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DEATH ROLL OF A WEEK.

ONE OF THE FOUNDERS OF ECKLEY PASSED AWAY ON SUNDAY.

Richard Sharpe, Who Was Among the First to Operate Coal Mines in This Section, Succumbed to Disease—Interesting Facts About Others Who Have Died.

There died at Wilkes-Barre on Sunday night a man whose early life was prominently identified with the first developments of coal in this part of the Lehigh region. This was Richard Sharpe, an operator who left Summit Hill and went to Eckley in 1853. Associated with him were George Bodford, Francis Weiss, John Leisenring and Asa Foster. They formed the coal company of Sharpe, Leisenring & Co. in 1854, and leased for twenty-one years a tract of the Tench Cox estate, upon the present site of Eckley, which was then known as Shingletown, a name taken from the nature of the only business done there, the making of shingles by the few early settlers. The name of the settlement was changed to Filmore, then to Eckley about 1866. A colliery was opened, to which was given the name of Council Ridge, after a famous council which was held on the spot years before by the Indian chiefs of northeastern Pennsylvania.

The company began operations in 1854, and in the first year sent to market 2,000 tons of coal, a marvelous record in those days, but which could now be surpassed in twenty-four hours by the Eckley collieries. Mr. Sharpe, who personally supervised the firm's plant, took up his residence in a building which was erected for him just west of the company store, and the dwelling is still standing. They continued to gradually increase their output of coal, notwithstanding the fact that nothing but primitive machinery was used and scientific mining an unknown factor. In 1861 the firm became Sharpe, Weiss & Co., owing to the election of Mr. Leisenring as president of the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company, which necessitated his removal from Filmore and prevented him from taking an active part in the mining operations.

The firm name continued as last mentioned until January 1, 1875, when the lease at Eckley expired, and the works were taken charge of under a new lease by J. S. Wentz & Co. Mr. Sharpe then removed to the upper end of the county, where, with his old partner, Mr. Weiss, he formed the Alden Coal Company, of which he was president and the leading spirit until his death, and he also became interested in other Wyoming valley industries. Although he had not visited the scene of his early operations for several years, he was not forgotten by those who were numbered among his employes there, and the old residents of Eckley are frequently heard speaking of him very kindly. The collieries he took so active a part in opening are yet giving forth their valuable deposits after nearly forty-one years of uninterrupted mining, and more coal was taken out of them in 1894 than during any previous twelve months.

Mr. Sharpe had but little trouble with his miners, even when the labor and other troubles of the coal fields rose to their greatest heights. He held the respect of the men by always meeting them half way and treating them like human beings, such as was the custom of operators in the early days. As a representative of the coal firms on the arbitration boards, which were once the great councils for the settlement of labor disputes in the coal regions, he accorded to each side only that which was justly due it, and his high sense of justice was often remarked upon by those who served with him as arbitrators.

The deceased was born in England eighty-two years ago. He came to this country at the age of thirteen, lived near Wilkes-Barre for two years, then went to Summit Hill as bookkeeper for Davis & Broadhead, coal operators, in 1838. Some years later he entered the coal business with others in that region, and removed to Eckley in the year given above, 1854. Since taking up his residence at the county seat he lived quietly on West River street, and never aspired to public honors, attending strictly to business up to the day of his death, which resulted from a complication of diseases. As a citizen he was esteemed for his integrity, and of late years has dispensed charity in a free but unostentatious manner. He is survived by his wife, one son, Richard, Jr., and four daughters. He was buried yesterday.

Found Dead in the House.

Patrick H. Dever, a well-known citizen of Edwardsville, and a brother of Hugh Dever, of Freeland, was found dead on Saturday afternoon. He was well-known in this vicinity, having resided at Highland several years, where he worked as a freeman at No. 1 colliery. The Wilkes-Barre Record says he had been alone in the house all day, his sons being at work and his wife on a visit to Philadelphia. His body was found by his youngest son at 4 o'clock, when he returned from work. The coroner and Dr. Lake, of Kingston, went to the house and held an autopsy. They concluded that death was due to apoplexy.

