# THE BOARD OF INQUIRY.

## THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE STATE COMMISSION.

**It Carried Out $1,186,000 Will be Paid to the Needy at Once.**

The Board of Inquiry has made a complete register of all the property losses in the valley. For the past week they have been giving the matter their undivided attention, and in each district three residents have been added, as local members of the board. In this manner very full and complete returns were obtained, and after giving each case most careful attention it was classified and filed. The manner in which the committee performed its work, is best explained by the following letter from the Chairman of the Board to Mr. Cummin, who has been here representing Governor Beaver's Commission.

JOHNSTOWN, PA., July 4, 1889.

*Hon. Hugh Cummin, Johnstown, Pa.*

DEAR SIR: The Board of Inquiry consists of a Chairman, Tom L Johnson, of Cleveland, O., and five members, being representative citizens of Johnstown and neighboring boroughs. The Board appointed and advertised eighteen meetings which so far have been well attended. At each meeting a Local Committee of citizens consisting of from three to five were selected by the Board from a number of persons chosen by the meeting. This committee examined carefully the statements of loss prepared by the clerks of the Board in the presence of the person claiming to have lost friends, relatives or property, each statement being made in the name of the head of the family. The estimate of the loss of property made was modified and changed as in the judgment of the Local Committee it became necessary. The Committee's estimate is the estimate of record. The present condition of each applicant was considered and finally the best judgment of the Board was exercised in recommending the family for assistance into the various classes on the basis of their present needs rather than upon the extent of their loss.

Class I, is the class to which the Committee assigned the most needy, generally a woman who had lost her husband or son, and was left with a large family to support with scarcely any property saved. A few men whose physical condition was such that they were unable to earn a living and had a large family with no property were assigned to this class.

Class II, is the class to which the Committee assigned the next most needy families, following the same general rule as above, being people who had lost some of their family and had more property, and whose physical condition in the judgment of the Committee was somewhat better.

Class III, is the class to which the Committee assigned the next most needy to clast two, generally families who had recovered something from the flood; but very little but to whom a small amount of money was of great present need.

Class IV, is the class to which the Committee assigned families generally small in number, and having some member of the family able to work, and either had no property saved from the flood or very little. In some cases the parties owned a lot which had no present value, but on which they could possibly borrow some money to help them to erect a building together with any assistance recieived and would put them in a shape to very, soon be self-supporting.

Class V, is the class to which the Committee assigned the parties in the judgment of the Committee requiring assistance promptly, but in smaller amounts, gennerally in a case where a man was employed and had lost heavily, having a smaller family depending upon him than in the other classes, and to whom a small amount of money would result in great present good in providing the family with some of the necessaries of life.

Class VI, is the class to which the Committee assigned all other cases no matter how severe their losses, but in which the Committee considered the present value of property such that the persons were not objects of immediate charity. This class contains a great many who should be considered and assisted after the first five classes have been taken care of and provided for. In other words, this class it was considered could wait, while all the others were cases of great pressing need.

The foregoing are the rules established by the Board of Inquiry and which have been fairly well carried out by the local committees always acting with the assistance of at least one member and sometimes two or three members of the Board of Inquiry. Respectfully submitted

TOM L. JOHNSON,
Chairman Board of Inquiry.

Class one, to which the largest amounts were recommended, consists in nearly every instance of a widow, or widow and child, and in whose case the husband and father, or other members who helped support the family were drowned. In these cases the Committee did not consider whether the family before the flood were worth $200 or $2,000. If they lost all, and the bread-winners in addition, they were placed in the highest class and entitled to the greatest bounty. The other classes were determined also with the end in view of benefitting the most needy.

The committee worked hard day and night and completed their work Saturday, and through their chairman will present the following recommendations to Governor Beaver's commission on Tuesday, their report having been sanctioned by the local finance committee:

In class No. 1 they have placed 205 cases, to which they recommend the payment of $1,000 each.

In class 2 there are 237 cases, each to receive $600.

Class 3 contains 372 cases, to each of which a payment of $400 is recommended.

The payment of these three classes will require $496,000, and it is recommended that they be paid at once. This to be immediately followed by paying 1,168 cases in class 4 $300 each, and 1,698 cases in class 5, $200 each, requiring an additional sum of $690,000.

The recommendations of the committee provide for the immediate disbursement of $1,186,000 to 3,680 different families, or an average of $322 to every family. These 3,680 cases will include all those who are in immediate want.

