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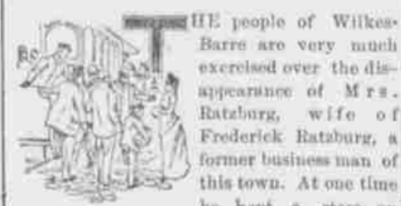
AT KEITER'S.

HIS WIFE DISAPPEARS

A Wilkes-Barre Man Mourns For His Wife.

FORMERLY OF THIS TOWN

Frederick Ratzburg Says His Wife Left Him to Visit Shenandoah and Has Not Been Seen Since—A Boarder Drawn Into the Case.



THE people of Wilkes-Barre are very much exercised over the disappearance of Mrs. Ratzburg, wife of Frederick Ratzburg, a former business man of this town. At one time he kept a store on North Main street and later conducted a store in the Hoffman building, on the same street. At present he is a sewing machine agent at Wilkes-Barre.

Mrs. Ratzburg is a stylish young woman about 32 years old, blessed with good looks and a graceful form. About two weeks ago she left her home in Wilkes-Barre, saying she wished to visit her parents in this town for a week. On September 2nd Ratzburg received a letter from his wife in which she wrote, "To-morrow I'll leave for Wilkes-Barre." Since that time nothing has been heard of the wife.

Since the disappearance of the wife has been made public it has been learned that Harry Seery, a dashing young photographer who was a boarder in the Ratzburg household, has also disappeared. His familiarity with Mrs. Ratzburg had been noticeable and during her supposed visit to Shenandoah he packed his trunk and left the house without notifying Mr. Ratzburg.

Seery is supposed to have been employed in the Dornbach photograph gallery in this town some years ago.

In speaking of the matter to a reporter Ratzburg said: "Yes, it is so; my wife has left me without cause or warning and fled to parts unknown. For fifteen years we have lived happily together, enjoying all the luxuries and pleasures of a home, and I can not believe that she has eloped until proper investigation has convinced me."

IGNORING THE RULES.

The Board of Health Complains of Undertakers. Complaint was made at the HERALD office to-day that the Board of Health finds that the undertakers of town are not complying with the regulations requiring a report of all deaths to be made to the secretary of the board. The official says that it is absolutely necessary that every undertaker shall report every case so that the report of vital statistics which the local body must make to the state shall be complete; and also that in cases of contagious diseases the board may take steps to see that the funeral is a private one. If the rule is not complied with hereafter the board will proceed to enforce the penalty for each and every case not reported.

Samuel Simmons' Death. In last evening's issue of the HERALD, notice was given of the death of Samuel Simmons, at Hazleton, cousin of P. D. Holman, of town. Referring to the accident the Hazleton Plain-Speaker says: "Mr. Simmons, who had charge of the stripping, was superintending the removal of a steam shovel, when the accident occurred. They had a small locomotive and car to assist in the work. There is a steep grade at this point, and the loaded car was allowed to run ahead of the engine. Through some defect in the track the car jumped the track, and before the engine could be stopped it crashed into the car, and Mr. Simmons, who was riding on the front of the engine, was caught between the bumpers, crushing his leg in a horrible manner. Amputation was found necessary, from the effects of which he died. The funeral will take place to-morrow."

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Improving the Court House. M. H. Master, of town, has a force of men at work on the court house putting in large coping stones along the stone stairways. John McCabe, E. J. Kepler, Ed. Lehman, Jerry Fry and John Bohmberger are engaged in the work.

OBE'S OBSERVATIONS.

What He Sees and Hears During His Travels. A conductor on the electric road told me a few days ago that it was an easy matter for him to know who among the passengers on Sundays were bound for church. He says it is not uncommon for well dressed men and women to hand him a ten cent piece, with the request, "Will you please give me pennies in change?" On week days they generally refuse them.

