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O. L. GREATHEAD HURT.

Was Charging Tanks Connected with Soda Water Fountain at Seylar's Drug Store

WHEN THE EXPLOSION OCCURRED.

About half past ten o'clock last Saturday morning, as Ormond L. Greathead was in the cellar under Seylar's drug store, charging the tanks connected with the soda water fountain, one of them burst, and a flying piece of the metal struck Mr. Greathead injuring him seriously, but with careful nursing it is believed that he will recover.

The soda water apparatus had not been in use since last summer, and Mr. Greathead is one of those geniuses that you fall back upon when you are "up against it"—whether you need a new eye in a sewing machine needle, or the kinks taken out of a cranky automobile. Of course, when the soda water fountain was to be overhauled and started for the season, Orm's services were in demand, and he had everything in readiness to put the enticing liquid on draught, when the accident occurred.

The apparatus that produces the "fiz" at the fountain consists of two egg-shaped copper tanks, with a capacity of eight gallons each, mounted on an iron frame so that the contents may be readily shaken. These tanks are filled about two-thirds full of water, and then into the remaining space is driven from another tank liquid carbon dioxide, which is mixed with the water, and is then ready to be drawn from the fountain, into the syrup which gives it the flavor and makes the drink so palatable. Attached to the pipe thus conveying the gas into the tank, is a pressure gauge—just such as you see on a steam engine, which is supposed to register the number of pounds per square inch that the tank is carrying. Mr. Greathead was passing the gas into the tank containing the water, at the same time carefully watching the gauge. One hundred and twenty pounds were registered. The tank was then disconnected, given a shaking, and then tested. It now showed 80 pounds, the shaking having reduced the pressure. Again the gas was admitted and the register climbed up slowly until it was back to 120, when it "let go" with a noise like a heavy blast—the copper tank tearing like so much brown paper, and the concussion shaking buildings for hundreds of feet distant. One end of the tank in its flight hit Mr. Greathead, cutting him badly about the throat and head, and also injuring an arm and his breast. Edward D. Shimer, who was standing near the tank was thrown back several feet by the explosion, but outside of being slightly stunned was not hurt, and was able to go to Mr. Greathead's assistance at once. Mr. Greathead was unconscious and bleeding profusely, but when taken out to the fresh air and water applied, was restored to semi-consciousness. Drs. Dalbey and Mosser were summoned. The injured man was taken to Dr. Dalbey's office and given the necessary surgical attention, when he was taken to the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Greathead.

Unless some unlooked-for complications arise, he is likely to be all right in a few weeks. It is little less than miraculous that both he and Mr. Shimer were not both killed instantly.

How did it happen? It is supposed that the pressure gauge was rusty, and that it was not correctly registering the pressure of the gas, and that instead of there being 120 lbs. on, there was probably twice that much.

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DESTRUCTIVE FIRE.

Dwelling House and Contents, and Wagon Shed of Daniel S. Henry, Near Clear Ridge, Destroyed Last Sunday.

ORIGIN OF FIRE UNKNOWN.

When Daniel S. Henry, who owns and lives on a farm near Clear Ridge postoffice, in Taylor township, went to the barn at noon last Sunday to do his feeding, he saw that his wagon shed was afire. With the fire in close proximity to his good barn, and the wind blowing strongly toward his large commodious, and almost new dwelling house, it is not to be wondered at that Daniel thought that a big chunk of bad luck was about to drop on him. Without stopping to figure on his loss, he went to work, with all the strength at his command, to control the fire in the wagon shed, while his wife frantically rang the dinner bell. In a short time neighbors began to arrive, and the battle against the devouring element was carried on most vigorously, but the advantage was altogether on the side of the wind and the flames, and but little could be done to avert destruction. Mr. Henry narrowly escaped having his clothing burned from his body, and his wife and sister Gertrude stayed upstairs and threw goods out of the window until their way of escape was cut off and they were obliged to leap to the ground from a window in the second story. The loss consists of the house with nearly all its contents, the wagon shed, about 400 bushels of corn, a separator and clover huller, and other property. Mr. Henry has no idea how the fire originated.

BRUSH CREEK.

