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INFORMATION.

LIST OF ARTICLES FOUND ON PERSONS DROWNED.

What the Committee on Valuables Has in Its Possession—Probably That Some of the Bodies May Be Identified by the Articles Found on These Persons.

We present this morning a complete list of the valuables, papers, etc., found on the bodies of persons who perished in the flood, and also a list of articles picked up in the debris, which have been identified by the committee, but which have not been called for.

In burying the dead each body was numbered and the grave numbered to correspond so if any of our readers recognized the articles following the numbers they may be able to identify the body buried under that number. The articles can be seen at room No. 8, Alma Hall, Main street, and all information in regard to them can also be obtained there.

The first part of the list contains those articles that were found and brought to the Committee on Valuables, and which were identified by certain plain marks, and also a list of those brought in that could not be identified.

- 167 One pocket-comb.
- 174 Collar buttons and 65 cents.
- 202 W. Fisher, pen-knife.
- 264 Three rings.
- 157 Pocket-book and 10 cents.
- 227 \$7.75 in money.
- 186 One pair glasses, two pocket-books and \$27.25.
- 287 54 cents, watch, pencil, knife and key.
- 190 Pocket-book, knife and key.
- 229 Key and tea collar buttons.
- 270 Gold watch, breast-pin and hat pin with set.
- 175 7 cents, ribbon and collar button.
- 206 Pocket-book and two knives.
- 274 Knife, snuff box and keys.
- 179 \$3.10, keys, watch and chain.
- One watch.
- 285 Bunch of keys and spectacles.
- 291 Gold ring, breast-pin, and ear-drops.
- 264 Three rings.
- 279 Knucklers and knife.
- 270 Key and tea collar buttons.
- 220 25 cents and small key.
- 210 25 cents, set teeth and thimble.
- 208 \$1.23 in money.
- Charles Bruhn \$70 in bills, pocket-book and papers.
- Wm. Henry, Hulbert House porter, watch chain, knife, pocket-book and money.
- Chas. H. Wilson, clerk in Hulbert House, \$2.11, pocket-book, letters, gloves and spectacles.
- John O. Richards, Rochester, N. Y., \$15 in gold, \$25 paper, 30 cents, spectacles, watch, knife, match box, pipe and papers.
- Frank H. Harris, knife.
- Charles Behuke, pocket-book, pipe and papers.
- S. P. St. John, trunk.
- Unknown man, one gold watch, \$3.82, sleeve buttons marked "R. L. U. J." and penknife.
- Unknown lady, one small gold watch, marked "E. M. B."

KERNVILLE MORGUE.

- 23 One plush necktie and piece of cloth.
- 31 Memorandum papers, two lead pencils, piece chalk, pocket-book, \$1.10, brass check.
- 9 Ring marked "I. B." pair ear-rings, one collar button.
- 34 Two pieces cloth.
- 45 13 cents, collar button, scarf pin, steel chain, necktie and one shoe.
- 19 One piece dress.
- 56 Shoe, pair ear-rings, hair pin and two pieces dress.
- 73 John Chisaman, one watch, 30 pennies, one key and \$5.15.
- 74 Pocket book, bunch keys, sacred heart, silver watch, chain with charm and \$2.50.
- 71 Breast pin with two rings.
- 78 Pocket-book, necktie pin, key and knife.
- 80 Pair ear drops, one marked "M. W., Aug. 12, 1888."
- 10 James English, money and baggage check.
- 6 One piece cloth.
- 28 Cloth with pearl buttons.
- 18 One pair ear-drops and piece cloth.
- 58 One ring marked "R. O., 1886."
- 65 Two rings.
- 68 One pair earrings with glass and sets, two rings, one marked "J. E."
- 42 Broken engraved ring, one pair earrings, one pair new shoes, two patches goods.
- 50 One shoe.
- 51 Catholic ear-ring with figure, six buttons and ring.
- 32 Open-faced watch, chain and bunch of keys.
- 12 One pair ear-rings.
- 31 Watch, gold key, cup and brush, razor, pair spectacles, knives, two receipts in German, and one piece of dress.
- 4, 5, 6 Three children, small hatchet, chair and bottle.
- 55 Collar button with set and one breast pin.
- 52 One piece dress.
- 51 Gold ring, pieces clothing, shoe button, gas key, 75 cents, and gum nipple.