Class 6 will include the heaviest losers, but they are not in immediate want, and no recommendation is made now in their cases, but they will be considered further along.

## A WIFE FROM THE FLOOD.

**A Kansas Man Applies for One—Hulbert House Inquired for.**

The following is a special from this city to the Pittsburgh *Dispatch* of yesterday: The number of letters received by the Bureau of Information have fallen off considerably within the past week, but an occasinal ludricrous one turns up. To-day a long letter was received from a man in Kansas asking the bureau to find a wife among the flood sufferers. The writer stated that he was a farmer, and owned two well-stocked farms in the vicinity of Parsons. He is 35 years of age and wanted a good looking young woman between the age of 20 and 30 years. She must be educated and know something about house-keeping. The officers of the department have had many inquiries for relics, but this is the first time, they say, that anybody has asked for a living one. The man preferred a woman who had been rescued from the flood, and said he would marry her within three months.

Another letter was received this week from a mining camp in Colorado, asking for information in regard to Hulbert House. The writer states that he had read the name among the lost in the *Dispatch*, and having a brother beaing the same name, he wrote to inquire if it was he. After diligent inquiry it was ascertained by the officers of the bureau that there had been no one of the name here, and that the "Hulbert House," the big hotel which had been swept away by the flood, was what had misled the inquirer.

A letter was received on Monday from a woman in Hanover, Germany, asking for information in regard to her husband, who had left her but a few months before the flood. The letter was written in German, and one of the clerks had to reply in the same language. It was found that the woman's husband was alive, but had had a very narrow escape in getting out of his house.

## THE FISHING CLUB RESPONSIBLE.

**That is the Finding of the Coroner's Inquest at its Last Sitting on Saturday.**

The Coroner's Jury held their final sitting at the office of Coroner Evans on Napoleon street on Saturday night. Only one witness, Mr. James M. Shumaker was examined.

Mr. Shumaker testified that he was at South Fork about nine years ago, when the dam was being rebuilt, and saw quantities of hay and straw put in the fill up. He was not an expert on dam building, he said, and did not know whether the dam was properly constructed or not. After consulting a short time the jury brought in the following verdict:

"We, the undersigned, the jury empanelled to investigate the cause of the death of Ellen Hite on May 31, after hearing the testimony, find that Ellen Hite came to her death by drowning; that the drowning was caused by the breaking of the South Fork dam. We further find, from the testimony and what we saw on the ground, that there was not sufficient waste weir, nor was the dam constructed sufficiently strong nor of the proper material to withstand the overflow; and hence we find that the owners of said dam were culpable in not making it as secure as it should have been, especially in view of the fact that a population of many thousands were in the valley below; and we hold that the ownsrs are responsible for the fearful loss of life and property resulting from the breaking of the dam.

John Coho, Abraham Ferner, H. B Blair, John H. Devine, John A. Wissenger, F. W. Cohick."

It will be seen by this that the members of the Fishing Club are held responsible for the breaking of the dam, and it will now be in order for District Attorney Fenlon to have indictments drawn up and the members of the club held for trial.

**Coopersdale Comes in for Its Share.**

In the wreck of matter and crush of towns one place that suffered more than is generally supposed is Coopersdale. Lying as it does on an elevated bank of twelve to fifteen feet above the river in an ordinary rise, it was thought by the Johnstown people that it was fully protected, inasmuch as the water from the reservoir would be so spread out before reaching it that little or no damage could be done.

But a visit to the place dissipated this hopeful view. The buildings on the south west of the long street are all more or less injured, and stables, fences, yards and gardens all destroyed. In the lower part of town eleven dwellings with their contents were carried away, and the large planing mill and keg factory belonging to George W. Stutzman were destroyed, as was also the Johnstown Steel and Iron Casting Company, on the opposite side of the river.

Those sustaining the heaviest loss by the destruction of buildings were Caleb Butler, N. B. Griffith, George Conner, G. W. Stutzman, Mrs. Hannah Hess, Peter Felix, John McCurdy, David Brantlinger.

The two stores owned by Jacob Hoover and Kunkle Brothers & Sheridan suffered severely. The loss on goods damaged and destroyed is put at $3,000 each. Including damage to property and household goods the former's loss is estimated at $3,000 and the latter's at $4,000.