Corn planting is over and the farmers are now busy watching the crows and plowing corn.

Mrs. J. C. Barton and Mrs. M. E. Barton spent Monday afternoon in the home of Amos Hixson.

Clara Hixson spent Sunday with her parents G. W. Hixson and wife.

Mrs. Irene Truax, of Emma, spent sometime with her brother, Dr. J. G. Hanks, at Breezewood. A number of people from our valley attended the festival at Breezewood last Saturday evening.

Mrs. Preston Deshong, son Howard, and daughter Eva, of Everett, spent Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. Deshong's mother Mrs. Sarah E. Barton, at Crystal Springs.

Misses Jennie Calhoun and Cora Price, and Harvey Calhoun and Chas. Pepple, spent Sunday in the home of G. W. Hixson.

HUSTONTOWN.

Sunday school in the U. B. church next Sunday morning at 9:30; at 10:30 Rev. Henry Wolf, of Bethlehem, will preach a sermon to the older folks, but the younger folks are cordially invited to be present and hear what he has to say to the older people.

Mrs. Mary Sipes spent a few days in the old home with her brothers John and Ezekiah.

Wible's two girls spent Thursday afternoon with Miss Minnie Carothers.

George Sipes, wife, and granddaughter, of Needmore, visited George Sipes and wife at Hustontown last Sunday.

Lininger.

Blanche Grace, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lininger, East End extension, McConnellsburg, died at noon last Saturday, aged 11 years, 10 months, and 10 days. The child had been in ill health for two years. The funeral took place at 9 o'clock Monday morning, the services being conducted by Rev. C. W. Bryner, of the M. E. church. The remains were taken to Fort Loudon, where interment was made.

WAGON RAN OVER HEAD AND NECK.

John E. Locke, Formerly of Fort Littleton, Seriously Injured at Homestead, Pa., Last Friday Morning.

MULES STARTED TO RUN AWAY.

The following is clipped from a Homestead newspaper: Mr. Locke is a native of Fort Littleton, and well known in the upper end of the county, and his many friends will regret to learn of his accident. The clipping says: "John Locke, of 126 West Eighth avenue, a driver for the Homestead Baking Company, was seriously injured in an accident at Eighth avenue and City Farm lane this morning at 6:45 o'clock, and he is now in the Mercy hospital in a serious condition. He was delivering goods this morning while at the corner of Eighth avenue and City farm lane got on the pole of the wagon to adjust a part of the harness when the team, consisting of a couple fractious mules, became frightened and started to run away. Locke was thrown in front of the wagon and one of the wheels ran over his face and neck, causing a fracture of the jaw and a deep wound over the left eye. One of his hands was badly mashed and his arm and chest bruised and cut. He was carried to the office of Dr. P. J. Oeffner, where his injuries were dressed when he was taken to the Mercy hospital in Gillen and Coulter's ambulance. It is thought that he also received internal injuries and it will be some days before the extent of them is known.

"This is the second accident caused by fractious teams of the Baking company. A team ran away about two weeks ago on Eighth avenue and in the accident Mr. Cook, an employee of the company, was thrown from the wagon and so badly injured that he is still confined to the house."

Surprise Party.

Thursday, May 27, 1909 will long be remembered with pleasure by Mrs. C. W. Schooley, of Licking Creek township. It was the 48th anniversary of her birth and she was going about with her work, little suspecting that kind friends and neighbors were busy preparing a most agreeable surprise for her. The first intimation that there was "something doing," was the appearance of a procession of buggies and wagons laden with neighbors and friends, and with accompanying boxes and baskets of good things to eat prepared by hands that knew how to cater to a healthy appetite. Those present were: C. W. Schooley and wife, and John, Wilham, Harry, Norman, Laura, and Stella Schooley; Milton Decker, wife and daughter; Laura; Mrs. Sarah Winsor, Cleveland Strait and wife, Dan Johnson and wife; Edw. Mellott, wife, and two daughters Nellie and Mildred; Richard Schooley and wife and son Cadiz; Emory Sipes and wife and son Charlie; Lizzie Dishong and children Clyde, Ada and George; John Sipes, wife, and children—Carl, Thomas, Mary, Hattie, Maudeline, and Clara; G. L. Schooley, wife and son Vernon; Mrs. Elsie Sipes and family—Myrtle, Wilbur, Clyde, Helen, Lula, and Emmel; Solomon McLucas, wife, and son Harry; Mrs. R. R. Sipes and children Earl and Rhoda; Tena, May, Rexie, and Rickie Sipes; George Deshong and Joe Schooley. Fearing he might not get his share of cake, Mr. Decker filled his pockets, but one sitting at his side "got on to his little game" and removed the cake quietly from the pockets and ate the cake. This was done in all kindness to keep Mr. Decker from over-feeding.