The deceased was well-known in the upper end. Up to a year ago he resided in Plymouth township, where he was secretary of the school board for two years. He was 52 years of age, and is survived by a wife and three children, Patrick and Hugh, of Edwardsville, and Mrs. John L. Keating, of Larksville. The funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon, several relatives from this end of the county attending.

Death of Mrs. Mary Roberts.

Mrs. Mary Roberts, who died on Saturday last at South Heberton after an illness of several months, was born at Jelfs Mawr, Wales, on January 19, 1832, and with her family came to America in 1872, settling at Jeanesville. For the past twelve years they have resided at South Heberton. Nearly twenty years ago she was baptized into the fellowship of the Welsh Baptist church of Audenried by Rev. W. Thomas, now of Pittston. She continued faithful to death. She was buried on Tuesday afternoon at Freeland cemetery. Her funeral sermon was preached by Rev. J. T. Griffith, of the English Baptist church. Mrs. Roberts leaves a husband, Jonathan, two sons, two brothers, Robert Edwards, of Shenandoah, and Thomas Edwards, of Mt. Carmel, one nephew, Thomas Blower, of Mt. Carmel, several other relatives and a host of friends to mourn her loss. She died in peace, hence death was gain.

Another Eckley Death.

At Eckley on Monday morning Patrick Gallagher, one of the old residents of the town, died after a lingering illness of several months. He had not worked for the past few years, as he was troubled considerably with miners' asthma, which was the principal cause of his death. His age is given as 51 years. He leaves six children, two boys and four girls. One of his daughters, Miss Susie, resided in town until a few months ago. Mr. Gallagher was known as a kind old gentleman who was respected by his many acquaintances. The funeral will take place today under the direction of Undertaker Brislin. It will leave Eckley at 1.30 o'clock. Interment at St. Ann's cemetery.

A Railroad Rumor.

It is said that the dispute between the Reading Railroad and Lehigh Valley Railroad relative to coal prices may lead the latter company to build its own projected line from Freemansburg to the cut-off of the Pennsylvania Railroad, thus paralleling the north Penn road to Philadelphia. The Lehigh Valley Company several years ago made complete surveys between Freemansburg and Shawmont, on the Schuylkill Railroad, where connection was to be made with the Pennsylvania. One of these lines follows the Wissahickon valley past Amble, thence southward to the west of North Wales and Lansdale. It is said that this was thought the most feasible route.

The company was on the point of awarding the contract for the building of the road, but just then President McLeod, of the Reading, stepped in and put a stop to it by leasing the Valley system. That settled the project for some time, and nothing more of it was heard until the courts decided the lease of the Valley system void, and the Reading company went into the hands of the receivers. The story of building is now revived.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

Announcements of religious services and church news will be published free of charge under this head every Thursday. Pastors are invited to send us all items that are of general interest to the public.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL.

M. E. services will be held in Lindsay's hall every Sunday as follows: Preaching, 10 a. m. and 7 p. m. Class meeting, 9 a. m.; C. W. Barton, leader. Sunday school, 2 p. m.; C. W. Barton, superintendent. Epworth League, 6 p. m.; Edward Jones, president. Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening at 7.30 p. m.

The public is cordially invited to all of these services.

REV. EDWARD WHITE, PASTOR.

HOLINESS CHRISTIAN. Services at the Holiness Christian Association church are as follows: Sunday: Preaching, 10 a. m.; Sunday school, 2 p. m.; experience meeting, 3 p. m.; preaching, 7.30 p. m. Week day services on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Rev. H. P. Jones, pastor. ST. PAUL'S P. M. CHURCH. Services for Sunday, April 28: A praise and prayer service to commence at 9 a. m. Preaching at 10.30 a. m. by Rev. T. Weightman, of Allentown. Evening preaching at 6.30 o'clock by the pastor. S. Cooper, pastor.

