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BERGMANN'S FUNERAL SUNDAY

The Remains Were Found Saturday Morning.

SERVICES IN THE EVENING AT ST. JOHN'S GERMAN LUTHERAN CHURCH—RELIEF OFFERING BEING TAKEN—INQUEST NOT NECESSARY—COMMENTS BY THE PASTORS.

The charred remains of the body of George Bergmann, the brave fireman who lost his life in the recent fire which destroyed the Reif-Spettle building, were uncovered on Saturday morning by a party of workmen under the direction of H. H. Richards and N. B. Spencer.

The finding of the body has settled the doubts and fears that have hovered over the community for the past week and the mystery is a mystery no longer.

The body was found in a cramped position in the center of the store near the elevator shaft about twenty-five feet from the rear entrance and about sixty feet from the front entrance.

The firemen met at the city hall shortly after 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon and marched in a body to town's undertaking rooms and at 3:30 p. m. proceeded to the vault in Glen Dyberry cemetery.

A short burial service was conducted by Rev. C. C. Miller, of St. John's German Lutheran church, and by Professor H. A. Oday of Protection Engine Company No. 3.

The pallbearers were John Lyons, Frank Schuerholz, Fred Schoell, William Ferber, Ernest Dudley, and W. Wood, who on each side of the casket marched to the cemetery with two hundred and fifty firemen and hundreds of friends of the departed.

George Bergmann was born in Honesdale about 45 years ago. He was a son of the late George and Anna Barbara Seltz Bergmann.

He was survived by his widow, formerly Kate Orth, and five children: William, Edward, Clara, Alice and Harold.

Three sisters and one brother, Louise, wife of Joseph Westbrook; Annie, wife of Edward Taylor; Miss Anna and Christian Bergmann, all of Honesdale. His brother, Stephen, died August 2 last and his mother on February 28, 1911.

is so great that half a century would suffice to depopulate the earth were it not that an equal number are daily, hourly entering it.

There is a natural reluctance in the human mind to contemplate death, whether natural or accidental. Human nature recoils from it.

"By one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned."

Frequently are we called upon to kneel by the couch where parting life is laid and then to stand up and utter the mournful request "Give me a grave, that I may bury my dead out of sight."

No lengthened illness, no incipient feebleness, no gradual decay prepared us for the heavy blow.

The sympathy of the community as voiced in the public press, has already gone out to the stricken family. The profoundest depths of what is human is man have been touched and have spoken.

W. J. Silverstone placed a glass jar near his newstand in the D. & H. depot to receive contributions for the Bergmann family.

Rev. W. H. Swift, D. D., pastor of the Presbyterian church, Sunday morning preached from the text, "Let us go into Judea again."

"This appeal to our admiration, 'tis the heroic throwing oneself into danger against great odds, putting manhood bravely between the fire and life and property, taking all the risks; running full tilt against the foeman worthy of their steel that binds the fire ladders so closely to the hearts of us all.

"Our sleep is sweeter, our cares are laid aside because we know so many men in Honesdale and Texas township, so many brave men, will spring at the first call of danger and put their manhood between us and loss. It takes a brave man always to do his duty."

Rev. A. L. Whittaker, rector of Grace Episcopal church, read a prayer morning and evening for those in affliction.

Rev. G. S. Wendell, pastor of the First Baptist church, remembered the afflicted family in his prayers Sunday at both services, as also did Rev. H. M. Crydenwise in the Methodist church.

Rev. J. W. Balta of St. Mary Magdalen's church, exhorted his congregation Sunday morning to attend the memorial services at the Lutheran church that evening for the man that sacrificed his life for the town.

UNKNOWN MAN ASPHYXIATED.

(Special to The Citizen.) Scranton, Jan. 22.—An unknown man was found lying dead in a culm dump near River street this morning.

JURY CONVICTS PEG-LEGGED MAN

Finds Him Guilty of Larceny and Receiving

ACQUITS HIM OF ROBBING DYMOND STORE, WAYMART, OCT. 19—YOUNG ATTORNEYS PUT UP STRONG DEFENSE FOR HIM

William Marks, the "peg-legged," indicted for breaking into the general store of John B. Dymond, Waymart, October 19, 1911, and stealing four guns worth \$50, was tried before Judge A. T. Searle last Friday and found guilty of larceny and receiving stolen goods.

When asked by the Judge why he didn't employ any counsel, Marks replied that he didn't have the means to do so.

These jurors were impeached to try the case: Henry Bried, mason, Hawley; Homer Blgart, merchant, Hawley; Gerry Bell, farmer, Lake; E. Schweikhofer, farmer, Oregon; William Rickard, farmer, Cherry Ridge; E. Huzeman, farmer, Dreher; DeWitt C. Denio, farmer, Mt. Pleasant; Frank Dennio, glasscutter, Seelyville; H. H. Robacker, farmer, Sterling; Elmer Lee, farmer, Hawley; David Bate, farmer, Dyberry; Edward Charlesworth, merchant, Honesdale.

