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### HARRY B. ALLISON KILLED

Struck by a Falling Tree and Fatally Injured.

#### THE CORONER'S JURY

Charged Gross Negligence in the Case of the Man Who Cut the Tree and His Employer—Funeral to be Held at St. Lawrence on Saturday Morning.

Harry B. Allison, the well-known hotel keeper and mail carrier of St. Lawrence, was struck by a falling tree about a mile from this place on Wednesday afternoon and received injuries from which he died a few hours later. He was driving a team, bringing the mail to Patton, when the accident occurred across Chest Creek from the old gypsy camp. He was brought to town and taken to the office of Dr. V. A. Murray and later removed to the residence of Chas. Rhody, where he died at six o'clock the same evening.

Coroner Miller, of Johnstown, was notified of the fatality and came to Patton, this (Thursday) noon. He empaneled a jury composed of Geo. Boone, Louis Doll, Jr., Phillip Deltrick, J. G. Mitchell, Dr. H. A. Seltz and Roy Eaton Decker and testimony was heard at the office of Justice of the Peace Boone. The story of the unfortunate affair is best told by the witnesses signified by the coroner.

Dr. V. A. Murray was the first one called and he testified that he had been summoned to attend Mr. Allison and in company with Jas. Mellon drove to the scene of the accident about 1:45 o'clock. They found Mr. Allison lying near the road and placed him in a wagon and brought him to town. An examination revealed the fact that the tree had struck him on the right side of the pelvis, right thigh, upper third, near big joint, and that the bladder was punctured and the urine full of blood. The physician informed him that he was in a dying condition and advised him to send for a priest.

Mr. Allison was conscious at this time and detailed the story of the accident. He said that he saw the tree falling and yelled to the horses, at the same time bending over in the seat, but too late. He also stated that he received no warning or heard any outcry from anyone. He was rational for about three hours.

Major W. H. H. Bell was the next witness and told of a conversation he had with Allison, which was substantially the same as that of Dr. Murray. Jas. Mellon told of seeing the deceased after he had been moved to the side of the road and stated in his opinion the tree had been chopped all around. He attempted to talk to the foreigner, who was supposed to be responsible for the cutting of the tree, and said that the man was a Slavonian and unable to speak English.

Jas. Cramer saw the foreigner cutting the tree and so testified and also saw Allison coming with the team.

Harry Lansbery talked with the deceased before he was brought to town and he told the former the same story as he had told Dr. Murray and Major Bell. Allison asked him to bring the mail to Patton and send a doctor. A. G. Storm testified to visiting the scene of the accident and stated that the tree was about 16 inches in diameter where it struck Allison, was a dead tree in a rotten condition and would not make much noise while being cut down. It was about six feet from the wagon track of the township road.

Ed A. Deltrick told of bringing Allison to town in his wagon and stated that he pointed out the man who cut the tree down to Mr. Mellon saying: "There, 'Squire, is the man who chopped the tree on me."

John Parninos, a Slav who was supposed to have chopped the tree down, was sent for and gave his testimony through Steve Sharony, an interpreter. He said he was working for John Danzaco and that the latter told him to chop the tree down; he wanted it out of the way, as he was afraid it would blow down on some one during a wind storm. Danzaco owns the lot inside of the adjacent fence. He also stated that he told Allison to stop before the tree started to fall, a statement that was in direct contradiction to testimony offered by Dr. V. A. Murray et al.

The jury deliberated on the evidence adduced for some time and then brought in a verdict charging gross negligence on the part of both Parninos and Danzaco.

The remains were taken to St. Lawrence this afternoon for funeral and interment. Mr. Allison was a member of the Patton lodge of the Knights of the Golden Eagle and a large delegation

from the order accompanied the cortege to St. Lawrence.

The funeral will be held on Saturday morning at 10 o'clock.

Mr. Allison was about 35 years of age and was a native of Huntingdon county, this state. He had been in Cambria county for a number of years, employed as a miner for some time. He purchased the Hotel Rhody, of Chas. Rhody about four years ago and has conducted the same ever since. He had the contract for carrying the mail from St. Lawrence to Patton and returned for about two years past and of late had been doing the work himself.

He is survived by his wife, who is a daughter of Michael Drass, of Chest township, and eight children, the youngest being but six weeks old.

Harry Allison was a genial, companionable man, who had a host of friends throughout the north of the county, who will sincerely regret his untimely demise. His virtues stand out prominently and his family, if he had them in common with the rest of the human race, are swallowed up in the sad tragedy that took him from the scenes of earth.

#### BUSINESS MEN INTERESTED.

A Base Ball Project That Ought to be a Sure Winner.