PLEASURE CALENDAR.

April 28.—Base ball, Hazleton State League club vs. Tigers, at Tigers Athletic park. Admission, 15c; ladies, 10c. May 18.—Second annual picnic of the Hustlers base ball club, at Drifton park. May 30.—Sixth annual picnic of the Tigers Athletic Club, at Freeland Public park. Ladies will find the shoes that will fit them like a glove at the Wear Well Shoe House.

BASE BALL.

The first game of the season here will be played on Sunday next with Hazleton. The professionals have expressed their desire to shut the Tigers out, and will come prepared to carry out their determination, whilst the home clubs lying in wait to give the leaguers a little surprise in the way of playing the game. A good exhibition may be looked for. The game will begin at 3.30 o'clock.

The Wilkes-Barre Eastern League club made twelve hits in three innings off Jack Fee, Hazleton's ex-star, in the game with Carbondale on Tuesday, six of which were two-base hits, one a three-bagger and one a home run.

The usual rates of admission to the Tigers Athletic park will be maintained by the club this season. They are as follows. Gentlemen, 15 cents, grand stand, 5 cents; ladies, 10 cents, with admission to grand stand free.

"Buck" Freeman, of Wilkes-Barre, who threw for the Haverhill, Mass., club last season, will play in the Western League with Detroit this summer.

The Tigers will have a new catcher in the person of Joe Ward, of Pleasant Hill, at Hazleton on Saturday. Joe McGeedy will pitch again.

Hazleton plays at Scranton today and tomorrow.

Billy Sharsig, of Hazleton, is one of the best-liked managers in the State League. He is a genial fellow and well deserves his popularity.

The Tigers have a force of men at work in the park this week, putting the diamond in proper shape for Sunday's game. A fine grade of clay is being hauled on the ground, which will be thoroughly sifted and distributed and then rolled hard.

The Tigers have made arrangements with the Lehigh Traction Company to issue tickets for the season which will be good for a round trip ride from Hazleton and admission to the park here.

The tickets will contain four coupons, which will be good for the round trip ride, and another coupon which will entitle the holder to admission to the park. The tickets will be kept in the leading drug and cigar stores in Hazleton and will be sold at 35 cents.

DRIFTON ITEMS.

Mrs. Albert Shafer, of Buffalo, N. Y., will return to her home today after a two weeks visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Cunningham.

Miss Julia McCole, of Beaver Brook, called on friends here last week.

Misses Bid and Ellie O'Donnell enjoyed themselves at the ball at Audenried, last Wednesday night.

Florence Mackin, of Wilkes-Barre, who was spending a week with friends in this place, returned to her home on Friday, well pleased with her visit.

Michael Boyle, who was staying here with his uncle, James Harkins, since his parents moved to Hazleton, left for his home on Saturday.

A large crowd of our young sports who are interested in base ball will go to Hazleton on Saturday afternoon to see the game between the Tigers and Hazleton professional team.

JOURNALISTIC.

The industrial edition of the Hazleton Sentinel appeared on Saturday evening. It consisted of eighteen pages and contained many well-written articles on the prominent business establishments and industrial concerns in the Lehigh region.

Editor Watson, of the Lehigh Press, celebrated the fourth year of his paper by making several changes and improvements, and its general appearance is many per cent better. The Press is holding its own in a county where journalistic rivalry is keen.

DEATHS.

QUINN.—At Drifton, April 23, Arthur, son of Patrick and Eliza Quinn, aged 1 year, 1 month and 11 days. Funeral this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment at St. Ann's cemetery. McNulty.

Special Meeting.

Members of Division 6, A. O. H., will meet in special session on Sunday evening, April 28, at 6.30 o'clock, in Yannes' hall. Business of very great interest to every member will be transacted. By order of Patrick McLaughlin, Jr., president.

Notice to Consumers of Water.