P. R. E. MORGUE.

- 8 Three rings, one marked "F. M.," and one ear-drop.
- 14 One ring, inscription in German.
- 235 Mrs. Alice Jones; pocket-book, containing 3 cents.
- 238 Open-faced gold watch, short chain, cross charm.
- 204 Money, medal with Lord's prayer on, gold sleeve-buttons, plain band ring, pencil, Odd Fellows' pin.
- 222 Purse containing 72 cents, one bunch keys.
- 133 Plain band ring, plain ring, with small set, one small loop of ear-rings.
- 153 Three keys, small piece of child's chain, 70 cents and English coin.
- 181 Medium plain gold ring, pocket-book with 5 pennies, small bunch keys, handkerchief and pocket-book containing receipt of Charles Brixner.
- 166 Pocket-book and \$6.35.
- 150 Purse containing money, thimble and breastpin.
- 227 Purse containing money, pen-knife and pair scissors.
- 117 Purse and knife.
- 182 Black set pin.
- 128 Large button and chased ring.
- 183 One chain.
- 173 Small plain ring.
- 230 One silver thimble.
- 149 Two ear drops.
- 184 Pocket-book and keys.
- 101 \$1.
- 194 One chased band ring and key.
- 185 Knife, bunch of keys and \$1.13.
- 174 One plain band ring.
- 223 One collar button and money.
- 192 One plain band ring, one chased band ring, large key and breast pin.
- 206 One initial ear drop.
- 245 Purse containing \$4.10.
- 250 Purse containing 30 cents, plain gold ring and shoe buttoner.
- 252 Two ear drops, one breast pin containing nine Rhinestone sets, and one chased ring.
- 200 One purse containing 11 cents.
- 256 One pair ear-drops.
- 257 Pocket-book, pen-knife and ring.
- 258 One child's breast-pin.
- 255 Gold watch and chain.
- 273 Money.
- 260 Two rings, one marked "E. G." or "E. J."
- 265 Pair spectacles and rings.
- 286 Small plain gold ring.
- 290 One set plate teeth.
- 270 Marble and two piece of cloth, and buttoner.
- 282 Knife and pipe.
- 293 Pocket-book and money.

FOURTH WARD MORGUE.

- 134 \$2 in bills 69 cents.
- 149 Silver watch chain and 45 cents.
- 177 Tobacco box, knife, bunch of keys and \$3.40.
- 240 One key and 1 cent.
- 240 Two sleeve buttons.
- 168 Rule and bunch of keys.
- 243 Breast pin and ring.
- 7 cents, two knives, and key.
- 290 15 cents, knife, pipe and key.
- 183 Thomas Howe, 60 cents, two keys, and buttoner.
- 284 One knife.

- 274 One ring, full figure of woman, one ear-drop.
- 281 Pipe, key, watch chain and charm.
- 301 Two pieces of ear-ring.
- 314 Garnet ring and money.
- 297 One breast pin.
- 318 Comb and 5 cents.
- 333 Breast-pin and collar button.
- 350 Set teeth, watch and charm, key, case and spectacles and match box.
- 350 Small child's ring.
- 384 Pair ear drops.
- 375 Scarf pin and collar button.
- 392 Plain gold ring.
- 396 Two chased rings.
- 379 Breast pin.
- 302 Knife, chain, 5 cents and cigar holder.

ECHOES FROM THE FLOOD.

Sad Stories From Survivors of the Fatal Friday.