Among other losses and inconveniences is the destruction of gardens, yards and fences on the northeast side of Main street, and the complete demolition of the bridge across to Sheridan station. Within the past few years three bridges have been thus swept away, one being for wagons, and the other two wire suspension ones for people on foot.

## LIST OF JURORS.

The following is the list of Jurors drawn for the special term of court, beginning on the third Monday of August, and the regular term in September:

TRAVERSE JURORS—THIRD MONDAY OF AUGUST.

Adams, James, laborer, Clearfield twp.
Anna, Chas., Jr., carpenter, Elder twp.
Blair, John A., gentleman, Ebensburg.
Bumgardner, George, teamster, East Conemaugh.
Burkhart, J. S., farmer, Adams twp.
Collins, Philip, contractor, Ebensburg.
Collins, Dennis, mill hand, Millville.
Conrad, Anthony, farmer, Allegheny twp.
Douglass, Silas, farmer, Clearfield twp.
Edwards, David, roller, Conemaugh bor.
Eger, Frederick, brewer, Carrolltown.
Ferguson, Robert, farmer, Blacklick twp.
Flick, Jerome, farmer, Allegheny twp.
Gates, David, farmer, Lower Yoder twp.
Glass, Ed., farmer, Munster twp.
Green, James P., laborer, Cambria bor.
Hershberger, George, clerk, Johnstown.
Hines, Lewis, miner, Portage twp.
How, Henry, laborer, Reade twp.
Kinney, James, laborer, Conemaugh bor.
Kinney, John, engineer, East Conemaugh.
Link, John, West Taylor twp.
Lloyd, John, merchant, Ebensburg.
Lysett, Daniel, laborer, Cambria.
Lynch, John, Justice of the Peace, Washington twp.
Mulvehill, Peter, farmer, Lower Yoder twp.
Newman, John W., carpenter, Lower Yoder twp.
Nicodemus, Frank, clerk, Johnstown.
Noel, Henry, farmer, Clearfield twp.
Oldham, Jethro, boss, Stonycreek twp.
Raney, Joseph, carpenter, Washingtown twp.
Riblett, John, farmer, West Taylor twp.
Vaughn, Samuel, Superintendent, Coopersdale.
Westover, Willis, liveryman, Elder twp.
Wilhide, A. R., clerk, Reade twp.
Wiss, Joseph (of John), farmer, Croyle twp.

TRAVERSE JURORS—FOURTH MONDAY OF AUGUST.

Bickford, Samuel A., engineer, East Conemaugh.
Biller, George, farmer, Allegheny twp.
Bomgardner, Joseph, farmer, Richland twp.
Boyle, Charles E., merchant, Cambria.
Byrne, John, laborer, Carrolltown.
Cadugan, William, machinist, Millville.
Campbell, John, laborer, Millville.
Connelly, Patrick, merchant, Millville.
Conrad, J. B., machinist, Johnstown.
Daily, John, farmer, Munster twp.
Davis, Richard, machinist, Woodvale.
Empfield, Thomas, farmer, Blacklick twp.
Finnerty, Patrick, farmer, Dean twp.
Foster, Andrew, merchant, Johnstown.
Griffith, Abner, farmer, Stonycreek twp.
Hart, Alex. N., clerk, Johnstown.
Hibner, Adam, molder, Johnstown.
Hornick, John A., laborer, Richland twp.
Kerr, Daniel, farmer, Jackson twp.
Kirby, Edward T., farmer, Summerhill twp.
Jones, David E., laborer, Woodvale.
Miles, Edward, laborer, Prospect.
Murphy, D. A., agent, Franklin.
McGough, Charles, laborer, Croyle twp.
McGrain, John, laborer, Chest Springs.
McHugh, Owen, Sr., mechanic, Millville.
Noel, John C., laborer, Portage twp.
Owens, Patrick, farmer, Munster twp.
O'Brien, W. S., grocer, Millville.
O'Connell, Patrick, laborer, Millville.
O'Hagan, Hugh, farmer, Clearfield twp.
Shartz, Charles, merchant, South Fork.
Smith, Toney, laborer, Johnstown.
Stull, David D., farmer, Richland twp.
Topper, John H., farmer, Adams twp.
Wike, Isaac, clerk, Blacklick twp.

GRAND JURORS—SEPTEMBER TERM.

