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BLACK DIAMOND DELVERS!

News and Notes Concerning Mines and Mining.

BIG BOILER EXPLODED

At the Sterling No. 8 Mine Killing the Fireman—Patton Will Have one of the New Inspectors—Delegates Elected to Indianapolis Convention.

The Sterling No. 8 mine of the Webster Coal and Coke Co. at Hastings was the scene of a boiler explosion about two o'clock Saturday afternoon that resulted in the death of one man and the severe injury of another.

The dead man is Chas. Krebs, the fireman, aged about thirty years, who is survived by a wife and an infant son but two days old. He had been married only eleven months. Harry Heister, the superintendent of the mine, was severely injured, but will recover. The two men were in the boiler house inspecting the boilers when the explosion occurred.

The boiler that let go was one of five big ones in use at this mine. Half of it went through the building and was completely buried in the frozen ground. The other part was hurled about two hundred feet. The boiler house was blown to splinters.

The noise of the explosion naturally attracted a large crowd of people and Krebs was found some distance away scalded almost beyond recognition. Heister was scalded badly about the neck and face and badly burned by the escaping steam. His injuries are not serious, however. The cause of the explosion is unknown.

At the time of the explosion the boiler carried but 65 pounds of steam. There was no flaw in the metal, nor was there any signs of wearing out. The remaining four boilers were torn out Sunday, thereby leaving the town without electric light, as the supply came from the dynamo at the mine. Three railroad locomotives of ancient type were taken to the mine Monday and connected with the engines. New and up-to-date boilers have been ordered, but some time will pass before they are installed.

Coroner Miller was notified of the accident and visited the scene, but decided that an inquest was unnecessary. The remains of Krebs were taken to Union county for funeral and interment.

Patton will be the location of an inspector. Gov. Stone will appoint three new mine inspectors for the bituminous regions before he goes out of office in January. Chief Roderick, of the state bureau of mines, recently advised him that the law authorizes him to appoint additional inspectors, whenever he deems it necessary, and the governor wasted no time in setting the machinery to work to turn out three new inspectors. He directed the mine examining board to meet in Pittsburgh and examine applications for appointment. Fifty-two persons took the examination and have applied for the jobs. Roderick is redistricting the region so that one of the new inspectors shall be located at McKeesport, another at Brownsville and the third at Patton.

After the additional inspectors have been appointed and assigned to duty each district will contain from 60 to 80 mines, instead of from 65 to 125 mines, as the districts are now constituted.

Secretary Wilson, of the United Mine Workers, is sending out the lists of candidates for the coming election of officers of the national organization, with the blanks on which returns are to be made to the various locals throughout the country. In selecting the officers this time the new system of a referendum vote by the members of the organization, which has decided at the last session, will be followed.

These returns must all be in by December 31, but as some time will be required to tabulate the returns and determine the successful candidates, it probably will be a week later before the count before the annual convention, because in all cases where no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast the convention will have to choose the candidates as under the old system.

To the Miners and Mine Laborers of Hastings, Greeting:

There will be a general mass meeting of the miners of the Webster, Oak Ridge and all other mines in and around Hastings on Sunday, Dec. 21, at 2:30 p. m. All miners and mine laborers are kindly requested to attend as there will be business of importance presented for their consideration by

some of the National officers. Hoping to see all miners and mine laborers in attendance on the above date, I remain, respectfully yours,
Wm. McPHERSON, President.

The attorney general's department at Harrisburg is preparing the papers to take an appeal to the supreme court from Judge Simonon's decision that the store order tax bill is unconstitutional. The decision was made in the tax appeal of the Lehigh Valley Coal and Navigation company, and it will be fought to a finish in the higher court.

Michael McTaggart, the efficient secretary-treasurer of this sub-district of the United Mine Workers, is a candidate for National auditor again. There are three to be elected and as Mr. McTaggart is now filling that position with eminent satisfaction it is likely that he will be chosen to succeed himself.

The list of candidates for the National offices of the United Mine Workers was issued from headquarters at Indianapolis Friday. It disclosed that T. D. Nicholls, president of the largest anthracite district, is in the race against Tom Lewis, of Ohio, for vice president.

Auditors Fred Mitchell, of this place, and Miles P. Harrigan, of Carrolltown, will meet at Barnesboro Monday for the purpose of auditing the accounts of sub-district 1, of district 2, U. M. W. of A., in connection with the recent strike assessment.

Jas. Mitchell and Robert McGowan were elected Monday night as the representatives of the Patton local union to the National convention of the United Mine Workers at Indianapolis.

The Barnesboro local union has succeeded in inducing the school board of that place to establish a night school and the miners' organizations in other places are working to the same end.

EASY TO SELECT.

You can find something to suit from any of our Advertisers.

The COURIER this week publishes about thirty columns of local advertising matter, showing in a marked degree what the live business men of Patton think of the paper as an advertising medium.

This curtails the news space somewhat, but at this season of the year especially, when people are buying holiday goods, the advertising columns contain news of interest to everyone. It is news that counts, too; counts in dollars and cents. The best bargains can always be obtained of the progressive merchants who advertise. They do the largest business and naturally sell the best goods for the least money.

