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NARROW ESCAPE OF BETHANY MEN

While They Were Blasting With Dynamite

AMOS WARD AND GRANT COLLINS BADLY BRUISED AND BURNED BY GETTING TOO NEAR EXPLOSIVE—THOUGHT FUSE HAD GONE OUT.

S. Amos Ward and Grant Collins miraculously escaped death last Thursday afternoon while engaged in using dynamite for blasting purposes. The accident occurred on the farm of John Strongman, Bethany, and both men were severely burned, cut and bruised as the result of being too near a stick of dynamite when it exploded. The two men were blasting frozen earth from a side hill and removing it to another section on the place. A hole had been made in the rock-like earth by means of a crowbar and a stick of dynamite was placed therein. The fuse was lighted and then the men went the usual distance to await the discharge. They waited, and waited, and waited, and finally, presuming that the fuse had gone out, went back, walking side by side with Ward a little in the lead, he being in charge of the blasting.

No sooner than they had reached the dangerous ground than bang! went the high explosive. Collins was thrown to the ground by the force of the explosion, while Ward was able to hold his equilibrium. They both received the full benefit of the explosion. Collins' injuries were greater than Ward's, although he was not as close to the point of danger as the latter. When Mr. Collins was thrown upon his back he was rendered unconscious and remained so for a half hour. His back was badly sprained. He also received a very severe wound, besides having his face and head cut and bruised with flying particles of frozen dirt. He was removed to the home of J. J. Hauser, who lives nearby, and Dr. P. B. Peterson was called. After a thorough examination was made no fractured bones were found, neither is he suffering from internal injuries. Mr. Collins' mind was a blank from the time of the accident until Friday morning, when he conversed with his parents and Dr. Peterson. He did not remember their coming to see him or talking with him, although he answered their questions intelligently. He could not recall anything about the blast until the next day, when he told how the accident happened.

Mr. Ward was closer to the scene of the explosion than was his partner, but in some manner met with less serious injury. His face is badly burned as if by powder, besides being cut and bruised. His moustache was burned close to his lip. Mr. Ward's eyes were affected, he being unable to open them for two days after the explosion. Dr. Peterson, his physician, is doing his utmost to save the sight. Mr. Ward went to his home Thursday night. His condition is not as serious as Mr. Collins, the only inconvenience being the loss of eight for an indefinite time. Mr. Collins is still at the home of Mr. Hauser, where he is slowly improving. His injuries are exceedingly painful.

Aged Sterling Man Dead.

Abram Neville, a retired farmer of Sterling township, died at his home in Sterling on Sunday at the age of 72 years, 5 months, and 5 days. He was an economical and industrious farmer and had accumulated property. Death was the result of old age. Mr. Neville was born in Ireland, on September 7, 1839. On coming to America in 1847 with his parents they settled in Sterling township. At this time he was about eight years of age. At Moscow, Pa., on September 11, 1873, he was married to Miss Harriet R. Bortree and to them was born a son, Floyd A., who is at home. He is survived by his widow and one son, Floyd, and an adopted daughter, Carrie. The funeral services were held in the Sterling church.

Beach Lake Church Notes.

The second quarterly meeting for the Beach Lake and Honesdale Circuit, will be held at Beach Lake beginning Friday night, February 16, and continuing over the Sabbath; also preaching on Thursday night, the 15th, in Honesdale by the district elder. All are invited to attend these services.

Saw Roosevelt, Taft and Other Oratrices.

Howard M. Bentley, insurance agent, received a post card from his nephew, Loring Gale, Jr., last Saturday, representing the latter and his little sister taken upon the back of an ostrich. In writing to his uncle he said: "How would you like to be where we are? We saw President and Mrs. Taft, Col. and Mrs. Roosevelt and other oratrices."

High School Notes.

The preliminary for the triangular contest, comprising Honesdale, Dunmore and Carbondale, was held in the High school last week, when a selection of 12 boys was made. They are Clarence Butler, Norman Decker, Conrad Dirlam, Anthony Fritz, John Lozo, Ray Reardon, Philo Sommers, Mortimer Stocker, Charles Tolley, Earl Franzen and Robert Williams. The declamatory is a part of Lincoln's second inaugural address.