Adams, William, engineer, Franklin.
Angus, Jacob, farmer, East Conemaugh.
Anstead, William, carpenter, Johnstown.
Baker, William, farmer, Allegheny twp.
Boyle, Daniel, H., farmer, Croyle twp.
Bradley, Hugh, mill hand, Johnstown.
Brawley, James G., farmer, Portage twp.
Buck, A. C., merchant, Gallitzin.
Carroll, M, J., clerk, Johnstown.
Davis, Timothy P., laborer, East Conemaugh.
Dunmire, William W., carpenter, South Fork.
Dellig, Paul, farmer, Cambria twp.
Fagan, William A., painter, Carroll twp.
Farran, Patrick, farmer, Cambria twp.
Johnson, Claude, manufacturer, Stonycreek twp.
Jones, Thomas J., laborer, Johnstown.
Mellon, James, farmer, Carroll twp.
Miller, George W., plasterer, Johnstown.
O'Neill, John, laborer, Cambria.
Plack, William H., miner, Johnstown.
Stackhouse, Alex, foreman, Lower Yoder twp.
Van, Ormer, C. Banks, laborer, Read twp
West, Emery, clerk, Conemaugh bor.
Zimmerman, George, clerk, Conemaugh bor.

TRAVERSE JURORS—FIRST WEEK.

Bostert, Gustave, merchant, Conemaugh bor.
Byers, Benj. F., farmer, Reade twp.
Cassiday, George, farmer, Clearfield twp.
Chute, William, painter, Ebensburg.
Clark, John H., hotel keeper, Washington twp.
Custer, George, farmer, Adams twp.
Dowling, John, merchant, Cambria bor.
Dunmire Zach, laborer, Croyle twp.
Eberly, Augustine, farmer, Munster twp.
Eckenrode Andrew, merchant, Carrolltown.
Evans, William F., laborer, Johnstown.
Foust, Charles, engineer, Portage twp.
Free, Richard, innkeeper, Ashville.
Fritz, Charles A., plumber, Johnstown.
Gore, Henry, laborer, Johnstown.
Gray, Joseph A., merchant, Carrolltown.
Hall, Albert, farmer, Washingtown twp.
Hamilton, John, Jr., miner, Lilly.
Hochstein, August, laborer, Grubbtown.
Hoover, Thomas, farmer, Cambria twp.
Horrocks, Jonathan, coal dealer, Conemaugh bor.
Humphreys, William, carpenter, Ebensburg.
Hunt, Henry, laborer, West Taylor twp.
Kaylor, James J., farmer, Allegheny twp.
Kinney, Thomas, farmer, Wilmore.
Klinemeyer, Herman, Jr., laborer, Portage twp.
Lawrence, Samuel C., steel worker, Millville.
Lehman, John P., farmer, Conemaugh twp.
Lenhart, Milton, saddler, Johnstown.
Levergood, Jacob C., marble cutter, Johnstown.
Lilly, Samuel, farmer, Cambria twp.
Mills, David, gentleman, Gallitzin.
McBride, John, farmer, Cambria twp.
McCance, James P., gentleman, Clearfield twp.
McCombe, Albert, farmer, Barr, twp.
Nagle, John M., miner, Gallitzin twp.
Overdorf, William, carpenter, Lower Yoder twp.
Quinn, Patrick, watchman, Conemaugh bor.
Saikeld, James, miner, South Fork.
Slick, William, surveyor, Johnstown.
Siberts, Sebastian, miller, Gallitzin twp.
Storm, Theodore, farmer, Clearfield twp.
Stough, John L., painter, Ebensburg.
Tomlinson, Joseph, farmer, Allegheny twp.
Troxell, Chas. E., Constable, Reade twp.
Varner, George C., laborer, Jackson twp.
Wirtner, John, farmer, White twp.
Wissinger, J. T., carpenter, Johnstown.

TRAVERSE JURORS—SECOND WEEK.