After April 1, 1895, all water to be used by contractors, masons, bricklayers or plasterers in the erection or repairing of houses, must be paid for in advance. A permit for the same will be given to the owner or contractor by applying to the secretary. All overplus of money paid (if any) will be returned when the work is completed and measured. By order of Freeland Water Co.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria. When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria. When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria. When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

John Oschman's Troubles.

John Oschman, of South Heberton, was arrested on Monday evening on a warrant sworn out before T. A. Buckley, J. P., by John Kotosty, charging him with committing an assault and battery upon his wife, Dominica Kotosty, by beating and kicking her. At the trial a number of witnesses were examined and Oschman was held in default of bail.

Before the hearing took place Mathias Schwabe also had a warrant issued charging Oschman with having set fire to his barn on Sunday night and with threatening to do him bodily harm. The testimony tended to prove that Oschman had made threats against Mr. Schwabe and went so far as to say that he would get even with Schwabe in some manner.

It was also testified that he was heard at the door of Mr. Schwabe's private office a short time before the fire, and that he went in the direction of the barn. Enough evidence was presented to hold him to appear at court on both charges.

The crime of arson, under which Oschman was arrested, is not bailable by a justice, and he was locked up for the night and taken to the county jail on Tuesday by Constable Quigley.

While the testimony in the case, so far as given, is only circumstantial, it is given by some of the best business men of the locality, and seems to meet with favor by the public. He will, unless a writ of habeas corpus is had and bail accepted by one of the judges, have to remain in jail until the June term of court.

Mr. Oschman is a married man, and has resided at South Heberton off and on since 1868. His father, Anthony Oschman, settled and built a house there in 1866, and was found murdered in front of his home one morning in 1870.

Luther League Convention.

The convention held by the Luther League of Upper Lehigh Valley at St. Luke's church on Tuesday was a successful one in every particular, and showed that the organization is in a healthy condition throughout the district. Delegates from every local branch were present, coming from all the principal towns between Conyngham and Lehigh. Several entertaining discussions relative to the work of the league took place, and the attendance at both afternoon and evening sessions was very large. The delegates and visiting ministers were welcomed appropriately by Chas. Orion Stroob, Esq., and during and between sessions the members of the Free-land branch entertained the visitors in a manner that cannot have failed to leave a good impression of the town's hospitality. The membership of the league in this district is now 476. Rev. J. O. Schlenker, W. F. Harz, W. H. Kuntz and Misses Anna Korschner and Agnes Bauer were elected as delegates to the state convention to be held in Reading in June. The services of the officers were recognized by the election of each to their positions held heretofore, as follows: Rev. J. O. Schlenker, Hazleton, president; W. F. Harz, Weatherly, vice president; Miss Agnes Bauer, Lehigh, secretary, and W. R. Flad, White Haven, treasurer.

Mine Inspectors' Report.

Mine Inspector Lewis, of this office, has completed his report for 1894. Below are the principal statistical items:

Category	Count
Total Tons Produced	3,313,100
Men Employed	1,912
Non-fatal Accidents	1,007
Fatal Accidents	758
Total Shipments in tons of coal	5,313,100
Tons of powder used	112,800
Steam boilers	1,415
Horses and mules	1,912
Locomotives	94
Pounds of dynamite used	1,006,758

Married This Morning.

John Krapp, of Hazleton, and Miss Amanda Keller, of Highland, two genial young people, were joined in wedlock at 10 o'clock by Rev. H. A. I. Bener, of Freeland. John Stultz, of Highland, was groomsmen, and Miss Mary Krapp, a sister of the groom, acted as bridesmaid. A brief reception followed the ceremony, after which the newly married couple departed for New Jersey on a wedding tour. Their numerous friends extend their hearty congratulations. They will take up their residence at Hazleton.

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.

Ground will be broken on Monday for the foundation of a handsome residence, to be built by Dr. N. Maley on East Main street.