WAYNE COUNTY SOCIETY MEETS

Held Sixth Annual Banquet in New York City

The Wayne County Pennsylvania Society of New York City met at the Hotel Manhattan, corner of Madison avenue and 42nd street, in New York City, on Thursday night, February 8, to hold their sixth annual banquet. Dr. Schoonover, president of the society, had charge of the evening and among the guests of honor and speakers were:

Hon. Wm. D. B. Ainey, Representative 14th District.

Rev. Dr. Stephen S. Wise, Rabbi, Free Synagogue, New York city, who spoke on "Lincoln."

Judge Robert Carey, Hudson County Court of Common Pleas, Jersey City, N. J.

Major Edgar J. Edwin, Chief, Engineers Corps, War Department, Washington, D. C. He spoke on the "Panama Canal."

Rev. Albert L. Whittaker, D. D., Grace church, Honesdale.

Brief addresses were made by H. Z. Russell and Attorney Homer Greene, of this place. There were about seventy members present and they represent former Wayne countians. Those who attended the banquet from Honesdale were Messrs. Homer Greene, H. Z. Russell, Rev. A. L. Whittaker, H. T. Menner, Dr. L. B. Nellson.

WAYNE COUNTY FARMER KILLED

Skull Was Fractured Against Skid

JACOB JERAZO, OF RIVERDALE, IN ENDEAVORING TO STOP HIS RUNAWAY HORSE, MET DEATH ON MOOSIC MOUNTAIN LAST THURSDAY.

Jacob Jerazo, of Riverdale, Mt. Pleasant township, was found lying in the road in an unconscious condition Thursday afternoon about 4:30 o'clock by Walter Groat. Jerazo, who lived at the home of Henry Wildenstein, went to Forest City every day where he sold milk. While he was returning home that afternoon, after disposing of his supply of milk, his horse, it is claimed, took fright at some object along the road and Mr. Jerazo was thrown from his seat, his head coming in violent contact with a skid or rail near the side of the road. His horse went home, but Mr. Jerazo laid helpless in the road until overtaken by Mr. Groat. The accident happened on the Moosic mountain about three and a half miles from Forest City and near the home of Henry Curtis. Mr. Groat brought Mr. Jerazo to the home of W. J. Varcoe in Clinton township and Dr. Knapp of Forest City was called. Mr. Jerazo lived an hour after the accident. The deceased was 22 years of age and had been in the vicinity of Riverdale for four years. He had been in this country about nine years. His only relatives are two cousins living in Vandling, where the funeral was held on Sunday afternoon.

K. OF C. INSTALL OFFICERS

The Honesdale Order, No. 363, Knights of Columbus, met at their lodge rooms in the Keystone block on Thursday evening and installed the newly elected officers of that organization. District Deputy Thomas Mangan, of Hawley, installed the officers as follows: Philip R. Murray, grand knight; Bernard Kavanaugh, deputy grand knight; John Carroll, chancellor; George Deltzer, finance secretary; John Rickert, recording secretary; Lawrence Bried, inside guard; Joseph Reise, outside guard; Dr. McConville, trustee; Mathew Brown, of Scranton, district warden.

A chicken lunch and other refreshments were served and during this program was rendered under the direction of the lecturer, George D. Schwenker, as follows: Opening remarks, Dr. McConville, Toastmaster.

Solo—"When You and I Were Young," John H. Carroll. "Catholic Citizenship," Rev. John O'Toole.

Selection, K. of C. Orchestra. "Socialism," Rev. Dr. J. W. Balta. Tenor Duet—Theobald and Deltzer. Piano Solo—John Rickert.

Ex-Grand Knights John J. Rickert, Robert J. Murray and Joseph Spellman entertained the company by a few chosen remarks. The Honesdale order of Knights of Columbus have a membership of one hundred and fifty, a few of which are non-resident.

