

PAUPACK MAN KILLED BY COAL TRAIN EARLY SUNDAY

BODY FOUND LYING NEAR TRACK ON ERIE & WYOMING, TWO MILES FROM HOADLEYS

Inquest Held and Verdict of Accidental Death Reached — John Cronn Leaves a Wife and Two Small Children.

John Cronn, aged about thirty years, and a resident of Paupack township, was instantly killed about two o'clock Sunday morning about two miles from Hoadleys station, having been struck by an Erie & Wyoming coal train. The news of the man's death was not known until five o'clock that morning when the body was seen by the engineer on one of the trains. The information was wired to Dunmore and then the tower man at Clemo received the news. Section men found the body later lying near the track where it had been thrown by the coal train when it was struck.

Mr. Cronn had been to a dance in the neighborhood Saturday night and started home late. He took the track in walking home and it is supposed that he became tired and lay down on the rails. He presumably went to sleep and when the coal train came along the noise awakened him and he raised his head. Before he could realize his dangerous position he was struck in the head and hurled to the side of the track where his body was found the next morning.

Coroner Peterson, of Honesdale, was notified and went at once to the scene of the accident. The following men were empanelled as a jury: L. S. Partridge, E. W. Collins, H. H. Belknap, B. F. Garing, Clarence Gromlich and John Folly. A verdict of death by being struck by a train was reached and the body was removed to his home, where undertaker Teeter, of Hawley, took charge of the remains and prepared them for burial.

Mr. Cronn had recently gone to work for W. J. Cobb, who does an extensive business in lumbering in Adella and the surrounding section. He is survived by his wife and two small children.

NEW INDUSTRIAL AGENT FOR THE D. & H.

Announcement has been made at the Albany main office of the Delaware & Hudson company, that Harry B. Weatherwax formerly chief clerk in the general traffic manager's office, has been named industrial agent. The latter succeeds Ira H. Shoemaker, who resigned on account of ill health.

Mr. Weatherwax is perhaps one of the youngest industrial agents in the employ of any railroad in the country. He is 32 years of age.

SUDDEN DEATH OF REV. J. J. GRIFFIN

FORMER CURATE OF HONSDALE, UNDER FATHER DOHERTY.

Had Returned From Rome Saturday — Community Shocked—Was Born in Honesdale.

The people of Honesdale were shocked to learn of the sudden death of Rev. John J. Griffin which occurred this (Monday) afternoon at his home in Wilkes-Barre. Father Griffin returned from Rome Saturday afternoon and was to have officiated at his church on Sunday, particulars regarding his death have not been learned as we go to press. Father Griffin was born in Honesdale and was a son of the late William Griffin. His mother, Mrs. Kathryn Griffin, still resides in Wilkes-Barre, where her deceased son was pastor of St. Aloysius church, South Wilkes-Barre. Three sisters also survive, namely, Miss Anna Griffin, a school teacher of Scranton, but living in Wilkes-Barre; Mrs. P. P. Smith, widow of the late Judge Smith; Mrs. M. A. Kelly, of Pittsboro.

He is a near relative to the Griffin family of Honesdale.

Rev. J. J. Griffin received his education in the Honesdale public school, afterwards taking a classical and philosophical course at Mount Mary's seminary, Emmitsburg, Maryland. He then took a course in theology at St. Mary's in Baltimore, was ordained priest in Scranton by Right Rev. Bishop Wm. O'Hara July, 1893. Father Griffin received his first appointment as assistant of Rev. J. J. Doherty, priest of St. John's Roman Catholic church, Honesdale, in January, 1894. On October 25, 1895, he received the appointment as assistant to the pastor of St. Rose's church, Carbondale.

PIANO FALLS OVER.

Injures Two East Branch Ladies Who Try to Move It.

While Mrs. J. E. Cassidy and Mrs. Cole were moving Mrs. Cassidy's piano from one side of the parlor to the other last week, a castor came at, partially overturning the piano and pinning both women fast for a while. Mrs. Cassidy soon extricated herself without any very serious bruises, the worse being her ear torn off for a little while, and she, together with a caller, who happened to be there succeeded in getting it off Mrs. Cole, who was already in the face. Her neck has been considerably swollen ever since but she is getting along all right.—Hilvan County, N. Y., Review.

Dies in Port Jervis, N. Y.

