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EIGHT MEN BLOWN UP.

TERRIBLE DYNAMITE EXPLOSION AT A STOCKTON COLLIERY.

Two Hundred Sticks of Powerful Powder Explode and Not a Man Left to Tell How It Happened—Their Bodies Disfigured and Scarcely Recognizable.

An explosion of dynamite, the direct cause of which will never be known, blew eight men to atoms at No. 8 Stockton on Tuesday morning. Never in the history of mining in the Lehigh region did there occur such a frightful disaster, and in no other instance has it been recorded that a similar slaughter took place in the anthracite coal field.

The names of the victims are: Charles O'Donnell, aged 25, married; Andrew Sabol, aged 38, married; John Primbone, aged 22, single; John Keohler, aged 23, single; Anthony Moncavity, aged 25, single; John Krinock, aged 28, married; John Mateofski, aged 44, married; John Brizson, aged 25, single.

Stockton No. 8 is simply a slope on the surface, where coal mined is hoisted and dumped into pockets, from whence it is taken to No. 2 breaker for preparation. On account of the distance of No. 8 from No. 2, which is the colliery proper, it has been the custom to take the explosives used by the miners and company workmen to No. 8 in boxes and distribute them at the bottom of the slope.

Here Charles O'Donnell was employed as store-keeper. It was his duty to distribute the dynamite and other explosives to the miners as they appeared at the bottom in the morning.

The company miners and laborers usually come in groups, and seven of them came to O'Donnell for their supply of explosives. Two hundred sticks of 30 per cent dynamite is the quantity contained in a box, and as few of the miners wanted powder, it is supposed that the entire 200 sticks were still in the box and went off. Thirty per cent dynamite contains 30 per cent of glycerine, and this is the most powerful explosive used in mining. With eight men surrounding the box it can well be imagined that they had but a small chance for their lives, and so it was. No one remained to tell how it happened.

The nearest living person to where the accident occurred was Driver-boy Kense. He, with several others, was in the stable cleaning and harnessing the mules when the explosion took place. The boys and mules were knocked about promiscuously. The air was filled with flying coal dust and debris. The concussion was distinctly felt in all the adjoining mines.

Where the storehouse had stood there was a pile of rock, coal and timber. The workmen listened for a sign of life, but all was still as death. A closer glance at the surroundings told the tale. Fragments of human flesh were everywhere. Protruding from the debris were legs and arms of the victims. The sight was sickening, and the men shrank from it. The report by this time had spread throughout the village, and hundreds of excited men and women were rushing to the mouth of the slope. The wildest excitement prevailed and the most pathetic scenes were being enacted. Mothers carrying babies pushed through the crowd, crying and bemoaning the loss of their loved ones. Strong men stood back to make way for the bereaved widows and orphans.

It was some time before Superintendent Roderick and Foreman Gomer Jones arrived on the scene. Then commenced the work of recovering the bodies. Word was sent to Hazleton for Undertaker Boyle. Owing to the mangled condition of the men it was considered best to place the bodies in ice boxes and send them direct to the undertaker's morgue. Here the relatives of the unfortunate men gathered in an effort to identify the remains. With the exception of O'Donnell all were so badly mutilated recognition was impossible. The remains of the seven Hungarians were buried yesterday.

Deputy Coroner Gorman will hold an inquest to learn, if possible, the cause of the accident.

Charles O'Donnell, the young man who was in charge of the powder, had been handling it for years and was one of the most careful and reliable employees of the company. He thoroughly understood the deadly nature of the powder and that the accident should have been caused through carelessness on his part is not believed. He was born and raised in the vicinity of Hazleton, and was a son of Manus O'Donnell, of Old Sugarloaf, who at one time was supervisor of Hazle township. About nine months ago he was married to Miss Annie McGuire. He was a member of St. Gabriel's T. A. B. Society and also of Division 10, A. O. H. His funeral takes place this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

See McDonald's \$2.98 chenille curtains.

Suicide Before Arrest.

Until Friday last Miss Annie Kugla, an intelligent Hungarian girl of the Points, was employed as a domestic at the residence of James Brady. Before leaving there she got hold of a mileage book owned by Mr. Brady and gave it to a friend. Yesterday Mr. Brady discovered his loss, and after diligent inquiry learned where the book was. Miss Kugla's friend immediately returned the book to her residence, leaving it with her sister, who gave it to Mrs. Brady when Annie acknowledged her theft. Annie then went to the Brady residence to apologize for her action, claiming that the book got mixed up with her clothes when leaving. Such an explanation did not satisfy Mr. Brady, who intimated that he would have her arrested.