All of the COURIER advertisers have big stocks of holiday goods; in fact, larger than ever before, and you will have no trouble in finding something to suit you from any of them. Read the advertisements and then buy of the merchant who is not too "tight" to let you know what he has through the medium of your local newspaper.

Funeral Was Held Saturday.

The funeral of Henry G. Conrad, of Ashville, was held Saturday morning in St. Thomas church at that place when a high mass of requiem was celebrated. He died at his home near Ashville the preceding Wednesday and had spent most of the seventy-five years of his life in that vicinity. He had been engaged in farming and in the lumber and mill business for thirty-three years. Mr. Conrad was a veteran of the civil war and as a citizen he was highly esteemed. He leaves nine children as follows: William, of Deas; Andrew, of Allegheny township; Henry I., Clearfield township; Robert, Cresson; Thomas, Ashville; Mrs. John Hart, Altoona; Lewis, Ashville; Mrs. Henry Swanhart, Cresson, and Augustine, Ashville.

LEGAL NOTICE.

At a Court of Common Pleas of Cambria county held at Ebensburg on the eleventh day of December, A. D. 1902, the following order was made:

Hereafter, until the further order of the court, the first week of the regular terms of the courts of Cambria county shall be devoted to the trial of civil causes and the second week shall be devoted to the trial of criminal causes. The March and September terms of the said courts of Cambria county are hereby extended one week and hereafter the jury drawn for the third weeks of said term shall be drawn and summoned for the trial of both civil and criminal causes. The grand jury shall be summoned and shall meet as heretofore.

BY THE COURT.

Attest:—C. E. TROXELL,
Clerk of Courts.

PERTINENT PARAGRAPHS.

Pitby, Pointed Penicillings Pertaining to People and Places.

—Special attention is directed to the new advertisement of Goldstein's Department Store in this issue. Instead of waiting until January for their usual clearing sale they have decided to cut the prices this month in order to accommodate Christmas buyers. Many useful hints for holiday shoppers will be found in their space.

—Superintendent Crowley, of this, the Pennsylvania division of the New York Central railroad, was informed Friday that the operators, station agents, clerks and train dispatchers under his charge would receive better pay in the future, the advance running from 10 to 22 per cent as the case demanded.

—The hotel bars in Tyrone are to be closed for half a day on Christmas in order to give the bartenders a half holiday. That there may not be any anxiety on the part of anyone residing in Patton, the COURIER is authorized to state that the booze slingers of this place will remain on duty all day as per usual.

—Henry M. Gooderham was reelected steward of the state grange at the meeting held at Clearfield last week. Mr. Gooderham is a successful farmer of Carroll township and the honor could not have been more worthily bestowed.

—Mitchell & McCormick have a reasonable advertisement in this issue. They carry a full and complete line of holiday confectionery and guarantee satisfaction both as to quality and price.

—As nice a Christmas present as you can get for an absent friend or relative is a year's subscription to the COURIER. They will appreciate it and remember your thoughtfulness the entire year.

—Hon. J. J. Thomas attended the meeting of the state grange at Clearfield last week. Mr. Thomas has been a member of the Patrons of Husbandry for over a quarter of a century.

—In accordance with the usual custom, there will be no paper issued from this office next week. The office will be open every day, however, for the transaction of business.

—Mrs. Jas. A. McClain, of Spangler, died in a hospital at New York Tuesday from the effects of an operation. A more extended obituary will appear in our next issue.

—A dance will be held in Goldstein's Hall New Year's eve under the auspices of the Muddy Water Fishing Club. Kane's orchestra will furnish the music.

—John Bogos and John Callus, two Hungarians, have purchased the Yeager building on East Magee avenue of Geo. C. Yeager. Consideration \$3,500.

—A special sale of furs is advertised at the Bon Ton store in this issue. The prices quoted are rock bottom and the assortment is large and varied.

—A. G. Abbott is now clerk in the supervisor's office of the Pennsylvania railroad at this place, having resigned his position on the work train.

—Assessors Radcliffe and Somerville were at the office of Jas. Mellon Tuesday and Wednesday for the purpose of registration.

—Presents that please and are durable are told about in the new Christmas advertisement of Wolf & Thompson.

—The regular meeting of the borough council was not held Monday night for the usual reason.

—Brady's Bazaar has a new Christmas advertisement in this issue that will repay a careful perusal.

—"Christmas Candles" form the subject matter for the new advertisement of Gunn's Pharmacy in another column.

—Read the Patton Supply Co's Christmas ad. They have something of interest to holiday shoppers.

—"And the greatest of these is charity." Keep this Biblical sentiment in mind during the Christmas season.

—Miss Emery, of Westport, Pa., is the guest of her cousin, Mrs. Reuel Somerville.

—Ralph Good, of Look Haven, was visiting relatives in town this week.

—Miss Sarah J. Godcharles, of Milton, is visiting Patton relatives.

—G. D. Holes, of Glen Hope, was calling on friends in town Friday.

—The Red Men will hold a ball in Firemen's Hall, Christmas eve.

—R. F. Notley, of Hastings, was in town Monday on business.

COLUMN OF LITTLE ONES!