Anderson, Benjamin, farmer, Allegheny twp.
Bender, Englebert, farmer, Clearfield twp.
Boyle, Charles, merchant, Lower Yoder,
Briber, Edward, laborer, Johnstown.
Buck, Jacob, farmer, Allegheny twp.
Carroll, Thomas, mill-hand, Conemaugh bor.
Clark, Patrick, Jr., laborer, East Conemaugh.
Cooper, A. B. Superintendent, Coopersdale.
Davis, Thomas B., farmer, Carroll twp.
Delozier, Terrence, cabinet-maker, Clearfield twp.
Dunmire, Gabriel, farmer, Adams twp.
Farrell, John H., miller, Woodvale.
Fockler, Jacob, grocer, Johnstown.
Ford, James, laborer, Cambria.
Gillan, Timothy, teamster, West Taylor twp.
Goughnour, George, laborer, Conemaugh bor.
Howell, William, farmer, Cambria twp.
Jay, Harry, tinner, Stonycreek twp.
Johnston, Jos. W., blacksmith, Johnstown.
Jones, Benjamin, farmer, Cambria twp.
Kain, Charles, farmer, Carroll twp.
Klein, George, farmer, Barr twp.
Kohler, Mathias, carpenter, Conmaugh bor.
Kohler, Milton C., clerk, Johnstown.
Krumenacher, Joseph, salesman, Washington twp.
Lytle, A. H., foreman, South Fork.
Miller, Frederick, barber, Johnstown.
Miller, George, clerk, Conmaugh bor.
Myers, B. F., laborer, Reade twp.
McClarren, James M., miner, South Fork.
McKenna, John, merchant, Conmaugh bor.
McKenzie, Peter J., farmer, Allegheny twp.
McMillan, Jas. A., plumber, Johnstown.
Neff, John, farmer, Summerhill twp.
Platt, Francis C., merchant, Gallitzin.
Pruner, Harry, painter, Loretto.
Reig, Vincent, farmer, Carroll twp.
Riblett, Jacob D., farmer, Conmaugh twp.
Rininger, W. W., laborer, West Taylor twp.
Rohrabaugh, John A., farmer, Cambria twp.
Sanders, Philip, farmer, Munster twp.
Scanlan, Joseph, farmer, Allegheny twp.
Schrift, Simon, Croyle twp.
Sarlouis, Andrew, Jr., miner, Johnstown.
Varner, George W., carpenter, Conemaugh bor.
Walters, Christ, farmer, White twp.
Weakland, John M., farmer, Susquehanna twp.
Wiss, Lewis, farmer, Croyle twp.

**Th Pennsylvania Seashore Excursions—A Delightful Trip to the Seaside.**

For several summers past the select seashore excursions of the Pennsylvania Railroad have been accounted the most delightful trips ever arranged for the people of this section. They have presented opportunities for visiting the most popular resorts on the Atlantic coast, at a rate of fare which comes within the power of all, and the limit of the visit has covered just the period of time that busy people could devote to leisure.

The announcement that the excursions will be resumed this season is good news. Thursday, July 11th, is the date fixed and Atlantic City, Cape May, Sea Isle City, or Ocean City are the resorts from which a choice may be made. A special train, running on the schedule given below, will carry the party, and the round-trip tickets, good for ten days, will be sold at the rates quoted:

| | Rate. | Train leaves. |
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| Pittsburgh | $10 00 | 8.55 A. M. |
| East Liberty | 10 00 | 9.05 " |
| Irwin | 10 00 | 9.35 " |
| Uniontown | 10 00 | 6.58 " |
| Connellsville | 10 00 | 7.32 " |
| Scottdale | 10 00 | 7.54 " |
| Greensburg | 10 00 | 9.53 " |
| Indiana | 10 00 | 6.30 " |
| Butler | 10 00 | 6.15 " |
| Apollo | 10 00 | 8.25 " |
| Latrobe | 10 00 | 10.10 " |
| Ballinsville | 10 00 | 9.22 " |
| Johnstown | 9 25 | 11.08 " |
| Cresson | 8 50 | 11.57 " |
| Altoona | 8 00 | 1.05 P. M. |
| Bellwood | 8 00 | 1.18 " |
| Clearfield | 8 75 | 9.40 A. M. |
| Bellefonte | 8 50 | 10.25 " |
| Philipsburg | 8 50 | 10.32 " |
| Tyrone | 7 65 | 1.30 P. M. |
| Huntingdon | 7 10 | 2.03 " |
| Cumberland | 8 50 | 8.20 A. M. |
| Bedford | 8 50 | 9.55 " |
| Mt. Union | 6 75 | 2.23 P. M. |
| McVeytown | 6 50 | 2.43 " |
| Lewistown Junction | 6 00 | 3.00 " |
| Mifflin | 5 65 | 3.20 " |
| Port Royal | 5 60 | 3.24 " |
| Newport | 5 00 | 3.51 " |
| Philadelphia, arrive | .... | 7.50 " |

The party will rest in Philadelphia the night of the 11th and proceed to the shore by any regular train of the 12th. The tickets will be accepted for return passage on any regular train except New York and Chicago Limited.