The Odd Fellows of the state are making extensive preparations for the dedication of their temple in Philadelphia next month.

Knee pants, 19c, at Refowich's. Walter L. Richards and George Fear have appealed from the audit made last month in Foster township. It is understood they are representing Cox Bros. & Co.

A smooth-tongued fakir struck town on Tuesday evening. "Cuban metal" watch chains were sold at \$1 each, and about 125 people parted with that many dollars.

Buy your footwear at Eberts' old stand. In the list of names of persons baptized at the English Baptist Church on Sunday, the TRIBUNE on Monday published the name of Evan Thomas. It should have read Evan Williams.

The ball of the Shamrock Drum Corps on Monday evening was not attended as largely as expected, but those who were present had a very enjoyable night and the corps made things pleasant for all.

Refowich offers great bargains in clothing. The Weatherly bicycle factory is now in good running order, and it is said a high grade of machines are manufactured. The machinery for the brick works is also nearly all in place and will soon be working.

Regular correspondence from the surrounding towns and communications upon local or general subjects are solicited by the TRIBUNE. The name of the writer must accompany all letters or items sent to this office for publication.

Brislin's cafe will be opened for business this afternoon, with P. J. Brislin in charge. The interior has been fitted up very artistically with large French plate mirrors, electric chandeliers, etc., and presents a fine appearance.

Wear shoes sold by the Wear Well Shoe House. Garfield Commandery, No. 6, Knights of Malta, proposes to give the state commandery the best time the members ever had at their convention on May 7, 8 and 9. The local committees have perfected arrangements and left nothing undone.

After being over a week in jail Harry Young and Charles Hargraves, the young boys from Ashley who shot Elmer Mertz, of the same place, were released Saturday morning and are now at liberty under \$1,000 bail each. Mertz's physician says the boy will surely die.

Grand opening of the Wear Well Shoe House on Saturday. Wm. Mostriha, 33 years old, of Wilkes-Barre and Stanley Stropek, aged 30, a resident of Durycia, were instantly killed by a fall of rock at the Twin shaft, Pittston, yesterday. They had fired a shot which blew down the props and were sitting on the road when the fall came.

A number of persons who made application in court on Tuesday for peddlers' license, found objections made to their petitions by the Merchants' Protective Association of Hazleton. The merchants claim there are too many peddlers in this region and that their business is affected thereby.

Tracks Sinking in Wilkes-Barre.

A cave-in on North Canal street, Wilkes-Barre, over the old workings of the Conyngham mine, is causing some apprehension among the residents of that locality, although no serious danger is anticipated. Yesterday morning the Lehigh Valley tracks had settled about five inches and trains were ordered to go over the place slowly. There are several small cracks in the ground and the electric car tracks, which were considerably displaced on Sunday were again slightly displaced yesterday. The officials of the company say they expect the mine will have fully settled in a few days and they think no damage will be done.

Swift Young Man Arrested.

A mild sensation was created at Hazleton on Monday night, when Charles Tel Smith was placed under arrest, charged with embezzlement. Smith has had a meteoric career during the last year. He was business manager on the Speaker for awhile, and later filled the same position on the Sentinel. He flashed diamonds very conspicuously, contracted tailor bills, boot bills, etc. It is said to be engaged to be married to a prominent society girl of the city, although he has a wife and child in Trenton, N. J. The charges are preferred against him by the Sentinel Printing Company, for failing to turn over money collected. Smith came from Trenton, N. J., where his father is proprietor of the Trenton Times.

On Saturday the Wear Well Shoe House will open. Eberts' former stand.

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13 cans tomatoes,	1.00
5lbs raisins,	.25
Tub butter, A No. 1,	.25
6lbs oat meal,	.25
Soda biscuits, per pound by the barrel,	.44

Dry Goods:

2 1/2 yard wide sheeting, per yard,	.14
Good calico,	.05
Standard blue calico,	.05
Apron gingham,	.05
50-cent dress goods, cloth,	.35
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