Thomas Malle died Saturday night at his home in Port Jervis. He is survived by one daughter, Hazel, of Hawley, Pa. The body will be brought to Hawley from where the funeral will take place Tuesday.

CONTRACTS FOR 4 BRIDGES LET BY COMMISSIONERS.

Bids Opened Saturday Afternoon Contracts Go to Wayne County Men.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Wayne county commissioners which was held in the court house Saturday afternoon, contracts for four bridges, one in Dyberry, Salem, Lake and Mt. Pleasant townships. All of the contracts were let to Wayne county men.

Bridge No. 1, located in Dyberry township, leading from Bates' mill to the public highway, known as the Tanners Falls road, was awarded to Irwin & Breneman. Their bid was \$1920 for a complete concrete bridge and although it was not the lowest bid received it was considered to be the best for the price.

Bridge No. 2 located in Mt. Pleasant township, over John creek, and known as the Bryant bridge, was awarded to F. J. Varcoe. The bid was \$345 for bridge alone, the abutments being already in place.

Bridge No. 3 located in Lake township, crossing Middle Creek at Varden and bridge No. 4, in Salem township, over Five Mile Creek, near Arlington were awarded to Bell & Chapman, of Ariel. Their bid for the first bridge complete was, \$725, and for the second, \$690.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED.

The engagement of Miss Martha E. Meredith and Lloyd C. Rosencrans was announced Friday night at a dinner given by Miss Fannie Rooker at her home on Locust avenue. Miss Meredith, one of Towanda's accomplished young ladies, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Meredith. Mr. Rosencrans, who holds the position of superintendent of the Wayne Cut Glass factory, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Rosencrans, of Honesdale.—Towanda Reporter-Journal.

ARBITRATORS AWARD \$775. FOR ROAD ACCIDENT

CASE PENDING IN COURTS MANY YEARS FINALLY SETTLED BY ARBITRATION.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Kreiger Get Damages for Injuries Sustained in Road Accident on Nov. 11, 1909, in Salem Township.

After hearing the arguments of the attorneys in the cases of Frederick Kreiger against the township of Salem, and Frederick Kreiger and Gertrude Kreiger, his wife, against the same township, the board of arbitrators composed of F. H. Crago, Oscar E. Bunnell and C. M. Bets, who were appointed by the court to hear evidence in the cases, which have been pending in the local courts for several years, awarded the plaintiffs damages to the amount of \$775 late Thursday afternoon. In the case brought by Mr. Kreiger, who is a native of Pike county, to recover damages for injuries to his horse and wagon, the arbitrators awarded \$25. In the suit to recover damages for personal injuries the awards were as follows: Mr. Kreiger, \$150 and Mrs. Kreiger \$600.

The suits for damages were brought against the supervisors of Salem township, through Attorney M. E. Simons, who asked for \$1,000 for Mrs. Kreiger and \$500 for Mr. Kreiger, and in the statement filed the supervisors were charged with negligence for not having the road near Ledgedale properly guarded.

Mr. and Mrs. Kreiger were driving along the road leading from Ledgedale in Salem township on the evening of November 11, 1909. The road at the place of the accident had a down grade and on one side there was a high bank and on the other was a declivity which was unguarded. There was a turn in the road and Mr. Kreiger supposing he had come to the turn pulled the horses' heads around and drove over the embankment. It was a fall of many feet; the wagon turned over as it pitched downward and threw the occupants out. Both sustained severe injuries. Mrs. Kreiger suffered a fractured skull, having as it is supposed, struck her head on the wheel of the wagon in falling and has never entirely recovered. The horses sustained injuries and the wagon was badly damaged.

The evidence in the case was heard several weeks ago but a decision was postponed to give the arbitrators time to go to the scene of the accident and make an inspection of the road. On account of the bad weather the trip was not made until Tuesday. On Thursday afternoon Attorneys M. E. Simons for the plaintiffs, and Searle & Salmon for the supervisors of Salem township, argued the case before the arbitrators in the grand jury room in the court house and late that afternoon a decision was reached in which damages were awarded.

MODERATORS SELECTED BY PRESBYTERIANS.

Selection of moderators by the commissioners of the Northern and Southern Presbyterian churches, with a totally unexpected choice in the case of the former, were chief events of interest at the session of the Presbyterian assemblies in session at Atlanta, Ga., last Friday.

