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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS

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BEECH CREEK WRECK.

Was One of the Most Disastrous in the History of the Road.

The most disastrous freight wreck that has occurred on the Beech Creek railroad was encountered on Thursday morning of last week between 6 and 7 o'clock at Gorton Height, two miles east of Peale.

The immediate result of the head-end collision, which it was, was the death of Fireman McAlvener and Engineer O. C. Bennett and Martin McFarland, and the serious, but not fatal, injury of T. E. Creighton, a brakeman. Bennett and McAlvener were married and resided at Jersey Shore. McFarland's parents live in Tyrone. He was unmarried. These men were among the best and most trustworthy of the company.

The story, as heard from apparently reliable sources, begins with instructions which no doubt were overlooked by somebody. The first section of train No. 1, westbound, consisted of a string of 45 empty cars, and was due, and had orders to that effect, to pass No. 2, east-bound, running in two sections, at Gorton Height. Engineer Bennett waited until first section had passed and then pulled out on to the main track and met the 2d section with both trains running at freight limit.

The eastbound section consisted of forty-five loaded coal cars, and the meeting of the ponderous freight engines, occurring on a short curve, and before the mist of night had yet been entirely dispelled by the coming day, was terrific. The engineers and firemen had no opportunity to call for brakes in time to get any use from them, and the engines and cars moved on and piled up and spread around in an indescribable mass.

Traffic, with the track torn up and blocked with such an immense mass of wreckage to be moved, was of course out of the question for a day at least, and all passenger business was transferred.

The one phenomenal escape, when the crash occurred, was made by Engineer McFarland's fireman, who jumped, but turned up with but slight injury.

The first report of the wreck received in Patton Thursday morning cast a deep gloom over the many N. Y. C. employes in this place, as those killed in the terrible wreck were well and favorably known, and had many friends and acquaintances here.

Married at Pittsburg.

On Tuesday, February 6, 1900, Telford Davis, a fireman on the P. R. R., with headquarters at Derry, Pa., and Miss Amelia Hoover, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Hoover, of near Patton, were quietly married at Pittsburg, the ceremony being performed by the minister of the First Lutheran church of that city. The marriage was quite a surprise to the members of Miss Hoover's family, as she had informed her sister in Hastings, with whom she was living, that she intended coming to Patton for a visit. Mr. Davis is well and favorably known at this place, having been employed by the Patton Supply company for several years. Mrs. Davis is also well-known here, being a sister of Miss Myrtle Hoover. The many friends of the happy couple wish them a pleasant voyage through life. The COURIER representative did not learn where they would make their future home, but no doubt at Derry, Pa., the terminal of the division on which the groom is employed.

Fifth Annual Meeting.

Wm. H. Sandford, cashier of the First National Bank of Patton and also a member of the Patton school board, who was chosen as a delegate to the Fifth Annual Meeting of the Pennsylvania State Assn. of School Directors departed for Harrisburg Tuesday where the sessions were held yesterday and to-day in the Hall of House Representatives. Mr. Sandford was chosen at the meeting of the County Directors' meeting during Institute week at Edensburg. In making the choice the county association used good judgment in selecting him, as he is well versed in public school affairs.

An Infant Dead.

A nine-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick McCarty, of East Magee avenue, died Sunday evening, after an illness of but a few days. Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon, interment being made in the Cassidy cemetery east of Patton.

REMOVING THE MILL.

Hunter & Baughman are Shipping it to Brookville, Jefferson County.

For the past week Frank Baughman, of the firm of Hunter & Baughman, has been busily engaged with a crew of men in tearing down the company's mill, which is located about two miles east of Patton, and hauling it to the siding at the "Y" preparatory to shipping the same to Brookville, Jefferson county Pa.

Hunter & Baughman have bought 100 acres of land located a short distance from the latter place, which is heavily timbered with pine, hemlock and hardwood, and for which they paid \$29,050. The firm will begin sawing the timber as soon as the mill can be rebuilt on the new tract.

Mr. Baughman has a large circle of friends in Patton, who entertained hopes that the firm could secure some timber land in this immediate vicinity, but they could not make a purchase suitable, hence the move to another location. The new possession will be much better for Hunter & Baughman, as both members of the firm live at or near Brookville. May they have much success is the wish of the COURIER.

Joint Institute.