In his opening address to the jury, District Attorney M. E. Simons stated that William Marks, a young man, was charged with breaking and entering the store of John B. Dymond, of Waymart, on the 19th of October last, and stealing therefrom four guns. Marks and others with him, it is charged, came to the store about two or three o'clock on the morning of that day, broke into a front window with a stone and stole the guns.

John B. Dymond was the first witness called by the Commonwealth. He told the jury that he has a store in the borough of Waymart, where he handles a general variety of everything mostly found in a country store, including guns. On Oct. 19 last his store was broken into at 3 o'clock in the morning.

After discovering his loss, Merchant Dymond went to the back door, where he found tracks of a one-legged man. He took the measure of these tracks.

After Dymond and others tracked the midnight marauders, the "peg-legged" kept around the railroad, the other two went across the road. Up by Patterson's house the "peg-legged" crossed the road.

The guns were stacked up in front of the witness stand, and for the once the Court Room was turned into an arsenal.

Attorney Chas. P. Searle cross-examined Mr. Dymond at length. Merchant Dymond admitted he didn't hear the robbery, and said that his wife waked him up at 3 a. m.

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WAYNE COUNTY MAN DIES AT 109 YEARS

JOHN McNAMARA OF MOUNT PLEASANT, OLDEST RESIDENT OF SECTION, DIES.

John McNamara, born June 22, 1802, died Thursday at the home of his niece, Miss Ellen Sullivan, of Rock Lake, Wayne county.

Mr. McNamara was born in Ireland, emigrating to this country when a young man. Had he lived for five months he would have been 110 years old.

MITCHELL EXHONERATED

(Special to The Citizen.) John Mitchell was exonerated from all charges preferred against him by the miners at a conference to-day.

Mrs. John B. Dymond testified that their home in Waymart was located 60 feet from the store.

When cross-examined by Attorney R. M. Salmon, Mrs. Dymond said she looked out of the window that night, but it was pretty dark, sort of misty rain, and she couldn't see any one.

Miss Lizzie Hulise, who has been clerking in Dymond's store for the past three years, was at Prompton making an inventory of the Prompton store, at the time of the robbery. She identified the guns.

Constable-Detective Michael Moran, Carbondale, testified that he found two of the guns in W. Marks' house. A third he found at the home of young Russell, who lives near Marks' home.

Following Mr. Dymond's phone message that his store had been robbed, he and another man went up to Marks' with a search warrant and found the guns. He found the guns about three weeks ago.

Several injured in wreck

Binghamton, N. Y., Jan. 23.—Several passengers are seriously injured and a number of others slightly hurt as the result of a head-on collision at Chenango Forks, four miles north of here, the junction of the Syracuse and Utica lines of the Lackawanna.

Horse breaks leg.

Just as Rural Mail Carrier J. Owen Oliver Beachlake, was driving into Ex-Sheriff M. Lee Braman's Livery Stables on Church street, last Monday evening, his horse slipped on the ice, fell, and broke its leg.

Measles cause of one death.

(Special to The Citizen.) Wilkes-Barre, Jan. 23.—Measles was the direct cause of the death of Mrs. T. W. Atherhold, which occurred here to-day.

Real estate deals.

Christian Dorfinger to August Rupert et ux, both of Texas township. Parcel of land containing 36,286 square feet in Texas township. Consideration \$150.

Sylvia Neville, administratrix of Thomas Neville, late of Sterling township, to Antoni Welenz, Scranton. Real estate of decedent at private sale. Consideration \$2200.

E. L. Schlager and wife, Lucy M. Ames, Wilson D. Decker and wife, of Hawley, to Harry J. Atkinson. Land in Hawley. Consideration \$1 and other valuable consideration.

"WILL" SWARTS, OF ARIEL, FREED

Jury Acquits Chicken-Fancier of Larceny

VERDICT MEETS WITH POPULAR APPROVAL—GUARDIAN APPOINTED—COURT NOTES.

"We, the jury, in the case of the Commonwealth versus G. W. Swarts, find the defendant, G. W. Swarts, 'Not Guilty!'"

Such was the popular verdict returned to the Court, Friday afternoon, at eighteen minutes past two o'clock, by the jury in the celebrated Lake Ariel grist mill case, following a four hours' wrestling over the defendants guilt or innocence.

John T. Bryant, Honesdale, was the foreman of the jury. When he and the rest of the jurymen were asked whether they were all content, they nodded their heads emphatically, and seemed much relieved at being freed from their strenuous labors.

The defendant and his wife took the verdict without betraying any signs of the emotions they must have felt. Once having left the Court Room they were overwhelmed with congratulations by their many friends who crowded around them to express their delight at the happy issue of all their troubles.

Contrary to expectations the case was not given to the jury late Thursday afternoon, as had been anticipated. In view of the fact that the twelve men selected to decide Swarts' fate had been sitting all day under a downpour of eloquence rained upon by two of Lackawanna county's best lawyers, aided and abetted by two of Wayne's ablest attorneys, Judge Searle took compassion upon them, and did not deliver his charge to them until Friday morning.

With the legal subtlety for which he is famous, which has elevated him to the bench and which has won him prompt and decided recognition in the various county seats of the State, where he has so frequently been called upon to decide cases of the most intricate nature, Judge Searle rightly divided the law to the twelve jurors. Told them that it was for them to decide whether Swarts took the money with intent to defraud the Bortrees, cautioned them that they couldn't convict a man of larceny unless he intends to steal property to convert to his own use.