Mr. and Mrs. Sheridan Hann, of Pleasant Ridge, were in town a few hours last Friday doing shopping.

JUDGE MORTON LAID UP.

Was Injured Tuesday Morning in Attempting to Mount a Broncho. He was Thrown over the Animal's Head.

LUCKY IT WAS NO WORSE.

Judge Morton met with an accident Tuesday morning that will, at least, give him a few days' enforced recreation from the strenuous life he general leads. He came into town from his farm with a wagon for a load of wool. While his team was standing at S. A. Nesbit's on North Second street, his son Earl came on horseback and informed the Judge that the Judge was wanted at the "phone." Earl took the team, and his father took the horse Earl had been riding. When the Judge was in the act of mounting the horse, the animal became skittish. The Judge has been about horses too long to be afraid of them and hung on until suddenly the broncho bucked and tossed the Judge over his head into the street. While Mr. Morton was badly shaken up, he followed the horse home, but when he reached the house, he was about on the point of fainting away. He was at once sent to Dr. Mosser's office, and given attention. It is feared that in addition to being badly bruised, there are some bones fractured.

An All-Round Farmer.

David Gregory, who owns and resides on the farm of his grandfather, the late David Gregory, at Gregory's fording in Thompson township, is putting new buildings on the farm and otherwise greatly improving it. Last Thursday about fifty of his neighbors assembled at his home and assisted in the raising of the framework of a bank barn 50 by 70 feet. While Mr. Gregory is just a plain everyday farmer, he is one of those handy all-around people that can turn his hand to almost anything that needs doing about the farm; and so, when he decided to build a barn, he gathered up a saw, augers, square, and other necessary tools and played boss carpenter, designing the building, laying it off, superintending the work, and in reality, doing much of it himself, and his neighbors say that when it came to the raising, every piece went right to its place without the slightest hitch.

It might be added that David not only successfully played the role of boss carpenter, but is a concrete artist as well, for he constructed a concrete foundation for the superstructure to rest upon.

WEST DUBLIN.

The Laidig Baseball team went down to the Reunion grounds last Saturday afternoon and by a series of good throws hits and catches defeated the Triple Alliance team by a score of 27 to 3.

There was a good attendance at Fairview Epworth League on Sunday evening and an interesting meeting.

Epworth League on Saturday evening, June 5, Harvey Clevenger leader.

James Woodcock of Wells Valley passed through this place last Friday on his way to Warfordsburg.

Calvin Benson and family of Trough Creek Valley Huntingdon county spent a few days recently with relatives in this township.

Our farmers are busy replanting and plowing corn. Some complain of damage done by the crows.

There have been a number of persons buying wool of the farmers in this township this spring and prices have been much better than last year.

Mrs. Sarah Shaw and sons Russell and Bruce spent Tuesday with Mrs. Eliza Hoover.

DIED FROM BEING KICKED BY HORSE.

George Emory Elias, a Farmer in Wells Valley, the Victim. Was Ploughing and the Traces Caught.

ONLY LIVED ABOUT TWELVE HOURS.

George Emory Elias, a well known farmer of Wells Valley, aged about fifty two years, was in a field near his house ploughing on Wednesday of last week. About ten o'clock, the inside traces of the horses became entangled, and he stepped up behind the horses to loosen the traces, when the off-horse kicked wickedly, striking Mr. Elias full in the stomach, knocking him backward on the ground. After lying there awhile, he recovered sufficiently from the shock to crawl to the house, some three hundred yards distant.