BABY BURNED TO DEATH.

(Special to The Citizen.)

Troop, Feb. 13.—James, three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. James Chimo, was burned to death to-day as the result of playing with the fire during his mother's absence. The little fellow poked sticks in the fire and ignited his clothing. The mother in endeavoring to save her boy's life was severely burned, but will recover.

COURT GRANTS FOUR DIVORCES

And Another in Line. Master Takes Evidence

DANCY HUBBARD ASKS COURT TO PAROLE SON, HARRY, FROM DANVILLE HOSPITAL. REV. J. W. BERLEY APPOINTED BURGESS OF BETHANY BOROUGH—OTHER BUSINESS.

Monday was motion day. Judge A. T. Searle, who has been presiding over court in Scranton during the past three weeks, was upon the bench. The following business was transacted:

Kate Ohumacht, upon petition, was appointed guardian of Katie Schump, a feeble-minded person of Clinton township. The said Katie Schump was not able to be present at the hearing owing to her physical condition. Kate Ohumacht is to give bond in the sum of \$3,000.

In the matter of the estate of John Becker, deceased, petition and citation for executor to file account. On presenting the above petition the court ordered that G. F. Rollison, in the register's office as executor of John Becker a just account and make true settlement thereof on or before the second Monday of March, 1912, with ten days' notice to said George F. Rollison.

In the matter of petition for the parole of Harry Hubbard from the hospital for the insane at Danville, the court after hearing the petition read and having carefully considered same, ordered that the said Harry Hubbard be paroled from the hospital for the insane at Danville in care of Dancy W. Hubbard, his mother, if in the opinion of Dr. Hugh Meredith, superintendent of the hospital for the insane, such parole would be prudent.

In the case of James McPherson vs. Annie Cole, administratrix. Judgment opened and execution stayed.

The supervisors of Texas township comprising George Erk, Lawrence Weldner and Ray J. Brown, petitioned the court for a county bridge over Carley Brook upon the road leading from the Bunnelltown road near the house of Michael Weidner.

Upon petition, Rev. J. W. Berley, of Bethany, was appointed burgess of that borough to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation of James Johns.

W. O. Avery was appointed auditor of the borough of Bethany. Charles Avery declined to serve.

Upon petition presented, the court appointed Charles A. McCarty, Dr. L. B. Nielsen and J. A. Bodie, Jr., as a commission to inquire into the sanity of Clara Frazer and make report according to law.

The following divorce cases were granted: To Mary C. Lehman vs. Christian Lehman, White Mills.

William A. Tanner vs. Maud M. Tanner, of Aldenville.

Nelle E. Rashley vs. Frank Rashley, of Scott Center.

Gertrude J. Hale vs. James E. Hale.

E. R. Hemstead vs. C. A. Cortright & Son. Bond approved and rule discharged.

James McPherson assigned to George I. Cole, assigned to John R. Jones, vs. Annie Cole, administratrix of the estate of Henry Cole, deceased. Upon reading said petition the court ordered that writs of fieri facias issued upon judgments entered in Wayne county common pleas be staid until the determination of the proceedings on the original judgments in Susquehanna county, with notice of this order to F. C. Kimble, sheriff, and no proceedings to be had upon the said judgments in the said court of common pleas of Wayne county until further order of this court.

P. H. Iloff was appointed master to take evidence in the divorce proceedings of Frances J. Brady vs. William J. Brady.

The court appointed the following viewers to lay out a public road in Dyberry and vacate a part of a public road in Texas and Dyberry: L. W. Sandercock, W. A. Gaylord and R. M. Stocker.

Manchester township—Viewers to lay out a public road: W. H. Lee, A. V. Tyler and L. A. Lybolt.

Petition was presented for a bridge view for a bridge to be located near the Granite hall in Berlin township on road leading from Indian Orchard to Beach Lake.

Petition was also presented for a county bridge over the Paupack river in Salem township. R. M. Stocker, I. W. Sandercock and W. A. Gaylord were appointed viewers by the court.