The teachers of Cresson township and adjoining districts, will hold an institute at the Pike school, near Cresson, Saturday, February 24, commencing at 1:30 p. m. The following program has been prepared: School management, paper, Prof. E. J. Duffey; Boywork, C. W. Lilly; The teacher's own hour, James G. Lynch; Should corporal punishment be abolished, J. H. Lynch; Are cabinet curiosities found helpful in the school-room, W. A. Little; Patrons duty to the school, John McCann; How to teach reading in the fifth grade, Hugh Slater; Rural and town schools compared, E. T. Parish; The gathering of and correcting of written work, Les Lynch; School hygiene, Dr. J. A. Lynch; Spelling match by teachers. The teachers whose names appear in connection with the above questions will open them. Other teachers will be expected to take part in the discussions. The program will be interspersed with songs and recitations. Teachers are requested to bring their song books. All friends of education are cordially invited to attend.

Appointed Agents.

At the last meeting of the Cambria County Mutual Fire Insurance company of P. O. H., it was decided to divide the county into four sections, and appoint one agent for each district to renew old and write new insurance policies. Heretofore each grange had an agent, which failed to give satisfaction to the large number of members of that organization. The COURIER representative was informed that the appointments of the districts had received the appointments of an agent, John Somerville, of Patton, taking the district east and Paul Yahner, of Elder township, the district west of Chest creek.

Hotel Burned.

The town of Hastings had a serious conflagration Thursday morning of last week in which four buildings were destroyed, entailing a loss of some \$5,000. It is supposed the flames were of incendiary origin. They started at an early hour in Michael Nagle's hotel, which was destroyed. Then they spread to another house owned by him, and later to two houses owned by Marcellus Weakland, all of which were burned. As near as can be ascertained an insurance of between \$3,000 and \$4,000 was carried on the destroyed property and furnishings.

Diad of Heart Disease.

Mr. Robert Burgoon, a highly respected lady of White township, died Thursday night at her home near Beaver Dams, after an illness of several weeks of heart disease. Deceased was aged 42 years, and leaves to mourn her demise, a husband and seven children. The funeral services were held in the St. Augustine Catholic church Tuesday morning, after which the remains were laid to rest in the church cemetery nearby.

The Rough Riders' Reunion.

At the meeting of the executive committee of the Rough Riders' Reunion Association held at Guthrie, O. T., one day last week it was decided to change the date of the annual reunion at Oklahoma City to July 1 to 4 inclusive. This was done to meet the wishes of Colonel Roosevelt, who wrote that he could not attend on June 24, the date previously announced.

To the Public.

Having secured the agency for the Grand Union Tea company, I will call on the residents of Patton each month. Save me an order. O. C. HANSON.

A NOTED NUN PASSES AWAY.

Mother Elizabeth Strange, Oldest Sister of Mercy in America.

Mother Elizabeth Strange, the oldest Sister of Mercy in America, having been born the same year as Queen Victoria, died last Wednesday morning in St. Xavier's convent, near Latrobe, of infirmities incident to old age; she being in her eighty-first year. The deceased was finely educated in Ireland and was a niece of Cardinal Wiseman.

She came to America over 60 years ago and founded the order of the Sisters of Mercy, under the direction of Bishop Michael O'Connor, who had gone to Ireland for young priests and missionaries for Western Pennsylvania and was much impressed with the work of the organization there. Six other sisters were brought with Sister Elizabeth Strange, but all of them died before 1888.

Made Recruiting Officer.

Lieut. S. A. Kephart, of Gallitzin, has been appointed to the head of the Philadelphia recruiting office by the war department. He is at present in a Philadelphia hospital and has been there since his return from the Philippines. As soon as he is able to resume the duties of his new office, Lieut. Kephart when in Cuba and the Philippines was in Gen. Lawton's army corps. The battery to which he belonged was the only one which started with Gen. Lawton at the time of his death.

Died in a Street Car.

A Hungarian infant aged 3 days died in a street car somewhere between Walnut and Broad streets, Johnstown, Thursday morning while its father, godmother and a friend were taking it to St. Joseph's Catholic church to be baptized. The little one was a son of Michael and Mary Koonan and it had been sick since birth. The body was taken to Undertaker McGahan's, where it was prepared for burial, later being interred in Lower Yoder cemetery.

Second Degree.