Dr. John Timothy Stone, of the Fourth Presbyterian church, Chicago, was elected moderator of the Northern body and Dr. J. Sprole Lyons, of the First Presbyterian church, Louisville, Ky., was chosen moderator for the Southern assembly. All three of the assemblies have now selected moderators, the United Presbyterians naming Dr. R. M. Russell of New Wilmington, Pa.

BISHOP DOANE DIES.

Bishop William Crosswell Doane, bishop of Albany diocese of the Protestant Episcopal church, died at the Hotel Manhattan, New York, on Saturday. He was eighty-one years old.

ANOTHER MYSTERIOUS FIRE OCCURS IN HONSDALE

PROMPT ACTION OF FIREMEN PREVENTS DISASTROUS FIRE AT MENNER & CO.'S STORES.

Blaze Discovered in Rear of Store About One O'clock by Man Driving Near St. John's Church—Considerable Damage Done.

Early Sunday morning about 1 o'clock a blaze was discovered in the rear of the Keystone block and an alarm of fire was turned in.

John Roegner, Jr., was driving home Sunday morning and when near St. John's church on the hill saw the flames leaping up in the rear of what he thought was Erk Brothers' hardware store. He turned in the alarm and the Honesdale fire companies responded. When they arrived they found that the fire was not in the building occupied by Erk Brothers but was in the rear of Menner & Co.'s store. The south corner of the rear end on the main floor was in flames. The front door was forced and a stream of water was put into action on the flames, which were soon extinguished, but not before much damage had been done by smoke and water to the interior of the store. If it had not been checked when it was, it would probably have resulted in one of the most disastrous fires in many years.

There is a porch in the rear of the building and beneath this is a space where the air pipe from the furnace protrudes through a basement window. It is supposed that some one carelessly dropped a lighted match under the porch and this smoldered for some time before breaking out in a blaze. Some think that its origin was incendiary. The fire burned the heavy two-inch planks from the floor of the rear porch and then the flames leaped through the basement window where they burned through the floor leading into the main room of the store.

It was several hours before the fire was extinguished from the smoldering heap of rubbish in the rear.

Mr. Brown told a Citizen man this morning that he had left the store about eleven o'clock Saturday night. Before he left he looked over everything and is positive there was no sign of fire then.

Menner & Co. will be heavy losers principally from water and smoke but the extent of the damage done can not be estimated until it is gone over completely. The loss will reach up to many hundreds of dollars however, but insurance will cover part of the loss.

PRISONER KILLED THREE MEN.

Now at Farview—Has to be Strapped to His Bed.

Jacob Koosach, of Clearfield county, is at the State Hospital for the Criminal Insane at Farview. It is alleged that he murdered three men. When first tried for murder he was adjudged insane and was committed to an asylum where he later killed two of the prison attendants. For the past two years he has been strapped to his bed.

LETTERS UNCALLED FOR.

Letters remaining uncalled for at the Honesdale office for week beginning May 12: H. Bergman, Mrs. Elmer Beardsley, Lee M. Newham, Mrs. Nelson E. Saunders. Persons calling for above will say "Advertised." M. B. Allen, Postmaster.

OILING THE STREETS.

Wilkes-Barre is oiling its streets, using 2,400 gallons of oil a day.

HONSDALE SCHOOL BOARD HOLD REGULAR MEETING

BUDGET FOR NEXT YEAR PLACED AT \$15,300—TAX LEVY REMAINS THE SAME.

Routine Business and Bills Paid—Much Time Given to Discussion of Proposed Agricultural Course for High School.

At the regular meeting of the Honesdale school board in the high school Thursday evening, the budget for the coming year was made. The expenses for running the school for another year was estimated at \$15,300 and in order to meet this expense, the members of the school board placed the tax levy at six and one-half mills, which is the same as it has been for a number of years. No increase in the tax levy was thought necessary.

The routine business was disposed of and current bills were ordered paid. This meeting of the school board is the last, but one to be held, for the present school year closes in June. There will be one more meeting in June, which will be the last for this school year.