I heard a base ball enthusiast approach Empire Whalen with the following question: "Well, Jim, the base ball season is drawing to a close. I suppose you will go into training for next year?" The good-natured James quietly looked his interrogator over from head to foot, and gave him his desired information. "Yes," said the umpire, "I shall hire out to a boiler shop, for one half of the winter, so as to keep my ears in condition, and for the balance of the winter I propose working in a dynamite factory, so that my nerves will be in proper condition to stand the strain." Then they both smiled and parted.

It makes no difference how much money there is in the country, the laboring man will not get hold of it unless he works for it, and if there is no work to do he will not get it at all.

I have a prediction to make. This is something so unusual for your humble servant to do, Mr. Editor, that your readers will be shocked. But I shall make the attempt. So here goes for the prediction. The housewife of the next century (and also those of the present century who live long enough) will not have any tin or iron cooking utensils. She will use aluminum cooking dishes, which are light, easily cleaned and practically indestructible. Many a Shenandoah mother can then allow their dear daughters to perform a little, just a little, of the kitchen work without soiling their dear, lovely little hands. That's prediction No. 1. Watch for No. 2.

There are a large number of Shenandoah workmen out of employment. Three days a week at the mines, and the other industries curtailing expenses, does not present a very bright outlook. With such a state of affairs would it not be a good thing for the borough to do all necessary grading and street work to give employment to some of the poor men who find it hard to get along. If there is any work to be done this winter by the borough, it strikes me Council couldn't do a better thing for the unemployed than to set them at such work before the winter comes. A prominent business man made the suggestion to me yesterday, and I therefore present it to the members of the Borough Council for their consideration.

I was conversing in front of an East Centre street business place with the proprietor to-day, when the conversation turned upon the dullness of the times. There was a lull in the conversation, when I noticed his attention was directed to the antics of his pet dog upon the pavement. "Ah, how I envy that dog!" he no matter how hard the times may be he can always make both ends meet. The animal was biting a flea on the end of his tail.

From what I can learn the free text book law is working very satisfactory in this town. A number of parents, whose children were kept away from school for the want of books, are availing themselves of the good features of this law. It is certainly gratifying to note any improvement in our educational system. But there is an element, and an important one, too, that is lacking in our town schools. It is the want of proper interest manifested by parents in their children's educational progress. They are seldom found in the school room, and I am informed by several teachers that it is a rare thing to have parents inquire of the latter as to the progress of their offspring. This is certainly an injustice to the child. They should be encouraged by the presence of their parents in the school room sometimes. Men appear to be more concerned about the training of a young horse than they are of the minds of their children. About the former they will inquire daily of the trainer. This is all wrong, and should awaken the crying ones to a sense of their duty.

How nice it is to own your own home, no matter how small or how modest. It cheer and encourages you to renewed effort every day. It makes you feel more like a man, makes you a better citizen and gives you a stimulus that nothing else can, while it adds materially to the value of town property. I know a number of men, who to-day are prominent in financial affairs and own considerable property in town, started out by borrowing money with which to build their own home. Visit a city or town where the majority own their own homes, and then go into another composed of a class who cannot or will not buy permanent homes, and note the difference. Invariably you will find in the first instance neat homes that vary in design, with plenty of evidence all around that show plainly that the people who live there have an interest beside the rent paid. Again I say, own your own home. If you have to run in debt for it, it pays you in the end.

Mr. Barnes is said to have the finest and largest St. Bernard dog alive. The dog was presented to him while leaving Europe last summer.

Best photographs and crayons at Dabb's.

A PRETTY WEDDING

M. M. Burke, Esq., and Miss Foley Married.

NOON CEREMONY TO-DAY

Rev. H. F. O'Reilly, Assisted by Rev. Kane, Officiates at the Annunciation Church—Reception at the Residence of the Bride's Parents.



YEMEN'S alter claimed two more pilgrims to-day in the persons of Martin M. Burke, Esq., and Miss Mary E. Foley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Foley, of West Centre street.

The ceremony took place in the Annunciation church on West Cherry street. Rev. H. F. O'Reilly officiating, assisted by Rev. M. J. Kane. The ceremony took place at high noon before a very large number of friends of the contracting parties.

