of heart failure on Thursday night at her home, Wood and Water streets, Middletown, Pa. She was 22 years old, weighed 450 pounds and had been bedfast almost from infancy.

Miss Shadow formerly lived in Rockville, but was moved to Middletown last fall after her family was burned out of their home in the former place. At the time the fire broke out the girl was alone in the house. Though she had not been able to get out of bed for a year on account of her infirmity, frightened by the sight of the flames, she sprang to her feet and collapsed into a rocking chair where she was found by neighbors attracted to the scene by her screams. It required eight men to exert their utmost efforts to remove her to safety.

Previous to the fire Miss Shadow underwent prolonged treatment at the Harrisburg hospital to reduce her flesh, but without success. When taken to the hospital the girl had to be transported from Rockville in a baggage car because she could not be carried through an ordinary door of a passenger coach.

Her removal from the hospital to her home was effected by the use of a piano dolly and a similar vehicle had to be used when her family removed her from Rockville to her late home in Middletown.

ADDS NEW LINE.

Geiser Company to Make Auto Delivery Wagons.

The Geiser Manufacturing Company, Waynesboro, is preparing to add another line to its already extensive business.

The auto wagon which the Geiser company will make will be an "assembling" of the best features from other machines. Autos are not patented and any of the parts can be used. The Geiser company has a number of inventors and first class mechanics in its employ and without doubt will place a high grade and successful machine on the market. It will be operated by a gasoline engine.

It has not been definitely decided whether the cars will be made in Waynesboro or Greencastle.

WEST DUBLIN.

R. R. Hann has entered upon the duties of carrying the mail on the Saluvia-Waterfall route. Elsie Laidig of Dublin Mills, visited relatives near Laidig last week.

Quite a number of our people attended Independence Day celebration at Hustontown.

Albert W. Clevenger, a superintendent for the Prudential Insurance Company, and his family of Pittsburg, are visiting at Hiram Clevenger's. Albert is taking some experience in the hay field during his visit.

Rev. Salter preached an impressive sermon at Fairview Sunday afternoon from Rom. 12: 1.

Margaret Clevenger, who had spent the past winter and spring in Pittsburg, came home last week.

Some of our young people attended the festival at Dubhn Mills Saturday evening.

Clarence Berkstresser, who is employed in Altoona, visited his parents at Hiram the past week. S. S. Wilson has killed twenty-four snakes this year.

Rev. W. B. Bowden, of Windber, Somerset county, a former Methodist minister of this county, was among those who attended church at Fairview on Sunday while visiting A. J. Comer's family.

Mrs. Jacob Sharp and son Neil of Dublin township, passed through this place on Monday on their way to Kearney, where Neil is working.

WILL CROSS THE PACIFIC.

Mr. and Mrs. Weber McKibbin Will Sail for the Philippines in a Few Weeks.

Vet. R. Weber McKibbin, of the Fourth Regiment, U. S. Cavalry, now stationed at Fort Walla Walla, Washington, has received orders to be ready to sail with his regiment to the Philippines at any time after the middle of August. Mr. McKibbin's wife and baby daughter will accompany him. Their many Fulton county friends join in wishing them a safe voyage and hope they may find their stay on the islands full of interest. The Doctor is a son of George McKibbin, of Buck Valley, and his wife a daughter of David M. Kendall, of the Cove. Web has recently received a promotion, and now ranks as captain.

OWL RIDGE.

The weather is very unfavorable for haymaking.

Jacob C. Mellott, of Andover, is improving.

Frank Oakman and wife are visiting friends at Andover.

Eleva Mellott was a caller at the Traveler's Rest Saturday evening.

There were big doings at W. R. Mellott's barn raising July the third. Thirty-nine men and ten women were present.

Miss E. E. Mellott, of Saluvia, spent Saturday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bradford Mason.

Dr. Hoop arrived at the raising of W. R. Mellott's barn at high noon in time to satisfy his craving appetite for ham and eggs, and our good Doctor came out stroking his flowing beard, and into the tall timbers he went.

W. R. Mellott's chief cook and gentleman friend, of Patterson Run, spent the Fourth at Hustontown.

A. M. Barton and daughter Ada, took dinner at Dr. and Mrs. Hoop's Sunday.

Mrs. B. J. Mason, who was ill, is improving.

WELLS TANNERY.

Mrs. Emma Wirick, of Southfork, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Helsel.

E. H. Kirk and daughter Margaret of Colorado Springs, and Mrs. J. C. Lamberson and two daughters of Hustontown, spent from Saturday until Sunday in the home of their brother J. C. Kirk.