There has been considerable discussion the past few days by business men and others relative to the establishment of a first-class base ball club in Patton for the present season. Not an amateur nine composed of kids and dubs, but a club that can knock the spots off of Johnstown, Altoona or any other town that has a club worth mentioning.

In the past this town has put up a quality of base ball exceeded by no country town in the state, and it can do it again if the proper effort is made. It must be done along business lines however, and on business principles, and not be in hands of irresponsible people. Base ball has never been a striking financial success in the smaller towns, but nine times out of ten it has been because of poor business management.

Patton will support a good team if the proper effort is made to conduct it along safe and conservative business lines. As to its benefits there can be no question, and there is no one who will be benefited more than the business men. As a drawing card for people from outside towns it is without a peer. The largest crowds Patton ever entertained were here to attend ball games, and they spent money here, too.

As an inducement to trade here the merchants could agree to give an admission ticket to the ball ground to every purchaser of \$5 worth of goods, which would be a help to the management, as well as a drawing card for the dealer.

The plan projected for this season is to organize an association and sell shares at \$5 each, as many as can be disposed of, but not less than one hundred. This would give the management \$500 to start business with, to close the ball park and erect grand stand and bleachers. While the dividends would probably not make any individual wealthy, at the same time it would be the best investment the business men could make.

There are a number of men in town who have agreed to take four or five shares each, and if every business man would even take one share, and pay for it, the money could be raised promptly. The sooner this is done the better it will be for all concerned. The season is wide open now, players must be signed, captain, manager and board of directors elected and the time to "get in the push" is the present.

What do the business men, who will be the real beneficiaries financially, think of the project? Let us hear from you.

#### DEATH'S HARVEST.

The Death of Sister Barbara, Carrolltown, and John Crouse, Chest Springs.

Sister Barbara, O. S. B., a nun in St. Scholastica's convent, Carrolltown, died last Thursday morning of consumption after a lingering illness, in the 34th year of her age.

Deceased was a daughter of the late Paul and Mrs. Barbara Yahner of Patton, and was born in Carroll township, Feb. 14, 1868. Her christian name was Agnes. Twelve years ago in St. Mary's convent, Allegheny, she took the vows of a Benedictine nun. She taught in the parochial schools at Carrolltown for several terms, and began to teach the present term, but after a few weeks her health failed and she was taken to Allegheny. She was taken back to Carrolltown in Decem-

ber and her condition gradually grew worse, her death being expected at any time.

Sister Barbara was of a sunny disposition and her pleasant words and kind actions made her a great favorite among the school children, and she will be greatly missed.

The deceased is survived by her mother, who resides in Carroll township, and the following brothers and sisters: Mary, wife of Philip Hertog, of Carrolltown; Justina, wife of T. H. McMaisters, of Martinsburg, Blair county; Josephine, wife of D. A. Lettier, Jr., of Carrolltown; Peter C. of Sumnerhill; Sister Lydwina of St. Paul's Orphan asylum, Lowell, Mass.; Sister Bertrand, of St. Helena convent, Louisville, Ky.; Elizabeth, wife of Patrick Kelly, of Carrolltown; Stephen, of Loyahanna, Westmoreland county; Ida, Ambrose and Emma, at home. Her father, Paul Yahner, died Nov. 30, 1901.

The funeral took place Sunday morning at 8 o'clock. Requiem mass was celebrated over the remains in St. Benedict's church and interment was made in the place set aside for the nuns in the church cemetery.

John Crouse, of Chest Springs, one of the oldest and most respected residents of the north of the county, died Sunday at midnight at the residence of his grand daughter, Mrs. Jesse Fox, in that place, of spinal troubles, aged 71 years.

The deceased was born at Osterburg, Germany, and came to this county in 1855. He first went to Trenton, N. J., thence to St. Joseph, Mo., going to Johnstown in 1862. He built the first gas works ever erected in that city, having previously erected a similar plant at Trenton, N. J., St. Joe, Harrisburg, Leamouth, Hollidaysburg, Leetsdale and other towns and places in the state. He worked for the Cambria Iron company for a number of years. He left Johnstown in 1885 and went to Chest Springs, where he entered the hotel business, continuing in that until 12 years ago. Soon after he had gone out of the hotel business he was injured and since that time lived in retirement.

In 1897 at Trenton, N. J., Mr. Crouse married Clementine Shadwell, who survives him, with the following children: W. A. Crouse, of Johnstown, and Mrs. W. C. Shiffer of Gallitzin.

The funeral took place Tuesday afternoon from the late home of the deceased at Chest Springs. The obsequies were in charge of the Ebensburg lodge of Odd Fellows to which he belonged. Interment in the Lloyd cemetery, Ebensburg.

#### MINING NOTES.

Strike at Hastings has been settled—Co-operative Store for Patton.