Mrs. Mary Overbeck tells a sad story. At 7 o'clock in the morning of Friday, the 31st of May, the overflow of water from the river began to rush into the cellar of her house; but neither she nor her husband anticipated danger at that time, and he started out as usual for his place of work. Finding the streets badly flooded, he procured a raft and returned to take his wife to a place of safety. Before he reached his dwelling, however, its occupants were removed to the residence of Mr. McMillen near by, and Mr. Overbeck went himself to the Club House across the street from Mr. McMillen's house. The water continued to rise through the day, and the heavy rain obscured the view between the two houses. Mr. Overbeck called out at intervals to his wife, cheering her and telling her that he would join her in the morning. Finally at 4 in the afternoon the tidal wave from the reservoir swept down the street, carrying houses, trees, and dead bodies with it, and Mrs. Overbeck beheld with terror the porch of the Club House across the street fall. Mr. McMillen had taken thirty-two people into his house, which was a large, firm building, and when the rush of water came he took them all up to the top story, where they remained until late Saturday morning with nothing to eat save a single loaf of bread.

"Early Saturday morning," continued Mrs. Overbeck, "I looked across the street and saw a hand protruding from a mass of debris near the Club House. I begged some of the gentlemen to go and see if they could find my husband. They did so and my dead husband's body was brought across and placed in the upper hallway of Mr. McMillen's house." Such was the excitement and confusion at this time that Mrs. Overbeck could not get to her husband's side, and she was carried to a place of safety without ever seeing him again, his body having been among those of the first to be buried by the relief parties. As Mrs. Overbeck tells her pitiful story, there is a strange look of sadness, and she cannot repeat what she has suffered without marked signs of emotion.

THEY SAVED TWENTY-SIX PERSONS. Mrs. Emma Robb, stepmother of Mrs. Overbeck, another of the survivors, lived at the corner of Morris and Willow streets, South Side. She is a widow, and with her only daughter she fled to the upper story of her house, taking some provisions with her. Both before and after the great tidal wave struck the house mother and daughter worked heroically to save the terror-stricken and half-drowned unfortunates who floated past their windows. They succeeded in saving the lives of twenty-six persons, and early Saturday morning the whole party was carried on a raft to the upper part of Kernville.

Held by a Corpse.

Rev. Fr. Trautwein, of Cambria City, visited Rev. E. M. McKeever, of Latrobe, recently, says the *Advance*, and related the following incident of the flood which had not been printed heretofore: He was standing on the bridge on that awful Saturday succeeding the flood and witnessed the attempt of workmen to remove a Miss Clark from the wreck, they had removed the debris from her head and body as far as exposed, but still she could not be liberated. The flames were approaching, and Father Trautwein administered the sacrament of the church to the poor unfortunate, who believed that she must certainly perish. In desperation one man dived beneath the water and endeavored to free her, when he found her one heel held in a vice like grip by a human hand. The muscles were set in death and it seemed that the unfortunate girl could not be freed from their awful clasp. An ax was procured and the hand severed from the arm, when Miss Clark was taken out. Both her legs were broken, but she was taken to the Hospital and is getting along nicely. The men then went to work and finally succeeded in getting out the body to which the hand belonged. Strange to relate, it was that of Miss Clark's grandfather, and it was his hand that had almost dragged her to an awful death.

Assistance Through Dr. Walters.

Mr. Jonathan J. Lewis, of Pueblo, Colorado, collected from the employees of the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad, \$68 for the Johnstown sufferers. He sent the money to Dr. W. W. Walters in checks of \$5 and one \$3 check to be distributed to the persons named. The doctor has been attending to this pleasant task of handing over the welcome little pieces of paper.

KILLED AT SHERIDAN.

By Being Run Over by a Freight Train Going East.

