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market, at lower prices. It costs a little more but is well worth the difference in cost.

### AT KEITER'S.

## THE EXPLOSION AT GILBERTON.

### Con. Leahy, the Mine Foreman, Died This Morning.

## THE REST WILL RECOVER!

Results of the Investigations Thus far Made of the Circumstances Surrounding the Disaster.

Nothing which has occurred in connection with mining operations in this region since the disaster at the Kehley Run colliery aroused excitement equal to that caused by the explosion at the Gilberton colliery. It startled the people throughout the region and from the time the report of the occurrence first spread until a late hour last night telegrams and messages from all parts of the country poured into Gilberton and this town in quest of information concerning the victims, many of the inquiries coming from anxious friends and relatives at distant points.

It is gratifying to know that although two men lost their lives, and ten more suffered injuries, the effect of the explosion was comparatively slight. Most of the ten injured men had miraculous escapes from death, but as it is they suffer from but slight burns.

At the time of the explosion but one man, Frank McCormick, the fire boss, suffered death; but at an early hour this morning the spirit of Con. Leahy, the inside foreman of the mine, passed away. He was unconscious when found in the mine and remained so until death stepped in.

The ten injured men are George E. Davis, of Turkey Run; William Davis, his adopted son; Louis Ball or Bollinski, of Shenandoah; James Toomey, of Turkey Run; William Schultz, of Shenandoah; Robert Sherman, of Wm. Penn; John Kester, of Shenandoah; Henry Buchanan, of Gilberton; William Birmingham, of Turkey Run; and Enoch Fiederlin, of Shenandoah.

Of these Bollinski and young Davis are the worst injured. The former was cut and bruised as well as burned. His condition is serious, but he will probably recover. A report that he died last night was unfounded. Young Davis was not badly burned, but suffers from being tramped upon by a mule. His condition is serious, however.

It is not known exactly how McCormick met his death. He was found dead on the upper side of the gangway and about 35 yards west of the shaft leading to the stable. A heavy door covered his body and there was a crush of the head at the top. It is believed that a blow he received from the door killed him.

The circumstances under which Con. Leahy was found are considered remarkable. When the explosion occurred District Superintendent Jones Tasker was engaged in the St. Nicholas colliery. When he received the dispatch he hurried to Gilberton and an hour after the explosion Mr. Tasker and Patrick Leahy, a brother of Con., were on their way in the mine in search of the two missing men—McCormick and Leahy.

After finding McCormick's body the two searchers pushed their way west along the gangway and after traveling about seventy yards found Con. Leahy directly opposite the west line of the Furnace slope, bending over with his hands against the south side of the gangway and groping his way wearily in the dark, westward. Strange as it may seem, it is vouched for by the two searchers, the victim was apparently unconscious. His eyes were closed, he did not utter a sound and did not give the slightest indication of sensibility aside from the mechanical movement in groping. How he got there, or crossed the slope without tumbling into the gunboat hole will never be known. He was unconscious from the time he was found until he died.

In order that the statements made by those who have investigated the affair may be better understood a brief description of the workings is given. The Buck Mountain gangway of the Gilberton colliery is reached by the Furnace slope, which sinks 1,350 feet from the surface. Gunboats are used in this slope. At a point 53 yards east of the bottom of the slope McCormick's body was found and from that point to the middle of the cross tunnel, which cuts the seven-foot and Mammoth veins, and in which eight of the men were trapped when the last explosion occurred, the distance is 14 yards. Just east of the tunnel the slant to the stables begins. The place where the first explosion occurred, where Davis and his son were buried, is 750 yards east of the cross-tunnel.

The result of the official investigation thus far made is told better in the language of Mine Inspector Stein: "Richard Cross, a leader boss, gave a statement which he says is correct. He stated that George Davis had been to the point where the final robbery had been brought, which is from 38 to 42 braces, East Back Mountain gangway, and came out to the tunnel saying he had fired the gas and he and his son had suffered burns. Davis at the same time asked for Frank McCormick, the fire boss. On hearing the statement McCormick went towards Davis, and as he did so two more slight explosions occurred, which were felt by all who were standing at the tunnel, where I was and which is 750 yards from where Davis was working. Mr. Leahy, the foreman, then went towards the stable and just as he entered the stable Leahy shouted back, 'Put out your lights, boys, there's gas here!' Almost simultaneously with this there was a fourth explosion. It was very violent. It killed McCormick, who had followed Leahy, blew Leahy along the gangway, and tumbled the other men and myself pretty badly into the tunnel and turned out, also setting fire to the hay in the stable and killing five men."