## BODIES RECOVERED.

**Millville Morgue.**

The following bodies have been found since our last report:

IDENTIFIED.

Dr J. K. Lee.

UNIDENTIFIED.

Girl, about 12 years, buttoned shoes, spring heel, red and black striped flannel skirt, blue dress, blue wool stockings, coat with fur collar, blue and black barred flannel skirt, blue and white barred gigham apron.

Female, about 4 feet 6 inches, buttoned shoes, spring heels, black ribbed stockings, red and white striped skirt, blue plaid dress, plain gold ring.

Girl, about 14 years, light red hair, piece of ticking skirt and sholder-straps of same, only articles on body. Found in river at Tenacre.

Male, 30 years, 5 feet 8 inches, brown, red, and black suit, check or cross red socks, buttoned shoes, door key, excursion ticket from Nineveh to Johnstown and return. Found in river at Ten-acre.

John Donnelly, residence unknown; 55 years, 6 feet 6 inches, sandy moustache, bald in front, large wart on right side of head, hair mixed with gray, inclining to curly, middle finger of left hand stiff from some former injury; died July 4th of injuries received on Pennsylvania Railroad same day.

Male, about 150, 5 feet 6 inches, blue wool shirt, small heart on right arm.

Female, 5 feet 4 inches, 115 pounds, white muslin chemise.

Male, 5 feet 10 inches, 170 pounds, blue drilling overalls, blue, brown and white striped shirt, gum coat, high gum boots, bunch of keys, pocket knife with black handle, small toothpick.

Female, 6 years, red, blue, black, and green plaid dress of woolen goods, red flannel skirt, brown and white gingham sack, button shoes, spring heel, and black stockings. This body was found in front of the C. I. Co. General Office about noon Saturday.

Male, about No. 7 congress gaiters, gray cotton socks, gold hunting-case watch and chain, Mechanics' pin, rubber finger ring. This body was found near the Cambria foot-bridge.

**The Prospect Hill Cemetery.**

Mr. Adam Kemery, superintendent of the Prospect Hill Cemetery, has a record of 430 bodies, buried at that place. Mr. Kemery has supervised the interment and removal of bodies at that cemetery ever since the flood, and assures the people who have friends buried there, that there is no truth in the stories that dogs or other animals have been tearing up the graves. All bodies have been decently interred, and a correct record has been kept, each being numbered, and if unidentified, a full description given. Thirty bodies have been lifted and removed as follows:

93—A. C. Christie.
28—Miss Daly.
183—James Lewis.
22—Mrs. Eva Parsons.
37—Margaret Stopnel.
—H. C. Adams.
216—Jennie Kaab or Philips.
232—Margaretta Cope.
154—Louisa Abier.
153—Georgie Abler.
256—Job Morgan.
50—James Eskdale.
235—Mrs. Young.
73—Della Davis.
——Alex Montgomery.
35—Alice Kenna.
191—Dr. Geo. Wagoner.
97—Charles Bischof.
92—Mrs. Mary Oyler.
229—Mrs. Hoffman.
316—Chas Schnurr.
238—Wilthelm Peppel.
123—John W. Peydon.
99—Georgiano Peydon.
100—Julia Peydon.
89—Camp. Peydon.
176—E. W. Thomas, son of Capt. F. C. Gaither.
229—Mary Lyden.
390—Sammy Young.

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# BURIED IN A MINE.

## THE FEARFUL STORY OF TWO CORNISH MINERS.

**A Lucky Find—How the Young Man Cheered His Older Companion During Their Hours of Misery—Trying to Keep Warm While Lying on the Wet Stones.**

Some weeks ago we published, says the London Daily News, what may be called the outer world story of the entombment of the Cornish miners in the Drake Walls mine. This is now supplemented by the pathetic narrative of William Bant of how it fared with him and his comrade, John Rule, during the four days, when night and day were to them as one, in their dismal prison 230 feet down below the surface of the earth.

It was in the morning that the two men heard an ominous creaking noise, followed by a tremendous roar of the rushing mass of loose sand and rock which told them of their awful peril. Only a moment before two of their mates, who as we know escaped miraculously, had left them to make their way down the pass to the middle level some fifty feet distant. It was now the turn of the other two to follow, flying for their lives; but too late. Thousands of tons of the slipped sand and rock already barred the way, and cut them off from all access to the cheerful daylight and the sight of their fellow men.