Charles Lodge, a student of Dickinson Seminary, and brother Mark of Brush Creek Valley, spent from Saturday until Sunday with J. C. Kirk.

Miss Lizzie Wilson, one of Pittsburg's successful trained nurses, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Will Harmon.

Howard Tobias, of Everett, accompanied Rev. E. L. Kennedy to our valley Sunday, and was entertained in the home of Harvey Wishart and wife. Mrs. Sue Piper and Monna Piper, of Yellow Creek, were guests in the same home Sunday and Monday.

W. B. Stankard and wife spent Sunday with Mrs. Stankard's father, Mr. Ranck, near Brownsville.

R. H. Kay, of Kearney, attended church services in the Shermans Valley church Sunday, and spent the balance of the day with friends here.

Norris Baker, who is an agent for Collier's Weekly, is home for a few days.

Samuel Denisar, who has been employed at Mitchel Mills, Westmoreland county, is home resting a few days.

Edward Reisner, wife and little daughter, Elizabeth, of Shippenburg spent Monday and Tuesday with Mr. Reisner's brothers, Jacob and George, in this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace U. Nace and little son Donald, of this place, left yesterday for a few days' visit in the home of Mr. Nace's brother Wilson, in Carlisle.

MISS LIZZIE GIFFIN.

Young Bethel Township Woman Succumbs to That Dread Disease Consumption.

Miss Lizzie Giffin, daughter of William Giffin and wife, near Mt. Airy schoolhouse, died on Friday evening, the 30th, ult., at the home of her aunt, Miss Rose Ann Giffin, aged 25 years, 9 months and 12 days.

Her funeral took place on the Sunday following, conducted by Rev. Wm. H. Hendershot, and her remains were laid to rest in the cemetery at Cedar Grove.

Miss Giffin was an exemplary member of the Christian church, and her death thus early in life, is cause for genuine sorrow among her many friends. She was confined to her bed but a very few days. The immediate cause of her death was consumption, from which she had been suffering about a year.

AN OLD NEWSPAPER.

Mr. A. J. Lear Has a Newspaper Printed in Hagerstown Seventy-seven Years Ago.

Our Country is the name of a newspaper published at the "office of the Herald and Torchlight and Farmers' Register" in Hagerstown, Md., October 28, 1828, a copy of which was handed us a few days ago by Mr. A. J. Lear, of Licking Creek township.

It is a warm specimen of political journalism, and was issued in the interests of John Quincy Adams, then a candidate for the presidency against old Andy Jackson. But little space was used to show the good qualities of Mr. Adams, but nothing was left unsaid that would blacken the character of Jackson. He was denounced as a murderer, a blackleg, and a villain, and to add force to the statements made, a dozen cuts of coffins appear—each one to represent some one whose life had been taken by the hand or by the personal order of Mr. Jackson.

The paper attempts to stir up the hatred of the Dunkards and Quakers against Mr. Jackson. Whether or not there was any truth in the statements made in "Our Country" the result of the election showed a waste of ammunition, for Jackson was elected.

Reformed Reunion.

The following is the program for the sixteenth annual reunion of the Reformed churches to be held at Pen-Mar on Thursday, July 20, in the auditorium at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon:

Prelude, Pen-Mar Orchestra; invocation, the Rev. J. A. Hoffheins, Martinsburg; hymn, No. 448; Apostle's creed, led by the Rev. T. K. Cromer; response; Gloria Patria; response; the Sanctus; festival prayer; hymn, No. 8; address, the Rev. T. L. Bickel, Philadelphia; subject, "The Terrors of the Reformed Church," addresses, the Rev. A. V. Caselman, Pittsburg, subject, "Oriental Lesson Lights;" music; greeting from China by the Rev. Dr. Hoy, Yochow, and from Japan by the Rev. Dr. Schneider, of Sendai; hymn, No. 277; Lord's prayer led by the Rev. E. R. Appenzeller; doxology and benediction.

The music will be in charge of the young ladies of the Woman's College, Frederick.

SALUVIA.

Some of our farmers are done cutting grain.

Robert Klue was visiting his grandmother Mrs. John Hann.

Rev. J. R. Logue will preach his farewell sermon on the fourth Sunday of next month at early lamplight.

On reaching the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hann last Sunday, Howard Hann went to the stable to put his horse away when he discovered just inside the door a huge blacksnake. The snake was promptly killed and when opened it was found to contain 22 eggs. The reptile was over seven feet in length.

