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POWDER HOUSE EXPLOSION

Shocking Disaster at Woodvale Mines on Broadtop Last Monday Morning. Powder House Blown Up.

FOUR DEAD AND FIVE SERIOUSLY HURT

New Grenada, July 23.—One of the most shocking disasters that has ever occurred on the mountain was that of this morning, when one of the powder houses of Jesse O. McClain was blown up and four persons were instantly killed and five others so seriously injured that they may not recover.

Mr. McClain operates the store at the Robertsdale mines, and has a powder house there and one at Woodvale a mile south of Robertsdale. In these houses are kept powder, dynamite, caps, fuse, &c., and are supplied to the miners to the miners each morning before they enter the mines for their day's work. Norman McClain usually has charge of the one at Woodvale, but as he was away from home this morning, Edward Alloway took his place at the powder house.

It was about seven o'clock when Edward and eight miners were in the powder house, each miner getting his supply of explosion. Ed, who was behind the counter was horrified when he glanced around and saw a man by the name of Ryan filling his powder can, and at the same time smoking a pipe. Mr. Alloway keenly sensitive as to the danger of such foolhardy conduct called out sharply to Mr. Ryan, and at the same time sprang across the counter, evidently with the intention of getting out of the building. But the pipe had got in its work, and in a moment there was a terrific explosion, the timbers of the building and the unfortunate men were hurled high into the air, with their clothing burning like great torches. The body of Milton Rohrer, of Saltillo, was caught in the debris and burned to a crisp.

The lists of victims follow:

THE DEAD.

Milton Rohrer, Saltillo.
Jefferson Ryan, Robertsdale.
Edward Alloway, Robertsdale.
Alex. Miller, Saltillo.

THE INJURED.

Daniel Black, Woodvale.
James Hayes, Robertsdale.
Charles Glunt, Pogue.
H. F. Arnold, Woodvale.
Milton Ramsay, Robertsdale.

Edward Alloway, aged about 30 years, was born and reared in Wells Valley, and lived near this place until about two years ago, when he removed to Robertsdale to clerk in Jesse O. McClain's store. He was a popular fellow, was a member of Waterfall Lodge I. O. O. F., and of Washington Camp, 479, P. O. S. of A. He is survived by a widow and four children. His remains will be interred at the cemetery at Bethel church in this place on Wednesday.

Mr. Black is a son, and Mr. Rohrer a son-in-law, of John R. Black.

The other victims of the disaster were residents in, and near, Three Springs, Saltillo and Robertsdale.

FINGER AMPUTATED.

W. H. Duffy at Webster Mills Suffers Amputation of Index Finger of Right Hand.

Last week the News told about the accident that happened to W. H. Duffy at his mill at Webster Mills. To avoid the results of a threatened attack of gangrene, his physician advised amputation of the injured member. So, on last Sunday Dr. W. F. Sappington, of Webster Mills, assisted by Dr. Geo. Robinson of McConnellsburg, amputated the finger at the second joint, and the finger is now getting along nicely. Harry is not sure now whether he will have to do his writing with his left hand or with his toes.

B. F. Wible and wife have been guests in the home of their son, L. E. Wible, Esq., in this place during the past few days.

LAST SATURDAY'S STORM.

Heaviest Thunder Storm of the Season. Trees Uprooted and Buildings Damaged.

One of the most violent electrical storms of the season passed over this section of the country last Saturday afternoon. The rain came down in torrents, and for nearly half an hour, the electrical display was one of the finest ever witnessed here. There was just time enough elapsing between the flashes of lightning and the terrific peals of thunder rolling and reverberating among the neighboring hills and mountains, to make one feel that there was no immediate danger, and to give one a sense of freedom from danger that allowed the fullest enjoyment of the great display of the artillery of the heavens. Talk about squibs and Fourth of July cannon crackers! They were tame in comparison with the deafening peals of thunder and the roar of the storm.

The heaviest part of the storm passed across the Cove between this and Webster Mills, and the wind was much more violent down the Cove than in McConnellsburg. Much fence and many fruit trees were blown down. The roof of the barn on the farm of Albert Nesbit, four miles south of town was more than half blown off, and the roof of John Nesbit's barn was badly damaged.