Judge O'Connor Issues Liquor License Court Order.

MINER'S REST HOTEL.

It has been sold by A. E. Frycklund to James M. Gillice, who will take possession January 2—Interesting Christmas Exercises at the Methodist Church.

Judge O'Connor has issued an order in which the first Tuesday in February is fixed as the time for hearing applications for license to sell intoxicating liquors, but all licenses shall date from March 15 in each year and shall expire on the 15th day of March in the following year. The order says:

"All applications for license shall be filed in the clerk's office at least three weeks before the first Tuesday in February and all remonstrances, counter petitions, etc., against the granting of such licenses shall be filed in the same office at least one week before the day set for hearing and all supplemental petitions in favor of any application shall be filed before the first Tuesday in February and no papers will be examined by the court unless filed as above provided for.

"All applicants for license will be required to be present in court when their applications are taken up."

Santa Claus' Home.

One of the most complete lines of holiday goods ever brought to this section is now on exhibition at the Bon Ton store. It embraces almost anything anyone could think of and was evidently selected with a view to pleasing everybody. There are presents there galore for young and old and the holiday shopping problem ceases to be one after a visit to this emporium of pretty and useful things. Space will not permit a detailed description of the stock, but a few of the handsome presents are told about in the full page advertisement on the eighth page. Read it and don't forget to visit the Bon Ton.

Miner's Rest Hotel Sold.

Jas. M. Gillice has purchased the Miner's Rest Hotel of A. E. Frycklund and will take possession of the same on Friday, January 2, 1903. It is his intention to apply for a license at the next term of license court, the place having been one of those that "fell by the wayside" at Judge O'Connor's first license court. It is expected that Mr. Gillice will be more successful in securing a permit to sell the ardent than the former owner. The stand is a good one and coupled with the personal popularity of Mr. Gillice ought to do a big business.

Christmas Exercises.

Interesting and appropriate Christmas exercises are to be held in the Methodist church Christmas night by members of the Sabbath school. The program is designed particularly to interest the children and their friends. It is not yet far enough perfected to enable us to publish the same, but we can safely say to our readers that it will be very enjoyable. A cordial invitation is extended to all friends of the school to attend these services. Exercises begin promptly at 7 o'clock.

INTERESTING IDENTIFICATIONS.

No COURIER next week. Next Thursday will be Christmas. The hunting season closed Monday. All paths point to the Patton Supply Co.

Saturday will be the longest day of the year. Have your watch repaired at Snyder's.

You can do better at the White shoe store.

"Duquesne beer is good."

ED A. MELLON.

When you want the best chocolate buy Fushes at the Patton Supply Co. Meet me at Patton Supply Co.—the holiday store.

"Duquesne" stands for all that is good, pure and wholesome in beer.

ED A. MELLON.

Look at our windows, then step inside and see our Christmas display.

PATTON SUPPLY CO.

Purity and excellence, coupled with age, are what makes a good beer. When you drink Duquesne you are assured of this trio.

ED A. MELLON.

Why drink a "green" non-union made beer, when you can get union goods thoroughly aged and not made by a trust. Moral: Drink Duquesne beer.

ED A. MELLON.

—Whose COURIER are you reading?

HOW MANY PEOPLE
stop to think when buying a gift for Father, Brother, Husband or Friend that
USEFUL GIFTS ARE
Best After All?

We carry the gifts that last longest, be it a Suit, Overcoat, Hat, Cap, Tie or Pair Shoes, Suspenders, Muffler or Silk Kerchief. We aim to give you the very best made at moderate price, quality considered.

Look at this assortment of good serviceable clothing or furnishings:

Men's Suits, All Wool, \$8.00 to \$18.00.	Men's Overcoats \$5 to \$18.50. ALL THE LATEST STYLES.	Boys' Suits, Long Pants, \$4.00 to \$13.00.
Knee Suits, \$2.00 to \$6.00, All Styles.	Boys' Overcoats, \$1.98 to \$8.75. Very Latest.	Boys' Reefers, \$1.98. \$3.48. Very Latest.
MUFFLERS, 48c to \$1.98.	Umbrellas, \$1.25 to \$5.00.	NECKWEAR, 25c to \$1.50.
CAPS, 25c to \$2.50.	SILK H'D'K'FS, 25c to \$1.50.	Slippers, Men's, Boys', 50c to \$2.00.
SWEATERS, MEN'S, 50c to \$4.75.	BOYS' SWEATERS, 50c, 75c, \$1.00.	ARCTICS, Men's, Boys', \$1.00 to \$2.00.
Muffleretts, Men's or Boys', 25c to \$1.25.	Large Assortment of Linen Handkerchiefs.	DRESS GLOVES, Kid or Wool, 50c to \$3.50.

SUIT CASES \$1.50 TO \$7.50.
Trunks of All Kinds and Prices.

Hundreds of Useful Gifts not talked about here, but we have them. If you come here first or last we shall sell you. Ponder on the advisability of buying useful and lasting gifts.

Come Here—Save Money.
THE ONLY ONE PRICE STORE.
THE KEYSTONE CLOTHIERS,
Directly Opposite the Bank.