Mine Inspector Stein also says that Frank McCormick, on making his usual morning examinations, reported that a squeeze had taken place during the night and told Fred Weeks, fire boss in the Mammoth vein, to see Davis and make him take in five sets of timber and stand them before doing any work. Weeks gave

Davis instructions to do so and Davis had taken in the timber when he ignited the gas.

In trying to account for the explosion the Mine Inspector says the gas was liberated from the overlying veins by reason of the squeeze and carried along in the return air-current to where the stable connects with the return airway and was ignited by some one going in the stable. Richard Cross, the leader boss, was the only man in the tunnel who escaped injury.

In describing the force of the last explosion one of the men in the tunnel at the time says he turned a complete forward somersault and when he landed upon his feet his coat was thrown over his head. George E. Davis, his son, and Enoch Fiederlin, a Pole, worked together, the first named being the contractor and the last named the laborer. Davis made a statement last night in which he accounted for the first explosion. He said that he was up in a chute at breast No. 1 and Fiederlin was down on the gangway, loading a car. While Davis was in the chute there was a rush of gas, but on reaching the chute turned and went back. A second time it came to the chute and went back. Davis felt that it would not return again, but concluded to go after the two mules which were some distance east of the breast. Davis and his son went for the mules, but Fiederlin ran out towards the tunnel. Davis and his son were unable to get the mules out and in this effort to accomplish the young Davis was trampled. The father and son turned back and just as they approached breast 10 an explosion took place, knocking Davis and his son into the ditch. When they considered the danger over the two hurried away to the tunnel. Davis could not tell how the gas was ignited.

The mine officials have agreed that the explosion was caused by a slide in a robbet breast situated about 750 feet east on the Buck Mountain gangway; that the slide liberated a body of gas which found its way to the gangway and took fire from Sherman's lamp.

An official stated last night that Sherman reported that the gas caught fire from his lamp, but another miner said he heard George Davis tell Foreman Leahy that he (Davis) had lit it, but this the miner construed to mean that it had been done by one of Davis' men.

Some of the men who were in the mine have stated that there were five explosions in all. Almost twenty-five minutes elapsed between the first and last. The first shock was light and occurred at about 11:15 o'clock. The second followed ten minutes after the first, three seconds after the third blaze passed over, but this was too light to do any damage. The fourth shock followed the third by about ten minutes. It was the heaviest and did the greatest damage. The fifth was very light.

The damage to the mine by reason of the explosion is not serious. The seven dead mules were removed last night and District Superintendent Jones Tasker says the mine will be ready to resume operations on Monday morning.

Con. Leahy, the deceased mine foreman, was a married man and son of ex-Congressman John Leahy. He was a very popular young man. He was 33 years of age and had a young wife and five children. The oldest child is 15 years of age and the youngest is 3 1/2 months. He served as a member of the mine inspectors board last year and was an active member of the Phoenix Fire Company. The date of the funeral will not be fixed until the family can learn when E. J. McCormick, a brother of the deceased, can reach here from Omaha, Nebraska. The deceased was born in Schuylkill Haven and had resided in this town 28 years.

John Leahy, a brother of Con. Leahy, died at his home in Ellengowan this morning from miners' asthma.

While Mine Inspector Stein was in the Gilberton mine yesterday examining the cause of the explosion he took a box of matches from a miner who was about to go into work and a few minutes later took a handful of matches from a miner who was his way out of the mines. These discoveries made the Inspector indignant. In spite of the terrible accident he found men going in and out of the mine equipped directly contrary to the mine laws. "How can the safety of the miners be preserved," Mr. Stein exclaimed in his indignation, "when the miners themselves persist in violating the laws? Both these men strenuously denied that they had matches upon their persons, but when I threatened to place them under arrest they confessed and gave me the matches."

As to the direct cause of the explosion Mr. Stein said he was not prepared to make a positive statement, but he could not see how the gas could be ignited without a light and the men carried safety lamps if it would not be ignited. "Three years ago Superintendent John Veith, of Pottsville, and Mr. Stein gave unqualified instructions that none but safety lamps should be used in all the workings of the Gilberton colliery, except by the bottom men. Even the pumpmen were ordered to use them. But Mr. Stein added that during his visits he never saw any of the men using other than safety lamps."

Mrs. Bridgman's classes in piano, cello and violin will open September 1. 8-15-1m

McElhenny's Bill of Fare.

- Snapper soup, Oyster and clam soup, Hard shell crabs, Devilled crabs, Lobster salad, Little neck clams, Fresh and saltysters.

Shenandoah will meet Harleton at the Trotting park at 3:30 p. m. to-morrow.

Visit Spotted.