The storm continued its course eastward, and did much damage in Franklin county.

Methodist Outing.

The Methodist outing for Central Pennsylvania will be held at Reservoir Park, Harrisburg, Friday, August 3rd. Last year there was an attendance of more than 10,000. It is expected that number will be exceeded this year. Eminent ministers and laymen of national reputation will deliver addresses. In the evening there will be a concert by a great chorus choir, supported by an orchestra of many instruments.

Saw the Point.

The following where a moral is clearly shown is taken from an exchange: Recently a church congregation in a little Kansas town built a new church. To pay for it they were obliged to call on the merchants of the community for donations. The merchants responded liberally and \$300 was raised from this source. The last man asked to subscribe was John Smith, a jeweler. "I will give you \$20 if you will let me add something to the subscription list," he said. The permission was afforded him and he wrote at the foot of the list: John Smith, jeweler, \$20.00. Sears, Roebuck & Co., \$300.00. Montgomery, Ward & Co., \$300.00.

The church people saw the point when the minister read from the pulpit the list of donors to the building fund and since the dedication of the church, there have been no mail orders sent out from that Kansas town.

WEST DUBLIN.

Albert Mellott, of Sipes Mill, was a welcome visitor in this community a few days ago.

Some of our young people attended the festival at Gracey on Saturday night, and report a good festival.

There will be a picnic and festival in Clevenger's woods 4 miles north of J. E. Lyons', by the Fairview M. E. Sunday school, on Saturday, August 4th, to which all are invited.

H. K. Mellott is repairing and enlarging Joseph Laidig's house.

Our farmers have secured their wheat, rye, and hay in good condition. Hay was rather short, but better than expected a month ago.

Dr. H. F. Whitig, member of the faculty of Dickinson College, Carlisle, accompanied by his little son Gerald, were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson L. Nace from Friday until Monday.

NEW PRESIDING ELDER.

Succeeding the Late Dr. G. W. Stevens on the Harrisburg District.

Rev. B. H. Mosser, D. D., of Carwensville, Pa., received notice from Bishop J. P. Berry, last Friday, of his appointment to the vacancy in the eldership of the Harrisburg district of the Central Pennsylvania annual conference of the Methodist Episcopal church. Dr. Mosser is an able preacher, a popular minister and a distinguished member of his conference. He served as pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church in Chambersburg from 1895 to 1898. He will move to Harrisburg at once and begin his active duties in his new and high position.

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT CHANGES.

State Superintendent Appoints Mr. Glenn of Armstrong, Deputy.

Harrisburg, July 18th.—Doctor Schaeffer, Superintendent of Public Instruction, announces the appointment as deputy superintendent of A. D. Glenn of Armstrong, to succeed John Q. Stewart, who has been in ill health. Stewart is an old soldier, as is Glenn, his successor, and has been a deputy for twenty years. Glenn has been financial clerk at the department for seventeen years and has handled \$80,000,000 of the public school funds. He is succeeded by Prof. R. M. McNeal, of the Clarion State Normal School.

Surprise Party.

A very pleasant and well arranged surprise birthday party was given last Wednesday evening in honor of Samuel P. Winters and son Gordon, at their home. About fifty guests arrived each bringing presents and something to eat. Refreshments consisting of chicken waffle, crackers, ice cream, and cake were served at half past ten o'clock. Among those present were: J. C. Fisher and wife, Geo. Grey and wife, Maria Spencer, Mrs. W. P. Gordon, Mrs. Cassie Winters, Mrs. Nannie Sharpe Bingerman and son Wilbert, Mrs. Alfred Mellott, Mrs. Thomas Garland, S. P. Winters and wife, Nannie Spencer, Opal and Verda Sharpe, Stella and Jessie Grey, Annie, Cora and Nora Bivens, Ivy Deshong, Nela Mellott, Gladys Winters and May Carnell, and Archie and Gayle Fisher, Watson Peck, Maple and Gordon Winters, Oscar Sharpe, Sherman Beruhardt, Oscar Bevans, Walter Palmer, Grover Mellott, Wilbert Layton, Grant Barnhardt, Alonzo Mellott, Oliver Mann, Willard Palmer, Omer Layton, George, Harry and James Grey and Bert Carnell.