The strike at the Sterling No. 8 mine at Hastings has been settled. A conference was held by J. L. Mitchell, the operator, at that place Tuesday with President Gilday and Vice President Wilson, of District No. 2, President McPherson, Secretary-Treasurer McTaggart, Vice President Sinclair, of sub-district No. 1, and Bernard Rice, National board member. A prolonged session was held in which all mentioned took an active part. The conference lasted from 2 p. m. to 10:30 p. m. after which it was announced that Mr. Mitchell had signed the scale and the strike was off.

A mass meeting of the miners and mine laborers of Patton will be held in Firemen's Hall on Friday evening at 7 o'clock for the purpose of discussing the advisability of starting a co-operative store. The plan has been under advisement by the labor leaders for some time past, but no definite action has ever been taken. The idea most in favor is the formation of a stock company to be chartered under the laws of Pennsylvania and the stock to be sold to anyone who wants it.

President John Mitchell, of the U. M. W. of A., had a further conference with President Lathrop, of the Webster Coal Co. on Monday in New York and the latter agreed to pay the scale conditions and make deductions of one cent per ton for checkweighmen, which will be collected through the office. He also agrees to allow his men to join the organization. This proposition will be laid before the men at mass meetings to be held at all of the Webster operations this week.

The United Mine Workers of America will have a general holiday on May 17, when meetings will be held all over the United States and addresses made on the subject of "Government by Injunction."

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### HERMAN T. JONES CHOSEN!

County Superintendent Was Elected Tuesday.

#### PRETTY HOT FIGHT.

But It Was all Before the Convention—Bender was Defeated by Twenty Votes, and on a Test Ballot Hubbard-Saury Increased by Law.

Herman T. Jones, principal of the public schools of Ebensburg, was elected county superintendent at the triennial convention of school directors held on Tuesday afternoon at the Court house. His only opponent was Harry S. Bender, of Johnstown and the former by a majority of 20.

What was expected to be a close contest, when the vote was taken proved to be a very much one-sided affair. Considerable work had been done by partisans of both candidates and there was an unusual amount of electioneering prior to the time set for the convention to convene.

County Superintendent Gibson called the assembling to order twenty minutes late, at 1:20 o'clock p. m., and read a letter from the state department to the effect that the late edition of the school laws was not yet ready for distribution, adding that he had hoped to give them to the directors at that time, but would not be able to do so.

He stated the object of the gathering and called for nominations for chairman. W. E. Oaks, of Coopersburg, suggested the name of S. W. Davis, of Ebensburg, and L. W. Barr, of Susquehanna township, named Wm. C. Hubbard, of Patton. Mr. Gibson appointed as temporary secretaries William K. Rowley, of Gallitzin, and J. H. Myers, of Davis.

The ballot showed 150 votes for Davis and 138 for Hubbard. The Patton directors all voted for Hubbard. Mr. Davis was declared elected and assumed the chair with a few words of thanks, saying he would not take up the time of the convention with a lengthy speech.

At this point the only real excitement of the convention occurred, when Carson Leashy, of Lilly, vehemently disputed the tally of the secretaries. Mr. Leashy made considerable noise, but it did no good and the work of the convention proceeded.

On motion of H. S. Endsley, of Westmont, the convention decided to retain the temporary secretaries as permanent.

W. H. Sandford, of this place, moved to take up the question of the superintendent's salary. The late law on the subject was read, and in accordance therewith the salary was fixed at \$1,816 per annum, on motion of James Campbell, of Hastings.

Nominations for superintendent were then called for, and H. S. Endsley, of Westmont, offered the name of Herman T. Jones. Harry S. Bender was nominated by R. M. Trout, of Adams township. The voting was viva voce, and 157 ballots were cast for Jones, to 137 for Bender.

The Patton directors were divided in their choice, Messrs. Lingie, Murray, Mellon and Hubbard voting for Bender and Messrs. Sandford and Tozer for Jones. There are fifty-three school districts in the county, outside of the city of Johnstown, with 318 directors, and all were present except twenty-four.

#### WEDDING BELLS.

The Marriage of a Popular Young Couple at Hastings Last Week.

A very pretty wedding was solemnized last Wednesday afternoon, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Paterick, Hastings, when their daughter, Miss Mary Paterick, was united in marriage to James Hunter, of Patton, by the Rev. Mr. Horning of Hastings. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Margaret Paterick, and Mr. Charles Heist of Patton, acted as best man.

The bride was dressed in pure white, wore white roses, and presented a very charming appearance, as she entered the room leaning on the arm of her father while Prof. John H. Smith, of Barnesboro, played the wedding march. The wedding supper which consisted of all the delicacies of the season, was served at 6 p. m., after which the bridal party left for Patton, where they will take up their future residence. The young couple are well-known, and have the good wishes of many friends in their new sphere.

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