Mr. Elias was unmarried and he and a maiden sister, Lavinia some ten years his senior, had kept house and conducted the farm for many years. When his sister saw him as he dragged himself into the house, she was terribly shocked, and at once ran screaming for help from neighbors. Mr. George W. Sipe was the first to be attracted by her cries, and the first to reach Mr. Elias. Soon after Mr. Sipes got there, Mr. John N. Duvall came along, and the two neighbors did all in their power to make the injured man comfortable. Dr. Campbell, of New Grenada, not being at home, his brother Dr. Frank Campbell, of Hopewell was summoned, and reached the injured man late in the afternoon; but Mr. Elias's injuries were such as to make it beyond the power of human agency to save his life, and Mr. Elias gradually sank away until the end came at about 11 o'clock Wednesday evening.

Funeral took place on Friday, services being conducted by Rev. Fleggal, of the Three Springs Charge, M. E. church, and interment was made in the cemetery at the Valley M. E. church.

Emory was a jovial kind hearted, accommodating man, an excellent neighbor, ever ready to lend a helping hand in time of need or affliction and will be sadly missed in his neighborhood.

Truax—Truax.

At the home of the officiating minister, Rev. W. R. Truax, of Pleasant Ridge, on Wednesday evening, May 26, 1909, Mr. Andrew Truax was united in marriage with Mrs. Sadie E. Truax, both of Belfast township. The ceremony was performed in the presence of a few invited guests, and after congratulations, a bounteous wedding supper was served.

To show their interest in the important event, about forty of the friends and neighbors of the contracting parties assembled after nightfall, and gave them an old-fashioned serenading. Everything passed off very pleasantly, and the bride and groom will go to housekeeping at once on the bride's farm on Licking Creek, a mile or two north of Gem.

State Needs Horses.

At the annual Farmers' Normal Institute at York last week, Prof. Mairs, of State College, said that the horseless age is a long way off. The professor said horses are bringing a higher price than ever and that the prices for horses would be prohibitive if it were not for other means of locomotion and transportation. He said large stores and others who had displaced horses with the auto wagon were replacing animals again, and the demand for horses is increasing. This State, he declared, produces but one fourth of the horses it needs, and he urged upon farmers to devote more attention to horse-breeding.

MEMORIAL DAY.

Tribute to the Soldier-Dead Was Paid by McConnellsburg, on Saturday, May 29th.

EXERCISES SIMPLE AND IMPRESSIVE.

At 1:30 o'clock last Saturday afternoon, the surviving members of King Post, G. A. R., conducted by the Band, proceeded from the Post Room on West Water street to the Court House, where appropriate exercises were held preliminary to the decoration of the graves of their deceased comrades.

The Court Room was beautifully decorated with the national colors, and with flowers in profusion. Hon. D. Hunter Patterson, of Webster Mills, was elected Chairman of the meeting, and the following program of exercises was carried out:

Prayer by Rev. John Diehl. Music by the Band. Singing of "America" by the audience.

Recitation of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, by Newton Morton.

Patriotic recitations by Rose Fisher, Mary Baumgardner, and Ross Hammill.

Solo—"The Vacant Chair"—by Mary Wilkinson.

Oration, Hon. John P. Sipes.

The exercises were simple and impressive, and the audience that overflowed the room, was attentive and reverent. Mr. Sipes' address was replete with facts of historical value, and his recital of the causes that led to the several wars, and the results that came from those struggles, was alike instructive to the young and complimentary to those whose blood has consecrated the ground of scores of battlefields.

The decoration of graves is a custom borrowed from the people of the South. In its observance are combined praise and honor to God for this great and free country, and honor to and reverence for, the men who served it.

It is gratifying to note that although more than two-score years have elapsed since the institution of Memorial Day, the increase of interest in its observance does not wane—but on the contrary, shows a wonderful increase.

As we have done, let us continue to do. Let us instruct the children—our coming men and women—by putting flags in their hands, patriotic songs in their hearts, and praises in their mouths, for the glorious deeds of these grizzled veterans—these heroes of the past.