Fred Scheuching, a Newark, N. J., tonorialist, boarded an electric railway car at Shenandoah on Thursday evening for a ride to Girardville. While the car was jumping and tossing down near Lost Creek, Scheuching's hat was knocked or blown off, and the young man in his eagerness to regain the hat, alighted from the car while it was yet in motion, and was tripped and tumbled down an embankment. On arising he discovered that his right arm was broken near the wrist. Mr. Scheuching's trip to Shenandoah may now be indefinitely prolonged.

To-morrow's game will be called at 3:30

Obituary.

John Bradley, the East Centre street butcher, mourns the death of his infant son, Martin, who died yesterday after an illness of three weeks.

## AFFAIRS AT POTTSVILLE.

### Interesting Correspondence From a Close Observer.

## THE COUNTY CHAIRMANSHIP

### The Republican Candidates Must Exercise Caution in Making the Selection—It Will Be Half the Battle.

Special HERALD correspondence.

POTTSVILLE, Aug. 24.—Thursday's regatta at Tumbling Run was a big thing so far as the crowd was concerned. Outside of that it was a failure. The regatta was a commonplace affair and many people expressed disappointment. Fully six thousand people were in attendance and all the facilities of the electric railway company were taxed to handle the throng. The hotels and refreshment stands did a rushing business. By next year Tumbling Run will be so much improved that it will be the most popular resort in the county and the extension of the electric road will cause a big increase in the patronage.

The failure of Rice, the dealer in fancy notions, fireworks, etc., was a great surprise and much sympathy is expressed for Mr. Rice. He is very popular and the hope is expressed on all sides that he will soon recover from the embarrassment.

The green truck business recently started by Morganroth & Snyder has been closed by the firm deciding to go out of business. They were carrying on a good trade, but twice the amount of business was required to meet the heavy expenses they were under and they didn't have the capital to undertake it.

Advices from all parts of the county indicate that the whole Republican county ticket will be elected. The Democratic farmers and miners are outspoken in their determination to vote for another change. Two years ago they voted for a change which they were assured would be for the better, but they were deceived and will not be hoodwinked again.

Next week the Republican county candidates will meet here and select a county chairman. In this they must be extremely cautious as upon the selection much of the future welfare of the party depends. A good chairman is half the victory. All jealousies must be set aside and full confidence must be placed in the head of the county committee, who can hardly fulfill this mission if he knows that he is wise to do so.

Of the names mentioned for County Chairman those of Losch, Davis and Shoener seem to be the most favorably received. Either would fill the bill. It is understood that Mr. Losch will only accept a unanimous appointment and Mr. Davis, I believe, stands in the same light. They want an unqualified expression of confidence. As to Mr. Shoener, I have no doubts that he would accept the position under any condition.

Work for the selection of the chairman will begin in earnest. A large amount of work is to be done and it will require experienced heads. I believe that much of the quarrelling which has taken place in the ranks can be easily avoided this year, because there seems to be a disposition on all sides to take advantage of the Democratic dissatisfaction and make a clean sweep. To turn over a new leaf, as it were.

A prominent Democrat from above the mountain, whose business compels him to travel over the county, said yesterday "I believe the whole Republican ticket will be elected this year." When asked if he was considering the senatorship and the six Representatives, he replied: "Yes, sir, I mean everything. You would be surprised if you heard the expressions of the Democratic farmers, many old and time-bound ones, who never voted any but a Democratic ticket at that. They declare they will not vote that way again, or at least until there is a very radical change in the methods of the Democratic party. They have had their eyes opened at the expense of their pockets and it is with them as with the most of humanity—when you touch their pockets you touch their hearts and they play the chords of discontent as happiness, according to the touch. I am as sincere as I have ever been in anything in my life when I say I believe the Republicans will make a clean sweep." The gentleman who thus expressed himself has always voted the Democratic ticket. While carefully proclaiming the sentiments of others he did not say what he would do himself, but that strengthened my confidence in his statement. Had he committed himself against the Democratic ticket I might have been inclined, as many others, to personal feeling and a little frightened.

Ex-Congressman Brumm is the busiest man this side of the mountain. He is planning one of the most effective campaigns of his life and does not propose to take any chances. His defeat this year would mean his retirement and it would be a pity to see such an able man on his bench. The base ball fraternity give it. He is in the prime of life and the country needs men of his caliber. If the Republicans get into power by the reversal of the existing majority and Brumm is among the winners he will be among the foremost men in Congress and will acquire a distinction that will make him the Tom Reed of Schuylkill county.

The Borough Council failed to act on the electric railway ordinance at its last meeting. Under a rule of the Council they must go over until the next meeting and this necessarily causes a postponement of the work of extension. The opposition has not given up hopes, but it may as well save its money and wind. The old company won and will remain on deck.

This city is as full of slide advertising schemers as any place of its size in the county and the people are becoming disgusted with the numerous rags made upon them by irresponsible agents. The only remedy is for the merchants and others to patronize legitimate newspapers. They are the only channels through which a return for the money invested can be secured.