A petition was presented the court for a bridge view for a county bridge near a blacksmith shop on the public road near Varden, where the Middle Creek crosses said public road in Lake township. M. J. Hanlan, A. V. Tyler and M. L. Skinner were appointed viewers.

DR. COOK TO LECTURE AT THE LYRIC

Makes Sensational Charges Against Peary

HE ASSERTS THAT HE HAS PROOF TO BACK ALL CHARGES HE MAY MAKE—SAYS HE HAS NOT YET TOLD ALL.

Dr. Frederick Cook will give an illustrated lecture at the Lyric on Monday evening, February 26. Dr. Cook in his lecture makes sensational



DR. FREDERICK A. COOK.

charges against Peary. He also states that he has proof to back all charges he will make. He declares that he left this country at the height of the pro-Peary campaign against him, because of a nervous and physical breakdown, and because of a desire to rest and gain time to marshal the proof of his Polar claim, and to secure evidence exposing dishonest and fraudulent methods in the campaign against him. Dr. Cook now comes back with startling charges against Mr. Peary. At the Lyric, Monday evening, February 26.

OIL STOVE RESPONSIBLE FOR SUNDAY FIRE

On Sunday afternoon about one o'clock the citizens of Honesdale were disturbed by an alarm of fire. The blaze was in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. F. Bullock, at 1798 Main street. Mr. Bullock placed an oil stove in the basement of his home when he came from church to thaw out the water pipes. He went up stairs and in about ten minutes he observed smoke issuing into the room. On going down stairs he discovered the stove to be amok and also the rafters of the lower floor above where the stove was placed. The fire was extinguished without any difficulty and with little damage except to a few rugs used in the process and also where the fire burned through the floor in one place. The fire companies were called out but the fire was out on their arrival. Hose cart No. 3 was taken to the scene behind Dorflinger's automobile.

Keep Fifty Teams Busy.

Joel G. Hill, of Lookout, stated to a Citizen representative last Friday during the former's short stay in Honesdale, that they are very busy at the acid factory at Lookout. Fifty teams and about 75 men are kept busy in the woods.

BIGGEST MAN IN STATE DIES.

(Special to The Citizen.) Plattsville, Feb. 13.—Ambrose Moose, claimed to have been the largest man in the State of Pennsylvania, died at his home here to-day. Mr. Moose was 40 years of age and was 5 feet, 10 inches in height; his shoulders measured three feet across and he was over five feet in girth. His weight was 525 pounds.

An applicant, should he be in error, can become naturalized shortly afterwards by making the correction, which the amendments allow. Judge Searle was instrumental in drawing up the amendments above referred to. In the matter of the appointment of a county board of viewers as provided by the Act of June 23, 1911, the court appointed the following viewers for a term of three years from this date, as provided by said Act: L. S. Collins, I. W. Sandercock, W. H. Lee, R. M. Stocker, M. J. Hanlan, W. A. Gaylord, A. V. Tyler, Damascus; L. A. Lybolt, Fallsdale; M. L. Skinner, Milanville.

District Attorney M. E. Simons presented a petition before the court asking that an order be made authorizing an increase in pay of court crier and tipstaff. Now, Feb. 13, it is now ordered by the court that the compensation of the court crier and tipstaff having been fixed at \$2 per day at a time when the compensation of jurors and constables in attendance at court was at the same rate, and the compensation of jurors and constables has since been increased by Act of Assembly to \$2.50, in order to place the court crier and tipstaff on an equality with the jurors and constables as to compensation, the pay of William H. Ham, court crier and Charles Hawker, tipstaff, is fixed at \$2.50 per day.

HONESDALE MAN FOUND DEAD

James Murray is the Victim of Apoplexy

DISCOVERED LYING ALONG THE D. & H. RAILROAD A SHORT DISTANCE FROM HOME SATURDAY MORNING—WAS WELL KNOWN HERE.