This frightened her perceptibly, and she was heard to remark that she would kill herself before she went to jail. No attention was paid to this threat, and the matter was for the time being forgotten. She still remained about the Brady residence, however, and finally induced one of the little children to go to Grover's drug store and buy 5 cents' worth of Paris green. After receiving the poison she mixed it with water and swallowed it. She then sent word to her sister, informing her of what she had done, and was found in terrible agony in the rear part of the store.

Dr. McDonald was summoned, and although she resisted every effort to save her life, the poison was finally pumped out of her. She is not yet out of danger, but it is thought she will recover. She claims she will complete the work at the first opportunity, preferring death to the disgrace she has brought upon herself.

A Monster Black Snake Killed.

One of the largest black snakes seen in this part of the country for years was killed on Monday by P. M. Sweeney, of town, at Peter Timony's farm in Sandy valley. During the past four years Mr. Sweeney had seen this monster at different times in the meadow field, and two years ago when he killed one 7 feet 2 inches, and last year another about 6 feet, he was quite positive that the large reptile was killed. On Monday he took the mowing machine into the field to make hay. He had scarcely made one round of the field when he saw about three feet of the monster above the mow lying across the meadow at rapid speed.

At times it would go down, then appear again, and finally Mr. Sweeney lost sight of it. When on the fourth round of the field the knives of the machine struck something. In an instant there was a whir and the head and a portion of the reptile raised in the air nearly five feet. Though somewhat frightened Mr. Sweeney stopped the team, went back and found the snake cut in three pieces. He placed the parts together and found that the monster measured 9 feet 10 inches in length and was about three inches thick. It can be viewed at Mr. Timony's farm by any one wishing to see it.

A Free Exhibition.

Eckley B. Cox, Jr., of Drifton, in his extensive travels, has secured a large lot of elaborate views of various countries and states, and proposes to amuse and instruct the students of the Mining and Mechanical Institute in the large room, third floor of the Birkbeck brick, this evening at 7.45 o'clock. The admission will be free and all students and their friends are expected to be present. The views will consist of the United States Navy, World's fair buildings, views of Pompeii, Herulanum, and views of places of interest in America, France, Germany, Italy, Algiers, Gibraltar and other noted places.

A Couple That Has Experience.

The oldest couple ever married in this county joined hands in the bonds of wedlock on Tuesday at Wilkes-Barre. The groom is Wendell Snyder, 78 years, and the hale and hearty bride Magdalena Myers, who is but seven years younger than her husband. Both are Germans, but have lived in this country a long time.

This is the groom's third venture on the matrimonial sea, while the bride blushing acknowledges that Wendell is the fourth husband who has sworn to honor and respect her.

Take the Black Veil.

At St. Joseph's convent, Hazleton, yesterday morning, Misses Susie McMenamin, of South Heberton, and Madge McFadden, of Drifton, took the black veil of the Sisters of Mercy, having completed their two years as novitiates. Miss McMenamin will be known as Sister Camillas and Miss McFadden as Sister Magdalen. Misses Maggie Kane and Maggie Carroll, of Mauch Chunk, took the white veil in the afternoon at the same convent.

Picnics supplied with ice cream, cakes, candy, etc., at low prices by Laubach.

GRANTED THE RIGHT OF WAY.

Hazleton and North Side Company Given Permission to Run Through.

All the members of the borough council were present at the special session on Monday evening. The meeting was convened at the request of the Hazleton and North Side Electric Railway Company, which was represented by Attorney G. H. Troutman, of Hazleton, who presented an ordinance asking for the right of way over certain streets of the borough. Mr. Troutman explained the object of his company in asking for the privilege, claiming that the advantages would be mutual between the citizens of Hazleton and his company.

Councilman Neuburger followed Mr. Troutman, and offered the ordinance drafted by a former council, which at that time was accepted by both companies, and after a few amendments as to streets the same was taken up and read three different times, all the members voting for it. The line runs from the connection at South and Centre streets north to Walnut, along Walnut street east to borough line and on South, Main, Front, Pine and Johnson streets. The ordinance will be submitted to the company and if accepted by them will be published in the local papers.

During the evening quite an interesting discussion took place among the citizens and business men who were present, some claiming that the council discriminated against them in trying to have the road run on certain streets named in the ordinance first presented by the Hazleton people. Councilman Neuburger disclaimed any knowledge or intention on the part of council to do so, and requested that such accusations should be withdrawn. Hugh Malloy followed Mr. Neuburger, on behalf of the business men, and a lively time was had for awhile.

Mr. Troutman states that the ordinance will very likely be accepted by the company. If this is done the road will be extended through town before the summer is over.

BASE BALL POINTS.

Flushed with victory, having defeated every amateur club in the Wyoming region, the Miners Mills team will test its strength against the Tigers on Sunday. It is bound to be an interesting and exciting game. Groux, the pitcher for the visitors, is known as one of the best in the upper end of the county, and will be supported by Catcher Callaghan and a picked team. The excellent accommodations at the park and the good order preserved there makes it a fine place to spend the afternoon.