Minstrel troupe will be either at High Point or Columbia Parks. See HERALD for further particulars.

Fecley's Cafe.

Largest schooners in town. Choice lunch at all hours. Music. 30 North Main street, Shenandoah. 8-15-1m.

## PENCIL POINTS.

### Local News Gleanings Condensed for Hasty Perusal.

Be sparing with the water. The Salvationists continue to work this field of sin.

Thorn, Stout has broken ground for his new dwelling on South White street.

Visit one of the numerous churches in town to-morrow. You will be welcome.

As usual the HERALD last evening had a very good report of the Gilberton explosion.

Pottsville will play Shenandoah in town next week. A large crowd will greet them.

Mrs. Charles W. Schultz and P. M. Williams will find letters awaiting them in the local post office.

Rapid progress is being made on the Lakeside railway extension in town. Hurry the good work.

The members of Watkin Waters Post, G. A. R., speak very highly of their treatment at Freshland on Thursday.

The reports of the Gilberton disaster, yesterday, were greatly exaggerated and caused much excitement in town.

That ever popular resort, Ferguson's theatre, will re-open on Friday, Aug. 31st with J. Z. Little's "World," a beautiful scenic production, with fancy sketches and other new attractions. If you haven't seen it, don't miss it, and if you have, see it again.

About thirty people from Shenandoah boarded the big excursion train for Niagara Falls this morning. Among them were: Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Port, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Klein, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Knoll, Mr. and Mrs. Christ Schmidt, Mrs. Charles Radtke, Mrs. John M. Schaeffer, Mrs. Emil Shauer, Miss Leo Lawson and Mr. John Girtou.

Harleton vs. Shenandoah at the Trotting park at 3:30 to-morrow.

## PERSONAL.

Miss Maggie Dengler visited Mt. Carmel this morning.

E. Anstock and family returned from Atlantic City last evening.

Miss Mabel Thell, of Mt. Carmel, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. P. D. Kirlin.

Mrs. Thomas Bronghall, of West Oak street, gave birth to a son last evening.

Miss Mary Moore, of West Cherry street, left this morning for Atlantic City to spend a few days.

Messrs. William Hill and William Tempest spent a few minutes very pleasantly at the HERALD office this morning.

Mrs. James Daniels, of North White street, has returned home after spending seven weeks with her relatives in Nova Scotia.

Mr. and Mrs. Wint, of Philadelphia, who have been the guest of the latter's brother, M. I. Kemmerer, the North Main street confectioner, returned to their home this morning.

Postmaster Mellet and wife, Letter Carrier Beck and family, and James Grant and wife have returned from Atlantic City, after spending several days there very pleasantly.

Our old friend, D. J. Sollenberger, one of the best known all-round newspaper men in the coal region, has been appointed postmaster at Shamokin, to succeed S. C. Wagonmiller, whose term has expired.

"Jimmie" Shomo, of the Hamburg Dispatch and Hamburger Schnellpost, is a lively and has been doing some very effective work in canvassing for this paper in this county. Some allowance must be made of the big fish and snake stories he tells.

See Harleton and Shenandoah battle for supremacy at the Trotting park to-morrow.

## Died.

WILDE.—On the 23rd inst., at Shenandoah, Pa., George Wilde, aged 71 years 6 months and 30 days. Funeral will take place on Monday, 27th inst., at 2 p. m., from the residence of his son, G. A. Wilde, 148 East Coal street, Shenandoah, Pa. Interment at the Odd Fellows' cemetery. Relatives and friends respectfully invited to attend. 8-24-2c

BRADLEY.—On the 24th inst., at Shenandoah, Pa., Martin, son of John and Ellen Bradley, aged 10 months and 8 days. Funeral will take place on Sunday, 26th inst., at 3 p. m., from the family residence on East Centre street. Interment in the Annunciation cemetery. Relatives and friends respectfully invited to attend.

Watch for particulars of the minstrel performances at one of the parks on line of Lakeside Electric Railway. Fares only 5 cents.

## Surprise Party.

A pleasant surprise was tendered last night to Miss Jessie Macdonald, of Providence, R. I., whose visiting her uncle, James Daniels, of North White street. The evening was spent very enjoyably in including in games and instrumental music until 11 o'clock, when refreshments were served. The party disbursed shortly after, each one carrying away pleasant memories of the evening. The party was composed of Misses Roberts and Sophia Glover, Anna and Mary Kinneel, Anna Dengler, Idaho Kohl, Annie Mansel, Mabel Fairchild, Tillie Houser and Ida Bamberger.

Don't fail to see to-morrow's game at the Trotting park. Harleton vs. Shenandoah.

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