Deputy District Attorney Edgar W. Bechtel was the groomsmen and Miss Kate G. Nash, of Philadelphia, the bridesmaid. The bride and bridesmaid were dressed in soft white silk with Marie Antoinette fleches, white gloves, white shoes and white Gainsborough hats. The group at the altar presented a very pretty scene. After the ceremony the bridal party went to the residence of the bride's parents, 306 West Centre street, and held a reception from 1 to 4 p. m. At 5:25 p. m. Mr. and Mrs. Burke started on their bridal tour, which will include trips to Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia and Atlantic City.

The groom is a very popular young man who, although in the profession but a short time, is steadily pushing himself toward the front of the Schuylkill county legal bar. The bride shares in the popularity her husband enjoys and both have the hearty wishes of the community for prosperity, long life and happiness.

The presents made the couple were very numerous and beautiful. They comprised almost every ornamental and useful household article imaginable and the bride will have a hard task before her when she undertakes to make an inventory of them. The following is a summary of some of the gifts and the donors:

Col. D. P. Brown, Lost Creek, blankets; P. J. Ferguson, silver card receiver; Mr. and Mrs. J. J. O'Hara, scenes; Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Raley, silver jug; Judge O. P. Bechtel, silver tray; Mr. and Mrs. M. P. McLoughlin, Pottsville, silver knives and forks; Mine Inspector William Reice, oyster forks; Mr. and Mrs. John A. Reilly, chamber set; Mr. and Mrs. J. J. O'Connor, Pottsville, silver salts; H. J. Muldoon, silver carving set; Deputy District Attorney Edgar W. Bechtel, silver water pitcher and card receiver; Miss Maggie A. Egan, silver spoon; Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Coogan, silver pickle jar; Mr. and Mrs. James Cleary, silver knife; Mrs. M. M. L'Veille, silver bon-bon; Mr. and Mrs. James Grant, silver pickle dish; John J. O'Hara and William H. Glenn, rocking chair; B. R. Seever, silver fish fork; Roe Reilly, silver spoons; Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Quinn, silver cake dish; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Strouse, silver cake dish; Hon. and Mrs. M. C. Watson, silver cake dish; Mrs. James Duffy, china jar; Mr. and Mrs. George J. Higgins, Shamokin, china set; Max Mayer, silver ladle; Mr. and Mrs. John Mosher, silver set; Misses Annie and Mary Monaghan, silver spoons; W. J. Scallan, Rogers' statue; P. J. Gaughan, blankets; Dr. and Mrs. D. J. Langton, scenes; Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Ferry, scenes; Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Coyne, scenes; Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Malone, mirror; Mrs. John F. Higgins, commode; Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Bradigan, mirror; Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Scallan, rocking chair; Mrs. P. Dougherty, toilet set; Mr. and Mrs. James Tobin, berry set; Patrick Stack and the Misses Stack, linen; Frank W. McDermott, silver tray; R. F. Gill, spread; J. R. Coyne, silver ladle; Miss Kate L. Burns, silver knife and fork; Misses Cavanaugh, silver nut cracker and pickers; Charles Strouse, gold toothpick; Mr. and Mrs. James Burns, silver jar; Miss Mary G. Leckie, silver knife; Mrs. M. K. Faust and daughter, mirror; J. H. Manley, silver berry spoon; "Two Pottsville Friends," oyx table; Patrick Foley, wine set; Miss Kate G. Nash, pie knife and dessert spoon; Miss Lisie Nash, silver ladle; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dougherty, china set; E. B. Foley, crayon portrait of the bride with handsome essei; Mrs. M. J. Whalen, imported table linen and towels; Mrs. M. Mitchell, linen towels; Mr. and Mrs. Max Schmidt, silk cushion pillow; Miss Julia Doran, silk head rest; Mr. and Mrs. John Reddy, figured silk head rest; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gallagher, silver knives and forks.

noy City, were married this morning in the Lithuanian church at Mahanoy City by Rev. Ambronaitis. Andrew Meliskey, of town, was the groomsmen and Miss Lizette Miller, of Mahanoy City, the bridesmaid.