Late Saturday night the jury in the case of Harry W. Harris, on trial for wife murder in the Baltimore, Md., court, brought in a verdict of murder in the second degree. The penalty is from 5 to 15 years' imprisonment. Sentence was suspended. The murdered woman was well known in Edensburg and Johnstown, having relatives living in both places. The parents of the deceased woman are residents of Renova, Pa.

At Baptist Church.

The following services will be conducted in the First Baptist church of Patton by the pastor, Rev. M. C. Alexander, next Sunday: Preaching at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. In the morning the pastor will preach a National sermon touching on the leading topics of the day. An invitation is extended to the G. A. R. post and all orders and societies of Patton. Special music will be rendered. Rev. John Radcliffe will preach in the evening.

It Cost \$2,290.

A statement of Cambria county's account with the Western Penitentiary for the year 1899 shows that there were 40 different prisoners from the county confined in the institution during the year. They served an aggregate of 9,160 days, which, at the rate of 34 cents a day, amounted to \$3,173.47. Against this, however, was a credit of \$885.47 for labor they performed, leaving a balance for the county to pay of \$2,290.

Taking the Census.

The work of taking the next census will commence June 1. The compensation is fixed by section 17 of the Act of March 3, 1896, at a minimum rate of two cents for each living inhabitant, two cents for each death, fifteen cents for each farm and twenty cents for each establishment of productive industry. The compensation will not be less than three or more than six dollars per day of ten hours of actual field work.

Taxpayers are Lucky.

At Edensburg Monday the county auditors filed a report which shows that the county is over \$466.00 better off than appeared from the report of the auditors as published. The sum named was included in the commission paid the treasurer for moneys paid out by him. In the report of the auditors this amount was given as \$34,183.77, when it should have been \$13,923.36.

Boy Drowned.

Marsden, the eleven-year-old son of Rev. J. L. Ressler, pastor of the First United Brethren church, of Johnstown, while catching driftwood Thursday evening in the Stonycreek River a short distance below his home, fell into the water and was drowned before help could be summoned.

THEY WILL REMAIN FIRM

Miners Will Continue Working until April 1.

THEIR MEETING HELD

At Harrisboro' Will Have no Effect Upon the Mountain District.

A special from Barnesboro Monday evening states that, while the decision of the meeting of miners at that place Saturday cannot be looked upon as carrying much weight, owing to the fact that the representation of certain collieries was incomplete, there does not seem to be the slightest chance of any strike among the miners of Cambria county for the present.

"We are content to wait until the promised wage advance goes into effect on April 1," said a well known coal miner. "We would be foolish to strike for a raise at this time. Mind you we have been promised an advance on April 1, six weeks from to-day. Suppose we were to strike now and remain idle for a week. In that week we would lose more than we would gain if we were to get the promised raise at the end of a week's time to continue through the remaining five weeks of employment until April 1. We cannot possibly gain more by a raise for five weeks than we would lose by the idleness of a week or two in forcing the strike. This is why the miners of this district have refused to come out so far.

"All these threatened strikes, especially those talked of after the operators decided to grant the miners the raise demanded, have been conceived in the minds of some newspaper men, whose location I have not named, and who already enjoy the reputation of being notorious liars when they begin to talk strike and wage raises, and reductions among the miners of this locality."

It is generally believed that the average raise will be about 15 per cent. throughout the entire district. Even the Berwind-White company, which was the first to announce an intended raise of wages for its miners, has not yet stated just what percentage the intended advance will be, although it is expected that it will be in proportion to the figures mentioned, and that other smaller firms will follow at about the same rate that the Berwind-White people do.

Big Haul of Carp.

The Lock Haven Express says that Farrandville was in a great state of excitement Wednesday night over an unexpected big catch of German carp. About 7 o'clock in the evening some one cut a hole in the ice near the mouth of Lick Run and commenced fishing with a dip net. The fishermen had the best of luck, and at the first haul brought up a net full of German carp. The fishing was continued until midnight, and the luck continued good. At midnight over 500 carp weighing from three to five pounds apiece were caught, and every family in the place received a supply of the fish.

Submits to Triple Amputation.

Howard Spangler, the Barnesboro man who was recently admitted to the Memorial hospital at Johnstown to undergo treatment for frozen feet and hands, Saturday submitted to a triple amputation. His right arm was cut off above the wrist, two fingers and part of the third removed from his left hand and half of his left foot cut away. His right foot will probably be taken off at the ankle, but this has been delayed on account of the great shock to the injured man. Dr. Hanna performed the operation. Spangler has been resting well since he submitted to the triple amputation.