James Murray, a well-known resident of Honesdale, was found lying cold in death Saturday morning, about 6 o'clock, near the Erie pockets, by James Buckley, who was on his way to work. It was an exceedingly cold night, the mercury registering several degrees below zero. Coroner P. B. Petersen was called and permission was asked of him to remove the body to the home of his sister, Mrs. James Mullen, near the Catholic cemetery. After viewing the remains Coroner Petersen stated that from appearances Mr. Murray had died as the result of a stroke of apoplexy. His head was lying in a pool of blood, having suffered a hemorrhage of the nose and ears. As Mr. Murray did not return home Friday night, Mrs. Mullen became alarmed, fearing that something had befallen him she stayed up all night waiting for his return. The first intimation she had of his whereabouts was when the report of his sad death was revealed to her shortly after his body was found alongside the Delaware and Hudson tracks Saturday morning.

Mr. Murray was born in Dyberry township about 48 years ago, where he lived with his parents until he became a young man. For many years the deceased was a faithful employee of the Delaware and Hudson Gravity railroad. He held a position as "slinger" at the foot of 12th plane. It was at this place that he unfortunately lost the use of one of his hands by having it caught in the links of the cable. After the abandonment of the D. & H. canal Mr. Murray was fireman for the Honesdale Consolidated Electric Light, Heat and Power company. He was a good-hearted man and had many friends. Mr. Murray never married and lived with his sister, Mrs. William Mullen on Erie street. Mrs. Chris. Lowe, another sister, of this place, also survives. The funeral was held Tuesday morning from St. John's Catholic church.

From the blood-stained snow and tracks in the vicinity of where the body was found, it is evident that Mr. Murray became dazed after he was stricken. He had gone part way up the side hill and then returned, falling near the railroad tracks, where he died. He had complained of not feeling well during the past few days.

Birthday Greetings.

George R. Bell, a representative business man, of Salem township, was born in that township on Feb. 11, 1857, that date being his 55 birthday. The Citizen extends congratulations.

Fire on Cliff Street.

The barn on the place occupied by Simon Spangenberg and family, on Cliff street, was consumed by fire on Thursday evening shortly after six o'clock. Mr. Spangenberg had come in from the barn shortly before the evening meal when a neighbor came in and informed him that his barn was on fire. The fire gained headway rapidly and soon the structure was a mass of flames. All the crop of hay and grain that was in the barn was destroyed. A cow, which was in the barn shortly before the fire was discovered, was saved. The origin of the fire is unknown.

WRECK AT KIMBLES.

(Special to The Citizen.) Kimbles, Feb. 13.—Sixteen loaded coal cars were derailed here this morning, blocking traffic. No one was injured. The wreck is supposed to have been caused by a broken wheel.

The Honesdale passenger train was east of the wreck but the passengers were transferred to a caboose and combination car and taken to Honesdale. No mail or express was shipped. The track will probably be opened by tonight.

CHARLES A. HOMAN HERE.

Charles E. Homan, of LaAnna, was a business caller in Honesdale Saturday. Mr. Homan drove the distance and claimed the roads were in good condition with the exception of a few deep snow drifts, which were encountered at Arlington. Mr. Homan is the general proprietor of the "Popsies," one of Wayne county's popular summer boarding houses. The building is located at South Sterling and now undergoing a number of repairs. Mr. Homan has been instrumental in getting the people from Philadelphia, New York and Brooklyn coming his way. Cresco, on the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad, is the nearest station. The "Popsies" is located on an elevation with a commanding view. It is an ideal place to spend your vacation. The scenery thereabouts is magnificent and is the kind that appeals to the lover of nature. Since last October Mr. Homan has been on a pleasure trip. He spent some time in Florida and the Southern states, afterwards going to Maine. Western New York state was also visited.

D. R. Lathrop, of Scranton, was a business caller in town on Friday.

80TH ANNIVERSARY OF GRACE CHURCH

Rev. A. L. Whittaker Delivers Address to Large Audience

CHURCH ESTABLISHED IN 1832 AND HAS GOOD GROWTH UP TO PRESENT TIME—INTERESTING BITS OF HISTORY; THE LIFE DURING THE PAST EIGHTY YEARS.