Arnica & Oil Liniment is equally good for man and beast. 25 and 50 cents per bottle.

\$250,000 ROBBERY.

An Express Car Blown Open by Dynamite.

CLEVELAND, O., Sept. 12.—One of the most daring train robberies was committed at Kendallville, Ind., this morning. Lake shore train, No. 14, which arrived here, brought the full particulars of the attack upon the train by the robbers. Engineer J. B. Knapp was shot at several times, but fortunately was not killed. It was an express train and carried a large sum of money for the United States Express Company, of which the robbers had a knowledge. The express car was blown open by dynamite, as also was the safe in which the money was located, from which \$250,000 was taken. The robbers made their escape with the booty.

Mr. Barnes is the only German comedian who sings as Emmett once did.

PERSONAL.

John Jenkins, of No. 4, is lying at his home dangerously ill. Jacob Schoen, of Philadelphia, transacted business here to-day. Miss Annie Fucky, of town, is visiting friends at Shamokin. Miss Virgie Holopeter spent to-day at the county seat with friends. Last evening's Shamokin Herald says: "Rev. D. Jones, of Wales, will preach in the Welsh church to-night. He is a fluent talker and will have a big audience." P. J. Ferguson and Dr. D. J. Langton returned yesterday from Chicago where they were in attendance at the Catholic Congress as delegates from Schuylkill county. Misses Lizette and Clara, the accomplished daughters of I. M. Lichtenwaller, ticket agent at Stenton, Pa., are visiting their uncle in town, Rev. K. M. Lichtenwaller. Both young ladies are graduates of the Allentown Female College.

Dr. and Mrs. Stein, of Shenandoah, were in town over Sunday giving their many friends good-bye. The Dr. and family will leave Shenandoah during the coming week, to take up their residence in Philadelphia. — *Ashtand Telegraph.*

Andrew's clam bouillon at McElheney's restaurant. 9-12-4f.

FAREWELL SOCIABLE.

To-morrow evening the members of the Columbia Hose Company and their wives and lady friends will meet at the company's headquarters and proceed in a body to Robinson's opera house, where a farewell sociable will be held in honor of James Lynch and Joseph Latham, who have been visiting friends in town during the past month. Messrs. Lynch and Latham are now residents of Seattle, Washington, and hold the responsible positions of engineer and foreman in the paid fire department of that place. They were residents of this town for many years and were among the most popular active members of the Columbia Hose Company. They are now honorary members of the company and it is proposed to give them a good time before they start on their return trip for their northwestern home.

The company supporting Mr. Barnes is said to be the finest on the road for many years. 9-6-4f.

K. G. E. Notice.

A special meeting of Anthracite Castle, No. 74, K. G. E., will be held in its hall at 6 o'clock, sharp, on Wednesday evening for the purpose of making arrangements to attend the funeral of our late brother, Joseph Lloyd. All members are requested to be present. By order of *GEORGE COLLEY, N. G.* *Attent—E. D. BEIDALL, M. of R.* 10-2f.

SHELLEY.—At Shenandoah, on the 11th instant, Jacob Shelly, in his 69th year. Funeral will take place on Thursday afternoon, the 14th instant, at 2:30 o'clock, at the residence of his son-in-law, Evan J. Davies, North Jardin street. Interment in Odd Fellows' cemetery. Friends and relatives respectfully invited to attend. 9-12-2f.

A Slight Fire.

A slight fire occurred this morning at the blacksmith shop in the rear of the Columbia Hose Company building. The result of the fire was a slight damage to the roof, which was extinguished by a bucket brigade. The Columbia boys had their hose carriage out but it was not needed.

Borough Council To-night. The Borough Council will meet this evening in the Council chamber, to transact business in reference to the new water works. Ex-Senator Turbet is expected to be present.

25 Cents up to \$2.00 per yard for Oilcloths. Call and see them. Also number of Remnants at your own price. Rig Carpets made to order at C. D. Fricke's Store and Factory, 10 South Jardin street.