Tuesday afternoon about 3:30 o'clock persons standing on the platform at Sheridan Station were horrified to see the remains of a man on the track immediately after a freight train had passed eastward. As there was no one in sight when the train came along, he either fell or jumped from the train and was drawn under the wheels. The remains were horribly mutilated, but were gathered together as best they could and put on the mail train, arriving here at 4:11. They were taken to the Millville Morgue where they were confined, and, if they are not identified, will be buried with the flood victims. The party killed was a man about 35 years of age, and weighed about 140 pounds. He had on working clothes and a small miner's lamp was picked up where he was found. There were no papers by which he could be identified, but his right arm was tattooed with ordinary ink with the letters "J. B." and on the right arm was a small dagger. His hair was dark-brown and he wore a rather heavy moustache. It is possible he may have been a brakeman, but it is hardly likely.

The New Minister.

Rev. Paul Glasgow, of Tamaqua, Schuylkill county, has been chosen pastor of the German Evangelical Lutheran Zion Congregation, this city. Rev. Glasgow preached his first sermon last Sunday morning in the temporary quarters at Hansman's Hall.

Cannot Find His Family.

The man Lehr, who shot Scott at Confluence yesterday, formerly worked for the restaurant in the Diamond Market, Allegheny. The proprietor says he was there but a short time as a second cook, but was perfectly sober during the two months he was engaged. He said his mother lived in Allegheny somewhere, and that his father was in the Lehigh region. Nothing further could be learned of him.

A Swindling Scheme Detected.

A lot of loafers around town had concocted a very neat scheme to swindle Contractors McLain & Co., which was nipped in the bud yesterday. They would go to work for a half a day or so, and after getting a check on the boarding-house would only show up at meal time. In this way some of them got several weeks' free board, but they will more likely have to earn it double now, as information, under the boarding-house act was made against them yesterday, and they may have to work their fine out on the streets.

Gave Ball.

At a hearing before Squire Rutledge yesterday at 2 p. m. on a charge of assault and battery, preferred by Phillip Berg, Henry Steiner, the defendant, was held in the sum of \$200 for his appearance at Court. More trouble will grow out of this litigation. Let us have peace.

A Belligerent Husband.

He had imbibed too freely of intoxicants, and conceived the idea that some one must feel the force of his displeasure. There were no men about whom he considered his equals, and he was at a loss what to do. In casting about he saw a medium sized woman, Mrs. Charles Elwine, his wife, and at once proceeded to pummel her. A black eye, a contusion on the neck, and several bruises about the body was all the physical damage suffered by the poor woman, when a stranger passing in his wagon, saw the fracas, and decided to take a hand in it. Charles Elwine soon regretted that more secrecy was not given to his pugilistic efforts, and slunk away the worst whipped man in town. All this occurred near Lincoln Bridge yesterday afternoon. Up to last accounts no arrests had been made.

Prince Russell Harrison.

How dazzling is the reflected glory from the Executive Chair of State. Our President's son Russell is the heir apparent to all of Uncle Sam's dominions. The great son of our great President, is having a royal time of it in England. Our own Russell is one of the most distinguished of all distinguished individuals. Our Prince Russell can fairly claim a place among the distinguished ones of the earth. He has dined with Queen Victoria, lunched with the Prince of Wales, dined with the Marquis of Salisbury, bought fancy neckties, silk handkerchiefs, silk underclothes, silver-mounted perfume bottles, monogrammed tooth brushes, and all kinds of the most delightful things, and has carefully packed them in the most beautiful Russia leather valise with initials R. H. He will bring these home with him, paying duty on them to the great delight of his great daddy and mamma. Dazzling indeed, is the reflected glory from the Executive lamp of State.

SOMERSET TRAGEDY.

A YOUNG PITTSBURGHER MURDERED BY A DRUNKEN COOK.

The Victim a Son of John Scott, of Pittsburgh—Scene of the Horrible Affair Near Confluence—Pleasure Turned to Mourning—The Murderer Taken to the Somerset Jail.