The members of the board discussed the new law that was recently passed by the State Legislature regarding the placing of an agricultural course in the high schools throughout the state. The bill has been passed and signed by Governor Tener, but it did not carry with it enough of an appropriation to make it possible for it to be carried into effect by the school boards of the State. The bill provides that the State be divided into thirty districts. Wayne, Susquehanna and Pike counties comprise one of these districts. It also provides for state help in paying for an agricultural professor and for the rental of a 5-acre tract of land as an experimental farm, where experiments in farming can be carried on by the classes under the direction of an experienced teacher. The Honesdale school board are doing all they can to get the appropriation bill passed so that a course of this kind can be put into operation in the Honesdale High school. It is hoped that the efforts of these men, aided as they are by County Superintendent J. J. Koehler and several other prominent men in Wayne county, will be rewarded, for an agricultural course in our schools will prove of everlasting benefit to Wayne county.

NOTED ENTERTAINERS

As Well as Musicians on Local Chautauqua Program.

Not only men like Senator Gore, Judge Lindsey, Ex-Governor Glenn, Herbert S. Hadley and orators of national reputation are brought directly in touch with the people by Chautauqua, but noted entertainers and musicians as well.

This year William Battle is giving his wonderful portrayals of characters from Dickens' novels before tent audiences and taking his hearers into the secrets of make-up and acting.

Paul M. Pearson is removing popular prejudice against elocution by presenting in a man's way readings from big minded poets and authors. His lecture recitals are full of breeze and sun and commonsense.

Mr. Reno B. Welbourn is trying out his model Mono-Rail Car system daily, getting ready to install it in every Chautauqua Auditorium for a day this summer. The whizzing little toy is a sensation, of course. It runs on a wire cable and performs to the defiance of all forces of gravity. Mr. Welbourn brings a stock of fresh scientific demonstrations every summer.

Rosani, the originator of the trick of making a glass of water turn somersaults in a hoop without spilling, holds forth on Children's day, fortunately not to the exclusion of the adult population of the town. The prince of jugglers began by spinning his geography in the aisle at school when the teacher was not looking!

Henry Such, a recognized English violinist, appears at Chautauqua for the first time this season. Miss Viola Brodbeck, a Philadelphia soprano, gives half of the numbers of the program of the concert. Mrs. Henry Such is the rarely-gifted accompanist for the Brodbeck-Such company.

The Commonwealth Male Quartet, The Tyrolese Alpine Yodlers are among the other unusual attractions booked by Chautauqua for this town this summer.

REV. J. A. HAAS CHOSEN HEAD OF MINISTERIUM.

The Rev. John A. W. Haas, D. D., president of Muhlenberg college, Alton, Mo., was chosen president of the Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania and adjacent states at the opening business session of the 166th annual convention of that body last Thursday. Dr. Haas was chosen on the third ballot after the Rev. Dr. J. E. Whittaker, of Lancaster, had withdrawn.

Rev. O. E. Pfeuger, of Womelsdorf, was re-elected English secretary; Rev. H. D. E. Siebolt, of Philadelphia, German society, and Rev. H. A. Weller, of Arwingsburg, treasurer.

FIRST HEAT CAST FRIDAY.

New Gurney Electric Elevator Plant Now Open for Business.

The first heat in the new Gurney foundry was successfully cast on Friday last. This important part of the elevator shops was moved on Friday, Saturday and Monday, from the old shops to the new without losing a single day's cast, showing some "tail" hustling on the part of the management.

Only one machine has been moved from the machine shop proper, the balance will follow as fast as possible.

EXEMPLIFIED RECORD OF WILL FILED.

An exemplified record of the last will and testament of Lois Morse Alden, who died at her late home in Passaic, N. J., was filed in the office of W. B. Leshner, register of wills, on Friday. The will was probated in Passaic, N. J., but a copy was filed in the courts here so that there would be a record of the title in the event of the sale of some land in Wayne county. James S. Alden and Mabel Blanche Alden are the executors.

Mrs. Lois Morse Alden was the wife of the late, Levi H. Alden, formerly of Aldenville. The locality, in fact, derived its name from him, having been one of the leading men there for many years.

BIG TRUCK TIME-SAVER.

Since the installation of the Garford truck by Riefler & Sons, Tanners Falls, used to convey charcoal and acetate from the acid factory to Honesdale, replacing horses, a trip has been made in 37 minutes. Heretofore it took a team from two and a half to three hours to cover the distance. The truck not only makes the trip in one-fifth of the time, but accomplishes the work of six teams. The average trip is made in 40 minutes. On one occasion 9,210 pounds was carried and it took just 45 minutes to come from the factory to the dock at Honesdale. The truck is four ton capacity and also weighs about that much. After better facilities for loading soft coal at Honesdale has been secured it is expected that, whereas it now takes half an hour to load, it can be done in five minutes. Mr. Riefler has asked the Delaware and Hudson company to erect a coal pocket at the place of loading. After this is erected Mr. Riefler estimates that the truck will be able to do the work of eight teams of horses.