Wednesday, Feb. 7, was the eightieth anniversary of the Grace Episcopal church of this place and the event was celebrated by a special service on Sunday, Feb. 11. The church had its origin at a meeting held on Feb. 7, 1832, at the house of Charles Forbes. At that meeting an organization was effected and the first vestrymen were elected. The first pastor of the church was Rev. James H. Tyng, of Newburyport, Mass., who accepted the call on March 29, 1832. The lot now occupied by the church was noted by the Delaware and Hudson Canal Co. The first church building was erected on this site and opened in September, 1834. At a meeting of the vestry held on February 25, 1853, a movement was begun toward the erection of a new church as the prosperity and growth of the congregation demanded it, and the result was the erection of the present beautiful stone edifice. The ground was broken on June 3, 1853, and the cornerstone was laid by Bishop Alonzo Potter on June 23 of the same year. The new church was completed on August 2, 1854, and was consecrated by the same bishop. Up to this time there was no rectory and on July 1, 1874, it was resolved to have one erected, and in February in the year 1876 the present stone building was completed for the use of the pastor at a cost of \$13,500. The growth of the church has been rapid and it now enjoys a good popularity. The present pastor, Rev. A. L. Whittaker, preached a sermon commemorating the occasion and touches of the progress of the church up to the present time, the trials and battles fought and of the great reward. In his address on Sunday he spoke in part as follows, and took for his text a part of the One Hundred and Tenth Psalm, "Thy People Shall Be Willing in the Day of Thy Power":

"This psalm is just what we want for our thought to-day. There is a triumphant swing of victory about it. There is an enthusiasm for the cause of the Almighty which is contagious and invigorating. It is the song of battle for the right, of devotion to a just cause, of loyalty to their king and leader. In the first lines of the psalm we see the people gathering in a mighty army on fire to fight Jehovah's battles; in the latter portion our eyes feast upon the triumph of Jehovah's army. But the very heart of the inspiration of the psalm is in these lines, 'Thy People Shall be Willing in the Day of Thy Power.' We think of the past and its noble legacies to those of to-day. Our gratitude to the men and women of the past is more than we can express. The spirit of the men and women of the olden times comes down to the men and women of the present as a source of strength. But never can we safely rely on the strength of the past. It is only as they are shown to us to-day that they may vouchsafe victory in the battles of to-day. * * * And so to-day it is my purpose to look up the past annals of this parish. Five years ago that was well done. That inspiration has not, I trust, so soon died out. It did us good to feel that we belonged to a congregation which was not a thing of yesterday, but for seventy-five years in the early history of the town where we are living had done a work that was a good work and strong. To-day there is the knowledge of eighty years of that living growth. It was about eighty years ago that the first vestry was organized in the home of Charles Forbes. The men of that vestry were in earnest about inaugurating a work which should be a strong influence in their town for good. And they succeeded. All honor to those eight men for their labors and the success of their labors. I might speak of some of the noble clergymen who have served this parish in the past, of Richard B. Duane, who had the unstinted affections of his people; of Dalrymple and Abrams, whose deaths occurred while in charge of this parish, and lends pathetic interest to their names; of Swentzel, Lewis, Hall, Ware, in whom the parish owes so much, who held the affections of the men and women who are here to-day. But I wish to-day to speak rather of the eight men who founded the parish eighty years ago. It was a laymen's movement. Almost always it is the clergyman with the missionary instinct strong within his breast, who carries the church to a new plane. But here it was the people. The people were willing. There was no need of a summons or reulise or even exhortation. The people were willing. They took the first step. * * * We in turn have received from their hands these buildings; and ours is the task and the duty of making them stand for the worship of God for which they were reared. May we not say that ours is a three-fold task, to maintain these buildings in as good condition as we have found them; to improve them and when necessary to add to them; and thirdly and most important of all, to make them stand for a vigorous prosecution of the work for the cause of Christ."