Manager Gough, of the Hazleton club, not satisfied with the defeat of last Sunday, wants a game for \$50 or \$75 a side. The Tigers are not allowed to play ball for a money prize, consequently they cannot relieve Mr. Gough of his surplus.

Yerkes, of Shenandoah, who pitched against the Tigers last Thursday, has been signed by Scranton.

The Fearnots of Drifton play the Nonpariels at Silver Brook on Sunday afternoon.

"Buck" Freeman, of Wilkes-Barre, is playing with Haverhill, Mass., club, and is the leading hitter in the New England league.

Washington's Circus Coming.

Washington's circus will exhibit at Hazleton on Wednesday, July 25, afternoon and evening. Among the many attractions seen under the vast canvas, Cupid, the baby elephant, we mention in particular. He belongs to the menagerie part of the show, which, taken in connection with the circus, makes up the greatest exhibition traveling in the middle states. Manager Washburn has made a very wide departure in the matter of circus exhibitions. This season in addition to his rings, three companies and performances all progressing at the same time, he has added an immense hippodrome racing track, with a large and costly stock of imported thoroughbreds and a large company of French and English male and female race riders.

There will be presented at each exhibition of the circus, chariot races, after the style of the ancient Roman hippodrome, and real running and trotting races, the best horse to win. In addition to these are trials of speed between elephants, camels, donkeys, mules and other animals. These trials combine all the commendable features of the best race courses in America, with far more of novelty and excitement than is seen on such occasions.

PLEASURE CALENDAR.

July 21.—Picnic of Buck Mountain parishioners, at Buck Mountain grove.
July 22.—Base ball, Tigers vs. Miners Mills, at Tigers park. Admission, 15 cents; ladies, 10 cents.
July 23.—Ball of Slavonian Young Men's band, at Freeland opera house. Admission, 50 cents.
July 28.—Picnic of St. Patrick's cornet band, at Freeland Public park.
August 18.—Picnic of the Fearnots Athletic Association, at Drifton ball park.
August 18.—Picnic of Tigers Athletic Club, at Freeland Public park.
August 31.—Second annual ball of Division 6, A. O. H., at Freeland opera house. Admission, 50 cents.

Lutheran Pastoral Association.

The Lutheran Pastoral Association of the Upper Lehigh Valley held its monthly meeting on Monday at White Haven, and enjoyed the hospitality of Rev. H. H. Bruening and wife. At 9 a. m. the meeting was called to order by the president, Rev. E. A. Bauer, of Lehigh, and opened with prayer by Rev. J. G. Gerberich, of Weatherly. The minutes of the former meeting were read and approved. The members present were: Revs. E. A. Bauer, J. H. Kuder and W. H. Strauss, of Lehigh; L. Lindenstruth, of Mauch Chunk; J. G. Gerberich, of Weatherly; J. J. Kuntz and J. H. Schmidt, of Freeland; H. H. Bruening, Ph. D., of White Haven, and G. W. Sandt and Senneky, of Wilkes-Barre.

It was a very interesting meeting, and the most cordial good feeling prevailed. Revs. Bauer and Strauss read carefully prepared sermon outlines on 1 Cor. 10 chapter, from sixth to thirteenth verses, the epistle for the ninth Sunday after Trinity, and many good and valuable suggestions on the proper homiletic treatment of the text. The ninth chapter of St. John, from the thirteenth to the end of the chapter, was read in Greek. Rev. Strauss read a very interesting paper on "Everlasting Life." Rev. Lindenstruth read a paper on "Christian Liberty," which was fully discussed. Many more important subjects for the welfare of the church were considered and agreed upon. The best spirit of harmony prevailed through the entire meeting.

The next meeting is to be held at Lehigh on the residence of Rev. W. H. Strauss, on September 10.

Seventy Miners Strike.

About seventy of the miners employed in the No. 4 slope of the Kingston Coal Company at Edwardsville went out on strike on Tuesday afternoon, owing to an order issued by the general superintendent of the company, Morgan Rosser. Notices were posted up early in the day ordering the men in the slope, which is a very gaseous part of the mine, to discontinue using the ordinary mine lamp, and instead work with safeties, Rosser giving as a reason for this order that it was necessary for the safety of the men.

The miners at once held a consultation and decided to obey the order, providing the practice of docking was dispensed with. They argued that with the small light of the safety lamp they would be unable to see well in loading their cars, and could not send out clean coal, which would pass the boss with moderate or no dockage, without being very careful and wasting much time and consequently money. They also said that if Rosser was not willing to discontinue the docking he might offset the extra time used in cleaning the coal by increasing the amount paid for a car. Superintendent Rosser refused to advance the rate of pay or to stop the dockage, and insisted that safety lamps be used at once, whereupon the men went out.