Many valuable and useful presents were received by Mr. Winters and son, for which they thank the donors. At a late hour, the guests departed saying they had spent a very pleasant time. All were invited back by Mr. Winters and wife who appreciated and thanked all present.

Paper Bullets.

It is well known that a candle can be shot through a board, from a shot gun. Following up this idea some experiments with bullets made of tallow, paper and other soft metals have recently been had in Europe. It was found that the softer bullets actually did more destruction, at short ranges, than a lead missile. A paper wad bullet passed through six pieces of tin placed at a distance of a foot apart buckled them up so as to be of no further use, whereas a metal bullet barely left a small round hole and in no way disfigured the tin.

Grove Meeting.

There will be an all day Grove meeting, held by Rev. A. G. B. Powers in a grove near the Laurel Ridge school house, a few miles southwest of Big Cove Tannery, on Sunday, August 5th, beginning with song service at 10 o'clock a. m. Come prepared to stay all day. Bring your dinners and pocket-books.

SIXTY MILES AN HOUR.

Humanity's Train Runs Rapidly Past Many Danger Signals.

The limited goes sixty miles an hour. In the smoker man joke and play cards and tell stories. The day coach is crowded and comfortable. The heavy sleepers as they sway to and fro make only a gentle rocking for the people who chat and read and nap. Crash! engine and coals and fuel and food are ground together in a hopeless and horrid mass. Off the track.

So goes humanity's train. Here is a boy who got to running on a fast schedule. He began by pilfering from his father's till. As he grew older he made faster time. Down grade he goes and soon comes the crash. Newsboys cry a murder and a suicide. The crowd halts for a moment. His friends murmur, "I never thought he was so bad!" A young man is off the track.

A young girl thinks her mother is too slow for these record breaking times. Mother is "old fashioned." The girl goes to places her mother has warned her she should not frequent. The bloom is brushed from the fruit. One day a brazen, drunken creature, cursing and shrieking, is loaded into the patrol wagon. A woman is off the track!

A man gets in a hurry to be rich. His father went slowly, carefully, successfully. But father's method will not do. What's the use of mulling and toting when a quicker way may well do the business? So and so has speculated successfully. Surely I am as shrewd as he. A pistol shot, a man is off the track!

Our age is a rapid one. Business and society go at a sixty-mile clip. Rather than be sidetracked for a time men will drive their trains into a ditch. Many of them run wild. There are frequent collisions and wrecks innumerable by getting off the track.

Look out, thriving but venturesome merchants and reckless young women and gay young men! The race is not to the swift alone. Put on the brakes. Slow up, or before you know it you will be off the track.

Work Begun on Model Road.

Preparations for the building of our model road from Hancock to Mason & Dixon line were begun Monday. Men are on the ground building shanties and making other arrangements for the workmen. The work will proceed rapidly and be well under way before frost time. Through the untiring energy of Capt. L. H. Kuhn, E. P. Cahill, John Stigers and others, we get this road.—Hancock Star.

SOAPSUDS WILL DO IT.

No Doubt About Suds Bringing Worms Out of the Ground.

The article published a few days ago to the effect that pouring soap suds upon the ground will bring fish worms out of the ground, is correct. While the article was copied from a western paper, the experiment had been tried in Carlisle long ago, and proved effectual. Even within the past few days the truth of the statement has been questioned, but the writer hereof knows that it is correct and has seen it demonstrated more than once. Soap suds will bring worms out of almost anything except a cement floor or a billiard ball.—Carlisle Volunteer.

Notice of Song Service.

Rev. A. G. B. Powers will conduct a song service at Laurel Ridge school house, commencing August 1st (Wednesday), at 8 o'clock p. m. All are invited. Books used—"Crowning Day, No 1 and 2 combined." The services will be continued several days.

B. A. Deavor, of Hustontown, was at the county seat, Saturday.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Made in this County Since Monday, January 1, 1906.

Jas. G. Alexander, sheriff, to M. R. Shaffer, Esq., tract of land in Dublin township.