Said a prominent attorney to a Citizen man during the progress of the trial: "When the people in the court room feel a certain way, the jury will feel the same way."

He was a good guesser. Ninety-nine out of every hundred in the court room felt that Swarts was an innocent man. And the twelve men? How could they help being affected by this powerful mental aura?

SEVERAL INJURED IN WRECK

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The private car carrying Vogel's minstrels was telescoped, two members of the troop were killed and seven injured. The dead are E. C. Hayes, of Indianapolis, Ind., and George F. Kelly, of New Hampshire.

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SAYS PURKISS HAD NO TICKET

OFFICIALS SAY PASSAGE WAS NOT BOOKED.

The New York Times of Sunday contained the following Marconi Transatlantic wireless dispatch: "Queenstown, Jan. 20.—Interviewed by the New York Times correspondent, the Rev. H. G. Purkiss, of Lakeville, Wayne county, Pa., who was obliged to land here from the liner Philadelphia on account of having lost his passage ticket, states that he left Tavistock Tuesday for Southampton, where he arrived at 2:45. His baggage was then safe on the dock, where it remained overnight. His ticket and papers were in his bag. By permission of the officers he was allowed to board the Philadelphia. The chief steward and others made search for his baggage and after considerable difficulty found it with the second-class labels, which were affixed to the baggage, torn off, and third-class ones, bearing a different name, substituted. Opening the bag he discovered that his ticket and papers were missing.

"Mr. Purkiss went to Rochester, England, last night, where he has friends. He intends to make inquiries into the matter and hopes to sail for America Wednesday. He feels disappointed at his alleged loss.

"Against his story the White Star agents allege that he came on board without a ticket. They cannot trace one ever having been issued to him. Before he left Southampton he called at the American Line office, and then he had not a ticket, they say, and wished to pay his fare on the other side.

"The company decided to land him at Queenstown, he being ticketless. "The company deny Mr. Purkiss' assertions. The American consul at Queenstown paid his fare to England. The American Line agents greatly resent his allegations of robbery on board the Philadelphia."

Lakeville Not Moving.

When the members of the Primitive Methodist church at Lakeville assembled Sunday morning the news of the misfortune to their pastor, Rev. H. G. Purkiss, who was robbed of his ticket at Queenstown, Ireland, and compelled to leave the liner Philadelphia, had been thoroughly circulated. Methods for getting Rev. Mr. Purkiss out of the difficulty to which the loss of his purse had involved him were not seriously considered, as the members believe that his friends in England will come to his rescue and see him safely started on the return journey. The minister was sent on the trip abroad by the members of his congregation. Money was raised by church entertainments and only a few days ago the final payment on a loan of \$200 secured from a business man, was made.

A. W. DICKSON DIES SUDDENLY

FORMER HONESDALE MAN OVERCOME SATURDAY MORNING ABOUT 10 O'CLOCK AND DIES 15 MINUTES LATER; HAD LONG CAREER AS BUSINESS MAN.

Word was received here Saturday of the death of A. W. Dickson, one of Scranton's well known business men and a former Honesdale man. His death will come as a surprise to his many friends here. He died at his home at 616 Quincey avenue at 10 o'clock Saturday morning, death being caused by paralysis. Death came within fifteen minutes of the first stroke. Mr. Dickson suffered his first stroke about two years ago but for the past two months he had enjoyed comparatively good health.

Mr. Dickson was born in Philadelphia on February 7, 1843, and would have been 69 years of age if he had lived until that day next month. His boyhood was spent in Honesdale and he moved to Scranton in 1865 where he had since resided. He is survived by his wife, one son and one daughter, Rev. Spencer C. Dickson, pastor of the Bloomsbury Presbyterian church and Mrs. G. A. Blanchard of Scranton.

Mr. Dickson's father, James R. Dickson, known to many of the older residents of this city, came to Honesdale from Philadelphia in 1864 and was associated here for many years. In 1856 he was elected associate Judge of Wayne county and was appointed to the rank of Colonel on the staff of Governor Packer.

TEAM OF HORSES DROWNED

A team of horses, the property of James Nagles, Waymart, was drowned Tuesday morning about 10 o'clock.

The horses, which are valued at \$500, were used in plowing the ice on Kee's pond for the Lake Lodge Improvement company. The team got too near the edge of the ice and fell into the lake. They went to the bottom of the pond and it was impossible to save them.

Rev. J. R. Atkinson III.

Rev. John R. Atkinson, rector of St. Luke's parish, acting on the advice of physicians, has left Scranton for a short time and is resting and recuperating his strength in a nearby city. In the absence the vestry of the church has appointed Rev. John R. Skilton, principal of the School of the Lackawanna, to be temporarily in charge of the parish. Rev. Oscar Linstrom, curate of the parish, will continue to act in that capacity.

From an authoritative source it has been learned that Mr. Atkinson's condition is improving and it is hoped that within a few weeks he will be able to resume his duties here.—Scranton Tribune-Republican.