"Once they gave us all, their best, Now, we bless them in their rest; And in each Memorial Day, Flags and blossoms o'er them lay."

MERCERSBURG COMMENCEMENT.

Invitations Out for Event From June 6 to 9.

The final preparations are now being made for the annual commencement exercises which will be held at the Mercersburg Academy from June 4 to 9. The program for the four days' exercises follow:

Sunday, 10 a. m., baccalaureate sermon to graduating class by Dr. W. M. Irvine; 2:30 p. m., Campus service of Academy Y. M. C. A.; 7:30 p. m., annual sermon by the Rev. J. W. Smith, of Warren.

Monday, 1 p. m., tennis tournament; 8:15 p. m., concert by Academy musical clubs.

Tuesday, 9 a. m., declaration contest, the Wood prize; 10:30 a. m., meeting of Board of Regents; 12 m., alumni luncheon; 3 p. m., class day exercises; 7 p. m., step songs; 8:15 p. m., address by Dr. Richard Watson Gilder, of New York.

Wednesday, 9 a. m., commencement in Trinity Reformed church; 1 p. m., baseball, Albright College vs. Mercersburg; 8:30 p. m., Senior dance in Kell Hall.

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. C. Snyder of Thompson township, spent a few hours in town last Saturday.

N. H. Peck and wife, of Needmore, spent last Friday with friends in McConnellsburg.

Mrs. S. A. Nesbit went to Carlisle last Friday to spend a week with the family of her brother, J. J. Conrad.

Miss Josephine Runyan spent several days last week in Chambersburg, the guest of her friend Miss Sarah Keyser.

Mrs. Frank StClair, of Washington, D. C., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Benj. Shimer, on North Second street.

Mrs. George W. Parsons and son Don, of Mount Union, are visiting in the home of Mrs. Parsons' daughter, Mrs. John E. Locke, at Homestead, Pa.

Ernest R. McClain, Walter R. Sloan, and Wilson L. Nace went over to Gettysburg in Ernest's Buick last Sunday and returned Monday evening.

Dr. R. B. Campbell, of New Grenada, and D. A. Black, of Waterfall, two of the upper-end-of-the-county's prominent citizens, spent Friday night in town.

Mrs. Chas. B. Stevens went to Harrisburg Monday and is spending this week in that city visiting relatives and attending the Epworth League Convention.

Mrs. L. H. Wible, accompanied by her son Hollis, went to Harrisburg last Friday to spend a week with her husband, who is a clerk in the Treasury Department.

Dr. and Mrs. Walter Entfield and their two interesting little sons Tom and George, of Bedford, passed through town Monday evening in the Doctor's automobile, enroute to Gettysburg.

Helen and Grace Danghenbaugh, of Orbisonia, are visiting their grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Tice at Knobsville. They accompanied their grandfather to McConnellsburg last Saturday.

W. Sloan Warthin, Miss Esther Sloan, Miss Ethel Logue, and Mr. and Mrs. Leslie W. Seylar, went over to Gettysburg last Saturday in Sloan's big Maxwell, and stayed over for the Decoration Day exercises Monday.

Dr. and Mrs. H. C. McClain, N. E. Hoover and Miss Maye Barton, and Mrs. McClain's father, W. F. Laidig—all of Hustontown, formed an automobile party that went over to Gettysburg Sunday and returned Monday evening.

Miss Harriet B. Sloan, who has been spending the past school year in the home of her brother James A., at Columbus, Kansas, and attending the High School in that city, returned to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. F. Sloan, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith Mullinex, who had been visiting the latter's parents, James A. Sipes and wife, in Licking Creek township, returned to their home in Foltz, on Monday. They were accompanied to town by Miss Tena Sipes.

Miss Minnie Reisner, who has been teaching in the public schools at Munhall, Pa., during the past winter, and her sister Anna, who has been a student in the High School at the same place, returned home Tuesday evening for their summer vacation.

Mrs. George W. Reisner, who had been spending a few weeks in a sanitarium at Wernersville, Pa., returned home last week much improved in health. She was accompanied home by her mother, Mrs. M. E. Dalbey, who will remain a few weeks with Mrs. Reisner.