J. Nelson Sipes, trustee to D. M. Keudall, tract of land in Ayr.

H. K. Stevens to James P. Foreman, tract of land in Taylor.

Margaret Hamill to Elio Anderson, tract of land in Taylor.

D. C. Mellott to H. L. Mellott, tract of land in Belfast.

Wm. D. Karns to W. N. Stetler et al., tract of land in Licking Creek.

Anna R. Mellott to Mason E. Daniels, tract of land in Licking Creek.

S. B. Woollett to Merrill W. Nace, lot of ground in Tod.

Sarah M. Sowers to Hanson Sowers, tract of land in Ayr.

A. H. Wilson to J. A. Strite, lot of ground in Tod.

Lizzie E. McKibbin, trustee, to Alfred Hendershot, tract of land in Union.

Rebecca Mellott to J. Frank Martin, tract of land in Thompson.

Mascara Ranck to Clem Chesnut, lot of ground in Hustontown.

Charles R. Brown to Rachel E. Brown, tract of land in Taylor.

Jacob W. Mellott to George Buterbaugh, tract of land in Ayr.

D. A. Neison to J. W. Mellott, tract of land in Ayr.

M. R. Shaffer to Jacob W. Mellott, tract of land in Ayr.

Chas. E. Barton to Gilnet Brothers farm in Brush Creek.

Elizabeth B. Crosby to Cora Jones et al., tract of land in Ayr.

W. K. Daniels to Eli M. Peck, farm in Belfast.

N. Hart Evans et al. to Harriet Evans, tract of land in Belfast.

Emanuel Mills, trustee, to Charles S. Bruner et al., tract of land in Brush Creek.

H. L. Sipes to Geo. B. Daniels, tract of land in Dublin.

Geo. M. Lynn, deceased, estate to Com. of Pa., tract of land in Dublin and Tod.

John E. Graeff, deceased, estate to Com. of Pa., tract of land in Dublin and Tod.

Geo. C. Fraker et al. to Com. of Pa., tract of land in Dublin and Tod.

David L. Rinedollar to James E. Fryman, tract of land in Ayr.

Malinda Weaver et al. to Henry B. Hill, tract of land in Thompson.

MAKING CHEAPER COAL.

Inventor Drawbaugh is Again Before the Public.

Aged Daniel Drawbaugh, whose litigations in the Federal courts many years ago against Alexander Bell, in which Drawbaugh claimed to be the inventor of the telephone, but lost to the Bell, and who has been turning out wizard-like inventions at Everly's mills near Carlisle for the past 25 years, has announced that, with the aid of Dr. R. E. Gamble, he has discovered a practical fuel to take the place of coal. This new fuel, it is stated, is being manufactured now at Bowmansdale, by a secret process. It is composed of chemicals and fibrous matter and weighs only one-half as much as coal. The new fuel will be made in different sized molds.

Tests made with the new fuel show, it is claimed, that it does not clinker, burns to a fine ash, emits little gas, burns freely, gives off more heat than coal and lasts longer. The statement is made that it will probably cost about half as much as coal.

WELLS VALLEY.

Mrs. Joe Blackmore and son, of Pittsburg, are visiting her parents, G. A. Stewart and wife.

Charles Stunkard and Howard Warsaw, who were employed in Altoona, have returned home.

Our miners are happy once more as they have come back to work.

George Sprowl and wife are "at home" in the old Sprowl house here in town. We have not been asked to say so, but know their friends will receive a hearty welcome.

Diek McGowan and A. J. Fore of Burnt Cabins, made a business trip to our valley last week.

Mrs. G. W. Sipe and daughter Eleanor, visited friends in Everett, a part of last week.

Alice Griffith and George Schetrompf, of Everett, spent Sunday with the former's parents, A. O. Griffith and wife.

J. C. Kirk was unable to go to work Monday morning. We trust his illness will not be serious.

Maggie Greenland, who had been in Pittsburg, returned home about two weeks ago feeling badly. Dr. Campbell was called at once. He soon discovered she should of had a physician several days previous, as typhoid fever had a strong hold on her. At this writing she is in a critical condition. Her brother Reese, who has been employed in Indiana county, is home.

Larkin Moore and wife, of Wilkinsburg, were guests in the home of W. H. Baumgardner last Saturday.