Charles Scott, son of John Scott, the stone contractor of Pittsburgh, was shot and instantly killed Sunday by James Lehr, of Allegheny. The shooting took place at the camp of the Eureka Fishing Club of Allegheny, near Confluence, near Ohio Pyle Falls, on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad.

The body of young Scott was taken to Pittsburgh yesterday morning, accompanied by his companions who had gone to the camp with him on Saturday, and now lies at Moreland's undertaking rooms. The funeral will take place from the residence of his father, John Scott, on Stanton avenue, East End, Wednesday, at 2 p. m.

Gus Straub, an eye witness to the tragedy, described it as follows: "Saturday night young Scott, Wm. Marshall, Thos. Nisbett, Mr. Echenlaub, Chas. Kurtz and myself went to the camp as guests of the Eureka Club. We had a most pleasant visit till Sunday afternoon. Mr. Scott and I had been up in the woods near the camp and came back about 4 o'clock. Some of the boys told us they had been having some trouble with Lehr, the cook. He had been drinking heavily, and Harry Knorr, one of the members of the club, told him he could have no more liquor. Lehr chased him from the camp with a revolver in his hand, but finally came back. While he was gone Mr. Kurtz knocked the spigot out of the beer keg and let it run in order to prevent Lehr from getting any more. Lehr then made for Kurtz, revolver in hand, but did not shoot. He was in terrible anger and threatened and swore around for a long time to the terror of all in camp.

"Up to this time Lehr had not said a word to Scott or Scott to him. Finally, about 5 o'clock, some of the members of the club said to us that as there was not much chance for supper, the way Lehr was acting, that we had better go to Confluence for supper. To this we agreed, and all started from camp. Scott was the last one to leave the camp. He was about one hundred yards behind me and was standing in the door of a tent. He called to me to wait and started toward me. He had come about ten yards when Lehr came toward him and calling him a vile name, said, 'Where are you going; you come back here!' Scott faced him and said: 'I am going to Confluence.' 'No you are not,' said Lehr, and pulled out his revolver and, as Scott moved away sideways, fired a shot at him. Scott then moved away further, but all the time keeping his eyes on him, when Lehr fired again. Then Scott fired a shot from a little revolver he had. I called to him to run, and he turned to do so, when Lehr fired again, and the bullet struck Scott in the back. He fell and never spoke a word, dying instantly.

"Some of the boys hurried to Confluence, and the magistrate and a constable at once went to the camp. When they got near camp, Lehr pulled his revolver again, but the boys persuaded him to put it up. He did so and he was arrested and taken to Somerset, where he is in jail. The magistrate held an inquest, and fourteen witnesses told the same story I am telling you.

"There had been no fuss of any kind between Scott and Lehr, and the shooting was entirely unprovoked. Lehr was the only man in camp who was in the least affected by liquor, and I would not have anyone think for a moment that liquor had anything to do with the fuss, as far as Scott or anyone but Lehr was concerned. I know that Scott had not had a drink since 11 o'clock in the morning and all day he did not drink over two or three glasses.

"Scott happened to be the last man to leave camp, and I believe it would have been the same had I or any one else been the last man. Lehr was in an ugly mood and seemed determined to pick a fight with some one. He was fussing all the afternoon, and became almost crazy with anger when Kurtz knocked the spigot out of the beer keg.

"There were six shots fired—four by Lehr and I think, two by Scott; but as far as I could tell Scott fired in the air, and after Scott fell Lehr fired another shot. From where Lehr fired to where Scott stood was 120 yards, and that his aim should have been so true is a marvel to me."

Charles Scott, the victim of the shooting, is the son of John Scott, the well-known Pittsburgh stone contractor. He has a brother in the firm of Vincent & Scott, the East End carpet dealers, in whose store he worked, and also a brother in the firm of Scott & McLennan. He was about twenty-one years old and unmarried.

THE OFFICIAL STATEMENT SHOWS THAT OVER

Six Thousand Persons Were Lost in the Great Calamity on Friday, May 31st

Yesterday the Bureau of Information closed its Department, having completed its work. The work was completed by Colonel John I. Rogers, continued by Mr. Harry Keller, and completed by Mr. H. A. French.