MONEY FROM GERMANY.

Adams County People Who Get Fortune from Deceased Uncle.

The Gettysburg Sentinel tells how residents of Adams county have just received a fortune from the old country. The story goes as follows:

"John Plantz, arrived in this country in April, 1854, unmarried. He walked from Baltimore to Adams county, locating at Arendtsville. He subsequently purchased the property on Kecklar's Hill, north of Gettysburg, and married Catharine Herbst. The only relative living was a brother, J. Justus Plantz, of Darmstadt, Germany. John Plantz died some years ago and is survived by four children, Geo. and Miss Sadie of Cumberland township; John of Illinois, and Harry of Iowa.

"About April 1st, last, an advertisement appeared in the New York papers inquiring for the heirs of John Plantz. This advertisement came to the notice of the above named heirs and Mr. Hersh was sent to New York to investigate the matter. He discovered that the only brother of John Plantz had recently died in Germany, intestate and without issue and the only heirs were those of John Plantz aforesaid.

"In making out the proof of relationship &c., Mr. Hersh discovered among the papers of John Plantz, deceased, his original passport issued by the authorities at Darmstadt when he came to this country, also several letters, written in 1855 from the said brother in Germany. These with some family records in possession of the heirs proved satisfactory and upon the final settlement of the estate last month, 7,550 marks were sent to this country as the share of the four Plantz heirs.

HUSTONTOWN.

Mrs. Lizzie Downs and son, Glenn, of Clearfield, Pa., are visiting relatives in this community.

Rev. Harry Newman and wife visited at their respective homes last week.

Wm. Martz, a telephone line-man, with headquarters at Harrisburg, visited his brother John in this place, a day recently.

B. E. Cutchall and wife, of Six Mile Run, spent part of last week at the former's home—Wm. Cutchall and wife, in this place.

Jesse B. McClain, wife and two little daughters, of Mount Union, spent the 4th with the former's father, F. C. McClain.

Kerry Commerford and wife, of Brooklyn, N. Y., are visiting the latter's parents, Jesse Woodcock and wife, of this place.

Miss May Barton is home from Millersville State Normal on her summer vacation.

George Croft, a former resident of this place, but now of Ridgeway, Pa., spent part of last week renewing acquaintances in this place.

The sudden illumination of W. H. Ranck's face one morning last week caused us to make inquiry as to the cause, and we were informed that a little dish-washer had come to his place to live.

Wm. Kegarise and wife, of Irwona, Pa., spent the 4th at this place.

Daisy Hoover, of West Dublin, is visiting at the home of Mrs. Margaret Laidig.

Harry Dawney, our new mail carrier from this place to Three Springs, purchased a new horse last week.

Amos Palmer and wife, of Belfast, visited at the home of the latter's brother, Geo. Clevenger, Saturday and Sunday.

Albert Clevenger and wife and Miss Maggie Clevenger, of Pittsburg, and Mrs. Hiram Clevenger, of Hiram, visited Geo. Clevenger last Friday evening.

The Elworth League of this place will give a free entertainment in a grove, Saturday evening, July 22. All are invited.

BOY'S MARVELOUS ESCAPE.

Lightning Killed Horse From Under Him—Barn Burned.

From Monday's Public Opinion Chambersburg, we learn that during the thunder storm of Saturday evening lightning struck the barn on the George Rahausor farm, near Guilford Springs, Franklin county, tenanted by a man named Flohr, and the entire structure, with most of its contents, was consumed.

The fire started about half-past seven o'clock and it was not long before the entire place was in flames. Neighbors were attracted by the blaze and lent what assistance they could, but their efforts were of little avail.

Through difficulty a number of pieces of machinery were got out. The season's crop of wheat which had been harvested but a week before, was destroyed.

About forty acres of wheat were in the mow and this caused a terribly hot fire. It burned all day, Sunday.

Nearby buildings were saved. It is said that the barn was insured by Mr. Rahausor and that Mr. Flohr carried insurance on his wheat crop.

A remarkable circumstance in connection with the striking of the barn by the lightning bolt is that a young son of Mr. Flohr was just entering the barn door astride a horse. The lightning struck and killed the horse and the boy was not hurt. The horse fell and the lad landed on top of the prostrate animal.

NEEDMORE.

The recent wet weather has greatly hindered the farmers in gathering their harvests.

A. Runyan attended the funeral of Oscar Morgret at Berkeley Springs on Sunday.

Isaac Conner and Grant Mellott, of Mattie, Bedford county, were guests of Eli Peck Saturday evening and Sunday.