Mrs. Rose Shafer and daughter Mary, of Baltimore, Md., are visiting in the home of J. A. Wishart.

Winifred and Edna Dawney, of Philadelphia, are guests in the home of G. W. Sipe.

Mrs. Ella Feidt.

After a long continued illness and great suffering, Mrs. Ella Feidt died at the home of her son, on Timber Ridge, July 16, 1906, aged 55 years and 19 days. She died in full faith. The funeral was conducted in Rehoboth M. E. church, by Rev. A. G. B. Powers, in the presence of a large congregation, and her remains were laid to rest in the cemetery near. Peace be to her ashes.

tract of land in Ayr.

M. R. Shaffer, administrator, to Katherine R. Walters, tract of land in Ayr.

W. J. Locke et al. to Geo. C. Fraker and Walter Comeror, tract of land in Dublin.

Dr. W. L. McKibbin to Dr. Jas. M. McKibbin, farm in Union.

John Q. Edwards to F. C. Mills, lot of ground in New Grenada.

ABOUT PEOPLE YOU KNOW

Snapshots at Their Comings and Goings Here for a Vacation, or Away for a Restful-Outing.

NAMES OF VISITORS AND VISITED

J. H. Strong, of Coalport, Pa., was in this vicinity over Sunday on business.

D. E. Mellott and son Ned, of Saluvia, were in town Monday on business.

H. H. Bergstresser, of Waterfall, spent Thursday night and Friday in this place.

Samuel McElhaney, of Hustontown, was a business visitor in town Saturday evening.

Ed Gordon, of Coalport, was visiting his mother, Mrs. Alice Gordon, of Fort Littleton, over Sunday.

J. C. Lamberson and Clifford Sipes, well known citizens of Hustontown, were McConnellsburg visitors, Monday.

Miss Nellie Hays, who had been visiting in the home of her uncle, W. D. Myers, at Hancock, returned home last week.

J. P. Garland, his wife and son Norman, and daughter Freda, of Needmore, spent a few hours in McConnellsburg last Thursday.

W. D. Myers, one of Hancock's leading business men, accompanied by his wife and little son Howard, were guests of Mrs. Myers' brother, Geo. W. Hays, last Thursday night.

Corder W. Snyder and wife, of Gem, spent Sunday night and Monday in the home of the former's uncle, Jonathan P. Peck, at Knobsville.

Mrs. Barbara Hout, of this place, is visiting friends in Franklin county, Gettysburg, and other places, and expects to be absent about ten days.

J. V. Schooley and wife, of Licking Creek township, called at the News office while in town last Friday morning, and showed their subscription ahead a year.

J. Frank Irwin, with Farrow Bros., Druggists in Philadelphia, is taking his summer vacation. He spent the last week with his parents, J. A. Irwin and wife, in this place.

Miss Daisy A. Polk, a trained nurse, of Coudersport, and Miss Elizabeth McKillip, of Challenge, Pa., are spending their summer vacation with friends and relatives at Knobsville.

Dean Bergstresser, a popular young man of Waterfall, was among those that took the examination for teacher's certificate at the public school building in this place, Friday.

Samuel and Roland Rohm, of Mapleton Depot, Pa., who are visiting their uncle, John Hann at Saluvia, accompanied by Mrs. Hann, spent a few hours in town on Monday, and were profitable callers at the News office.

Miss Bess Van Cleve, who had been spending several weeks very pleasantly in this place the guest of Miss Netha Nesbit, left Saturday for Chambersburg and Atlantic City, where she will spend a few days enroute to her home at Reinbeck, Iowa.

Harnessmaker John S. Harris, of this place, accompanied Commissioner S. A. Nesbit out to Licking Creek township last Wednesday, and spent the day in the home of our old friend, D. S. Mellott. John says that Mr. Mellott, although eighty-five years of age, is well, and is able to walk around among his neighbors.

Mr. Enoch C. Peck and daughter Miss Minnie, of Kingman, Kas., are visiting among their Fulton county relatives and friends. They have been, during the last few days, guests in the home of the former's cousin, the editor of the News. Mr. Peck went to the Sunflower state in 1870 and has "grown up with the country."