Attention G. A. R. and K. G. E.

All members of Lieut. Peter Kaylar Post are requested to meet in Bell's hall Sunday at 10 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of attending services in the First Baptist church, when Rev. Alexander will preach a patriotic sermon. Also the members of the Knights of Golden Eagles are requested to meet at the same time and attend the services.

Money Saved is Money Earned.

And that's what you can do by buying everything you want in the grocery line at the Cash Grocery.

Warning!

To whom it may concern, I hereby notify all persons not to trust my wife, Mrs. Edward Leish, for anything whatsoever as she has left my bed and board this the 12th day of February, 1900, and I will not be responsible for any debts contracted by her.

Ed. Leish.

INTERESTING WESTOVER LETTER

Compiled by a Wide Awake Correspondent from the Clearfield County Town.

A revival meeting being held in the United Evangelical church is having great success under the management of Rev. A. F. Berkeley.

M. B. Cowher, of Patton, and John K. Garman, of Irvona, both insurance agents, were seen on our streets the first of the week.

On Monday of this week a part of the leech house roof fell in causing a considerable amount of damage to that part of the tannery building. Fortunately there was no one hurt.

D. W. Fry's little child died Monday morning after a short illness of brain trouble.

James Addelman left for Glen Campbell Monday evening.

To say the least the smiles on Court A. Curry's face are very broad, caused by the arrival of an unusually fine boy.

Col. W. S. Thomas was with us this week looking after his coal interests. It is sure business as the contract for sidings will be let this week.

Austin Curry, of Wankesha, paid our town a visit this week.

Mrs. Dr. Hurd, of LaJoes, spent a day this week with her nephew, Wayde M. Curry.

Annabelle Jackson fell from a chair Tuesday breaking a small bone in her right arm.

Billie McKee has sold a number of town lots and will sell more at any time.

Postmaster Jackson has received a fine canine of bull-dog type.

Walter L. Main Retires.

Walter L. Main's circus, one of the largest and best on the road, was sold recently at its winter quarters near Geneva, O., and the stock of animals and all equipments were disposed of to various show proprietors throughout the country. Mr. Main's health prevents him from continuing longer in the business, and he refused to trust it to other hands. He is said to have been born in this State and started out 15 years ago with eight horses and a round-top tent. Last summer his circus was considered third in size in the country, and its owner retires with immense wealth.

Reduced Rates on the New York Central.

The New York Central has reduced its rates to holders of mileage books traveling between certain competitive points in the Beech Creek district, by instructing conductors to detach coupons covering the short line distance only. This makes a rate of less than two cents per mile between Williamsport or Lock Haven and Patton. The Pittsburg & Eastern R. R. is now operated as a branch of the Pennsylvania division, and New York Central thousand and mile books will be accepted between Mahaffey and Glen Campbell and all points on that branch.

Philosophy from Post Bureau.

The man who stops advertising is forgotten about as soon as the man who stops living, and the rapidly with which the forgetting business gets in its work after we are out of sight and the insurance collected is what makes some of us want to live a thousand years. Life however, is something we cannot control, that is so far as keeping it going is concerned. But the power is in our hands to keep our advertising going, and just in proportion as we keep it going it will keep us going.—
Threshermen's Review.

Diad of Smallpox.

One death has occurred from smallpox at Larimer, Westmoreland county, where forty persons were reported to have been under quarantine without food for several days. Wilhelmina Robetti, a seven-year-old Italian girl, died Thursday night. There is a great deal of excitement among the residents of Larimer, and it is the intention to maintain a strict quarantine to prevent the spread of the disease.

Third Annual Masquerade Ball.

Patton Fire company No. 1 will hold their Third Annual Masquerade Ball in their hall Monday evening, February 19. The best of music has been secured for the occasion. Admission \$1. Ladies unmasked will be charged 25 cents. All are invited to attend.

Festival and Supper.

The Young Ladies' Social Society of the Baptist church will give a supper February 22 and in connection with the supper there will be a fair lasting two evenings. There will be ice cream and cake in abundance.

MRS. GERTRUDE DINSMORE, Secy.

If you are hungry drop in to the City Restaurant where you can get everything you wish in the eatable line.