Squire Garland and Wesley McKee are improving their houses by putting up porches to them.

We very much doubt if the most popular preacher in the county could have drawn so many people together in such weather as were here to attend the Brubaker show last week.

Ex-Sheriff W. H. Pittman was here on business last Thursday.

Alfred Mellott commenced his four-year job for Uncle Sam the first day of this month, and uncle Sam Clevenger went to plowing corn.

T. W. Peck and family spent Sunday among Mrs. Peck's people in Bedford county.

An excessive indulgence in hard cider caused some young "would be" gents from along Siding Hill to be rather demonstrative here the last night of the show. Better look out a little boys, if you don't want a trip to Fort Alexander.

GRACEY.

The farmers are busy harvesting.

The social at Dublin Mills was well attended Saturday night.

L. A. Lamberson has just returned from a very pleasant trip through California.

There will be preaching at Mt. Tabor Sunday morning.

There will be a social held in the grove at Gracey, Saturday evening. All are invited. Boxing exercise at night.

Miss Lillian Henry is visiting her aunt, Mrs. J. L. Kesseling. James Barnett was a pleasant caller at Thomas Reeder's Sunday evening.

Mrs. Mary McNeal, of Johnstown, visited her parents last week.

There will be preaching at Center M. E. church, Sunday evening, July 23.

Mr. Roy Kendall, who has been employed by the P. R. R. Company in Altoona, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Kendall in the Cove.

ABOUT PEOPLE YOU KNOW.

Snapshots at Their Movements, as They Come and Go.

NAMES OF VISITORS AND VISITED

Home for a Vacation, Away for an Outing, a Trip for Business or Pleasure, You'll Find it Right Here.

Mrs. A. U. Nace is visiting in the home of her son Wilson in Carlisle.

George F. Metzler, of Harrisonville, was in town attending to business last Friday morning.

George Reihart and William Butts, of Burnt Cabins, were among the business visitors in town last Saturday.

Frank E. W. Scott, of Scanton, is spending his summer vacation with his parents, H. W. Scott and wife, of this place.

The berry crop seems to be unusually large this year, and plenty of huckleberries and raspberries are being offered at five cents a quart.

Miss Emma Sloan returned home last Thursday from her trip to Lake George, where she had been attending the Y. W. C. A. convention.

Mr. J. G. Reiser was in Lancaster a few days last week. He says he noticed much wheat standing dead ripe—the ground being too wet to take the machines into the fields to cut it.

Miss Jessie Wishart, of the U. S. Pension Office in Pittsburg, spent the first four days in this month in a little trip to Wells Valley. She expects to visit McConnellsburg later in the season.

Mrs. R. N. Shimer and daughter, Miss Grace, of McConnellsburg, Fulton county, spent Thursday night with friends in Tyrone. They were enroute to New Millport, where they will be the guests of Rev. George M. Shimer.—Tyrone Times.

Charles Hixson, of Emmaville, and his brother Watson, of Kankakee, Illinois, were guests of their uncle, David T. Fields of this place last Saturday night.—Watson, a former teacher in this county, and later an instructor in a Business College, has now a lucrative clerical position in a railroad office.

Mrs. George B. Shoemaker and daughter, Miss Bess, of Eldora, Iowa, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Sheets, of this place. Their trip east was occasioned partly on account of the ill health of Mrs. Shoemaker's brother, Presiding Elder Amos S. Baldwin. Amos's many friends will be gratified to learn that his condition is much improved.

Our old chum and schoolmate of boyhood days, W. E. Hughes a native of McConnellsburg, and who during the past twenty years has conducted a school of physical culture in Philadelphia, was unfortunately enough a few days ago while in the gymnasium to get one of his arms broken. This means an enforced vacation of some six weeks or more. Why not come up to McConnellsburg, Will, during that time?

Mr. Watson W. Palmer, a prominent "marble and granite" man of Connellsville, Pa., and his niece Miss Verda Akers, of Philadelphia, spent a few hours in town last Wednesday. Miss Akers is a former Fulton county teacher, but for several years has been at the head of the Department of ladies' hats designing with the firm of Apt Bros., in Philadelphia, in charge of a force of three hundred employees.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. McClain and their two little daughters, Lillian and Mildred, of Mount Union, were the guests of Miss Boss Trout out "at the Willows" last Thursday. Jesse is representing the Prudential Life Insurance Company, and thinks that is about the only thing that kept him from climbing the golden stairs when he had the Mount Union small pox a few months ago.