"I offered prayer to God," says Bant at this point, and said: "'Not my will, but Thine be done.'" Their next act was to grope their way back to the spot whence they had started. What fate had befallen their two comrades they knew not; but feeling about in the darkness they found these men's jackets, besides the jacket of Rule, Bant's having been buried in the sand and lost. This find was indeed a piece of good fortune, for in the pocket of each of the garments was a pasty and a "crib," apparently a small loaf, which guaranteed them, at least for a while, against starvation. Some hope they had of finding a store of candles, but, to their grief, the rushing sand had carried them away, together with a keg of water, which, as the writer of the narrative pathetically observes, "would have done us some good if we had had it."

Then they lay down on their bed of sand and stones damp with the constant dripping from the roof, and hour after hour listened for some sound to break the dreadful silence. At last Bant whose companion was deaf, exclaimed, "Jack, I hear them sounding from the forty fathom," and Rule answered. "Give them a peal." Then it was that the one morsel of candle which they had became precious, for it was needful to make their way to some spot in the direction of the knocking and there return the signal. Thus they were enabled to communicate from time to time. Then their little stock of matches gave out, and ere long "a dark cloud" came over them, for they could not hear the trammers working for a while. So the time passed, the imprisoned men alternately huddling together for warmth and jumping about and beating their hands.

In the deep gloom and solitude of the Cornish mine it was Bant, the young man of 21, who first strove to keep up the spirits of his deaf companion fifteen years older than himself. On one occasion he "started to sing," when Jack said, "Billy, if you have a heart to sing I have a heart to laugh." But in a short space their forced gayety was turned to melancholy. "My mate would say, 'I am thinking of the old people at home. What a sad way they must be in. This will kill the old man. He was bad before, and mother is bad by this time, I expect,' he being the only support the old people had." Now it was the turn of John Rule, who, as his companion observes, was of stronger nerve, to speak a word of comfort in a graver way, and to remind his comrade of how they had always been good friends," but never so much as then. Still it was the young man who had to do all the sounding, though, he, to, had begun to feel deaf on one side through the dripping of water into the ear from the roof. His comrade, by way of keeping up his spirits, observed that it was "better to be deaf in one ear than two," which, says Bant, in his simple way, "of course, was right, though if both were deaf it would be a poor lookout for us.

"My mate," continues the narrative, "would very often ask me if I heard them nicking away now. I would very quickly reply, 'Yes, I hear them going at it smart.' Then we would be still for about five minutes, when we would want a change of position. I would get one of my legs under, and he would put one of his on mine, and so on; we would draw our breath into each other's bosom; I would put my hand under his coat, and he would put his under mine, and at the same time would say, 'Keep as close as we can to one another, and it will keep us warm.' We would lie like that until tired, and that would not be long. Then I would put my arm round his neck, and he would soon find it wanting, when I would have to get out of bed to sound." They fancied they could tell night from day by the time when they felt sleepy.

On one occasion Bant said to his comrade: "I think it's Thursday; do you think it is?" On what seemed to be the day after this they could hear the rescuers blasting the rock with powder. They had husbanded their food in vain, for the pasties had gone bad, and were loathsome to the smell. The sounds, too, seemed further off; and, their stamina failing, they felt terribly cold, and were driven to tear the sleeves from their coats and put them round their feet. "I felt," says Bant, "hungry and thirsty, thinking at the same time a pound of candles would do good if I had them; but not having them I had to do without. After these thoughts passed through my mind I thought I heard some one talking. I remarked it to my mate, who said, 'Get out, man, you don't hear any one.' I listened and heard them again. I, without hesitating went over to the rise, called out, and quickly received an answer, which put a new life in me."

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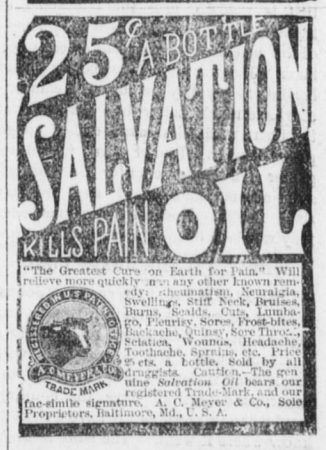


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