Mr. C. B. Clark's registry, just made a short time before the flood, made our population a little over 29,000. The Bureau's canvass and registry makes the number of people who survived the flood, including those who are living here and those who have gone away, 22,889. This leaves 6,111 people as the number lost. Mr. French thinks these figures are as near correct as they can be made, and that it could not possibly vary over four hundred. About 2,000 bodies have been recovered.

These statistics which have been carefully compiled are now in the possession of the Board of Inquiry, and will be given to the State Flood Commission, and will be regarded as the official figures. It is hard to think that six thousand of our people were lost in the calamity, but that is the number the Bureau of Information arrives at after careful research, having resorted to every means of information which could be reached.

DEATH OF JOHN MCBRIDE.

Annie Frankhauser Charged With His Death—She is Now Awaiting a Hearing.

John McBride, of Prospect, died at the Cambria Hospital Tuesday morning about 2 o'clock, of concussion of the brain.

On July 15th last, Annie Frankhauser, a resident of Upper Prospect, was in one of her tantrums, and assaulted young McBride, and struck him on the head with a stone, fracturing his skull.

Yesterday information was made by William Baker, who was an eye witness of the assault, before Justice Bland, and a warrant was issued for her arrest and placed in the hands of Constable Porter R. Miller, who arrested Annie yesterday morning about 11 o'clock and locked her up.

Coroner Evans was notified of the death, and at once impaneled a jury, consisting of Stephen B. Gregory, John T. Graham, W. J. Gilmore, John Penzance, William Post, and Abraham Gilmore, who sat at 2 o'clock yesterday evening, but adjourned without taking testimony, to meet again this evening at 7 o'clock at the coroner's office, when witnesses will be examined.

McBride was about nineteen years old, and lived on Prospect, near the Cambria Hospital. Annie Frankhauser, his assailant, has made frequent appearances in the police court as prosecutor and defendant, and bears a reputation of an unenviable character.

A Man Probably Fatally Hurt.

Charles Ellsworth, an employe in the Cambria Mills, sustained what may prove to be a fatal accident. He was assisting in raising a boom when the strap broke and precipitated the unfortunate man fifteen feet to the floor, breaking his jaw and cutting his face severely, and perhaps fracturing his skull. The accident occurred yesterday afternoon about 3 p. m. He was hastily taken to the Cambria Hospital in a buggy, where Dr. W. B. Lowman dressed his wounds. The doctor said he was suffering from concussion of the brain and that he could not at the time tell the extent of the injury, but that it was a very serious case. The patient is a young man and hails from Pittsburgh.

Respect to Their Employe.

The officials of the Western Union Telegraph Company are making provisions for the support of the family of Harrison A. Jackson, of McConnellsburg, who perished in the Johnstown flood. Mr. Jackson was employed as lineman, with headquarters at Derry, and was ordered to Johnstown on the day of the fatal disaster. He was removing wires from the first to the second floor of the telegraph building, when the water struck the building and drowned six out of seven of the employes. It is learned that the company have agreed to erect a \$1,500 house at Johnstown for the family of the deceased, and to pay the widow her husband's former salary—\$90 per month.

For the Information of Applicants.

All requests for housekeeping goods, furniture, bedding, mattresses and clothing must hereafter be made to the Committee of Ladies of the Conemaugh Valley, in compliance with an order signed by Captain H. H. Kuhn, head of the Commissary, and Miss Clara Barton, President of the National Red Cross. The Conemaugh Valley Committee consists of Miss Elizabeth Tittle, Chairman; Mrs. Arthur J. Moxham, Mrs. Herman Baumer, Mrs. Thomas Brown, Mrs. Charles Griffith, Mrs. Mary Parks and Miss Mary Howe, with headquarters in the temporary building at the corner of Locust street and Park Place.