Riefler & Sons make and ship large quantities of charcoal. The company average a car a day. The charcoal is shipped loose, although it comes to market in bags. The product is taken from the bags when the car is loaded, it requiring about 400 bags to fill an ordinary freight car.

Mr. Riefler some time ago contemplated building a steam tramway in the lumber camps to convey the acid wood to the factory, but has resorted to the "pole road" instead. The teams that were formerly used to convey the factory's product to Honesdale are now used in the woods on the pole road and elsewhere.

Japan's challenge comes at a moment that is fraught with peculiar danger. Japan is entering upon a new era. Her elder statesmen have nearly all passed away and few are left to check the impulses of popular passion. The semi-divine attributes of the ruler no longer serve to sway or soothe the nation in moments of anger. Japanese democracy is knocking at the doors of the council chambers and we fear it is a democracy which is headstrong, excitable and in experienced, qualities which are shared in a greater or less degree by all democracies. We are thus on both sides confronted by a situation of very special difficulty.

Dealing specifically with the California issue the editorial says:

"It is an issue which will become more insistent, whatever may be settled now, and it will have to receive the earnest attention of all white races in time to come. But the magnitude of the question is out of all proportion to the immediate dispute."

"Japan nevertheless will do well to remember that her claim to enter a neighbor's garden can at best be only quietly pursued. It is not the kind of a claim that can be pressed with an unrestricted indication, however strong its documentary support may be."

CHEMICAL PLANT SUSPENDS.

The Keery Chemical Company has again closed their acid factory at Fish's Eddy, this time permanently. The factory has not been a paying proposition for some time past, owing to the worn-out condition of the machinery, and the management have concluded that it is cheaper to ship what wood they have to the Cadonia factory than to repair this factory and put it on a paying basis again.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. Emily Hagaman.

The remains of Mrs. Emily Hagaman, formerly a resident of Honesdale, who died in Philadelphia, arrived here Monday afternoon for burial. The funeral will take place here Tuesday. Mrs. Hagaman left Honesdale about five years ago for Philadelphia, where she had since resided. Before coming to Honesdale she was a resident of White Mills. She is survived by two sons and was about sixty years of age.

Death of F. A. Engle.

Franklin A. Engle died at his home in Hamlin, May 12, 1913, after a long illness, aged 76 years. He is survived by his wife and daughter. He was a veteran of the Civil war, having served as a sergeant of Co. H, 14th U. S. regulars, for three years. A brother, Thomas B. Engle, was a corporal in the company. He enlisted in Honesdale under Capt. Joseph M. Locke at Gettysburg. Franklin was wounded in the arm during a battle in June, 1864, and another ball struck his pocket-book near the groin, and this probably saved his life. Thomas was badly wounded above the knee, in the same fight. The brothers participated in all of the battles on the Potomac, and until this time escaped uninjured. They were the sons of Wm. Engle, a long-time resident of Salem township, and one of its most highly thought of citizens.

Death of John Ryan.

John Ryan, a resident of Cherry Ridge township, died at the home of his sister, Mrs. Margaret Burke, at Canaan, on Friday evening, about 7 o'clock. He was forty years of age. Mr. Ryan spent last week with relatives in Carbondale and was in his usual good health while there. He had been ill only a few days. Mr. Ryan was well known throughout Wayne county and had many friends in Honesdale and vicinity who will mourn his loss.

He is survived by his wife and the following children: Mollie, Sadie, Elizabeth, Margaret, Frank, Thomas, Matthew, Stephen and John.

The funeral was held Monday morning from St. John's R. C. church, Rev. John O'Toole officiating. Interment was made in St. John's cemetery.



Anything that is not worth fighting for is not worth having.

All things may come to him who waits, but he MUST NOT WAIT TOO LONG.

Life is one constant battle both for individuals and for communities.

The town that wins is the town that fights Every Day for Bigger Business.

Trade at Home Stores. Make the Home Dollar Circulate. Make Good Use of the Parcel Post. Get New Enterprises to Locate Here.

Fight For Business and Progress!