Still in the County Jail.

The convicted banker, F. V. Rockafellow, is still in the county jail, quartered in cell No. 1 with Charles Voight, who embezzled \$2,000 from a bank. He declines to see visitors, and has had no interviews with any one outside of the jail since his incarceration. He complains bitterly of pains in the head, and spends most of his time weeping. Occasionally he talks a little, and speaks of friends, or those he befriended in their business troubles, as the parties who are responsible for his failure and for all the ills consequent thereupon.

He intimates that one man in Wilkes-Barre could tell more about his case than any other and is chiefly responsible for what has occurred, but he does not name the person, and no special effort seems to be made to have him do so. He has asked to have his transfer to the penitentiary put off until next week.

Sympathy for Ex-Controller Reese.

From the Wilkes-Barre Leader.
There seems to be a great deal of genuine heartfelt sympathy for Abnedgo Reese, whose good, fat office has been ruthlessly snatched from him by the supreme court, and various means of providing for him are already being discussed. It is decided too bad that he should be compelled to go back to work for a living and there are those who seem determined that such shall not be his fate. There is some talk of giving him the Republican nomination for prothonotary, but there is so much uncertainty involved in that proposition that the county auditors are said to have tendered him a clerkship in their office.

DEATHS.

SEESHOLTZ.—At Freeland, July 19, Birdalyn Rebecca, daughter of Charles and Ella Seesholtz, aged 26 days. Funeral via Lehigh Valley train at 10.56 a. m. on Friday. Interment at Nanticoke on Saturday. Albert.

BRIEF ITEMS OF NEWS.

PARAGRAPHS GATHERED FROM ALL PARTS OF THE REGION.

Synopsis of Local and Miscellaneous Occurrences That Can Be Read Quickly. What the Folks of This and Other Towns Are Doing.

The Mayberry band will give an open air concert on the stand in front of the Central hotel tomorrow evening.

Quigley's orchestra will furnish music at the picnic to be held at Buck Mountain grove on Saturday evening.

S. S. Staples, of White Haven, was nominated on Monday by the Democrats for representative in the sixth legislative district.

Services for Sunday, July 22, at St. Paul's P. M. church, Fern street: Morning, 10.30 a. m.; evening, 6.30 p. m. S. Cooper, pastor.

The conductors and motormen of the Lehigh Traction Company have considerable trouble with foreigners who want to ride free on the cars.

The Luzerne Republicans will nominate their legislative candidates on Monday, August 6, and hold the county convention on Tuesday, August 7.

John M. Cunniss has contracted to build a dwelling house for Harry Hincer on Ridge street above Chestnut. Work upon it began this morning.

Washburn's railroad circus is billed to appear here on Wednesday, July 25. This show is praised by the press of the towns it has exhibited in this season.

The Luzerne county fair will be held this year at Dallas on October 2-5, the Carbon county fair at Lehigh on the same dates, and the Allentown fair on September 25-28.

James, the two-year-old child of Patrick Carey, of the Points, who was burned at the fire mentioned in Monday's issue, died the same day from his injuries. He was buried yesterday at St. Ann's cemetery.

A pleasant party was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Oswald Brobet, Bivanton, on Tuesday evening. The numerous friends and relatives of the host and hostess were present and an enjoyable time was had.

Thursday, August 23, has been definitely decided upon as the day for unveiling the soldiers' monument in Freeland cemetery, which is being erected under the auspices of Maj. C. B. Cox. Post. A large number of G. A. R. Posts have been invited.

The Citizens' Hose Company, at its meeting last night, received a donation of \$10 from George Chestnut for saving his stable from fire on Monday. The members were also tendered a banquet, after finishing their business, at Winter's restaurant, by Wm. Williamson, for the excellent work done at the fire in his warehouse on June 5.

Deeds Recorded.

M. Schwabe to Bernhard Dinn, property in Foster, for \$650.
Joseph Birkbeck to Benjamin F. Salmon, property in Foster, for \$600.

No One Will Take the Job.

Centralia is a town without a tax collector. Both the town council and the school board have combined their efforts to secure a collector, but no one wants the job, and it is believed that 10 per cent commission will have to be allowed before a collector can be obtained. In the meantime the borough treasury is depleted and the officials are in a quandary.

McDonald sells 6c dress gingham.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

FOR CONGRESS—JOHN LEISENRING, of Upper Lehigh.

Subject to the decision of the Republican congressional convention.

FOR JUDGE OF ORPHANS' COURT—D. L. RHONE, of Wilkes-Barre.

Subject to the decision of the Democratic county convention.

BREED TO A PRODUCING STALLION. HAWKMERE.

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