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THREE MEN BLOWN UP.

MYSTERIOUS POWDER EXPLOSION AT MILNEVILLE STRIPPING.

Black Powder and Dynamite Exploded From Some Unknown Cause and All Who Were There Were Killed—A Mystery That Will Never Be Explained.

By the explosion of a quantity of dynamite and black powder three men were killed at VanWick's No. 2 Milneville stripping on Friday. Their names are Bart Torney, miner, aged 22 years, married; Andrew Lawrence, laborer, aged 25; William Gerard, fireman, aged 17. There being no other persons in the vicinity at the time, the exact cause of the explosion will never be known. The explosion took place at the powder house, which is a short distance from No. 3 boiler rooms. It was about 11.30 o'clock that the men were seen going in the direction of the magazine. Torney and his laborer were together, and Gerard was following.

Shortly after the miner and his laborer entered the building a flash of fire burst through, followed by a deafening report. The very mountains seemed to shake. Although the people living in that vicinity are accustomed to hearing heavy explosions day and night at the strippings, on this occasion they were greatly alarmed and rushed from their homes, fearing that an earthquake had taken place.

A glance in the direction of No. 11 stripping told the tale. The powder magazine had disappeared, also a portion of the boiler house. Six men who were at work in the stripping hole were knocked down by the shock. The houses rocked on their foundations, plastering fell from the walls, and window lights in every house in the vicinity were broken, terrorizing the people.

The unfortunate workmen who had been in the vicinity were killed instantly. They met horrible deaths. Young Gerard was blown sixty yards from where he had stood. The body sailed through the air like a rocket and was stopped in its flight by a house standing in the way. The force with which the unfortunate man's head struck the building caused a big indentation in the side. The top of his skull was torn off, also one of his legs, while the body was punctured in a shocking manner.

Torney was also badly torn and bruised and had one of his legs blown off. Lawrence's body was not so terribly shattered, but it was burnt to a crisp and resembled a piece of charcoal. When the human fragments were gathered together they presented a horrible sight.

There are numerous theories advanced regarding the cause of the explosion. It was not the regular magazine and there was but 1,000 pounds of black powder in it and 150 sticks of dynamite. Steam pipes ran from the boiler house to where the powder was stored. It is supposed that Gerard intended to shut off this steam, and for that purpose went over to tell Torney. Presumably the giant powder was let fall, or perhaps a match or a spark from some source dropped into the black powder causing the explosion. The exact cause, however, will never be known.

Gerard was a member of the Catholic temperance society of Hazleton and was last Sunday elected president. Torney was married and leaves a wife and one child to mourn his loss. The Hungarian was also a married man and leaves a wife and two children. All were buried yesterday in St. Gabriel's cemetery, Hazleton.

Happy New Year to All.
Morris Ferry, of the Old Reliable House, corner of South and Washington streets, extends a Happy New Year to all his friends, and will be found at his place of business on Wednesday prepared to welcome all his patrons and serve them with the very best of everything in his line. The choicest of hard drinks, the purest of soft drinks and cigars of delicious flavor are a few of the specialties at the Old Reliable.

Notice to Taxpayers.
All taxpayers of Freeland borough who have not paid their taxes for 1895 will please do so during this month, as property taxes must be returned before January 1. Hugh Malloy, collector.

Sport for Everybody.
A grand masquerade ball will be held at Mrs. Krouse's hotel on New Year's Eve. This affair will be the grandest seen at South Hazleton, and a welcome is extended to all.

If you own a horse buy a good warm blanket for it. Geo. Wise has hundreds for sale at his Freeland and Jeddo stores. Prices will be found right.

J. C. Berner has returned from New York and Philadelphia. Call and see the bargains he brought along.

Seasonable gifts at J. C. Berner's.

PLEASURE CALENDAR.
December 31.—Seventh annual ball of the Tigers Athletic Club at Freeland opera house. Admission, 50 cents.
December 31.—Second annual ball of St. Vigilio Beneficial Society at Yannes' hall. Admission, 25 cents.
January 20.—Ball of the Citizens' Hose Company at Freeland opera house. Admission, 50 cents.

Christmas at Hazleton Hospital.

From the Plain Speaker.

Not only were the churches the centers for a happy celebration. At the hospital too, where the patients are not surrounded with all the pleasures that a bright home affords on a Christmas Day, through the efforts of Mrs. E. B. Cox and Mrs. Daniel Cox, observation of the happy occasion such as has never before been witnessed at the institution, occurred. The wards were tastefully decorated and a large Christmas tree was placed in the Cox addition, which gave the interior the appearance of the natal day.

All those who were able to leave their beds assembled in the annex before noon, where, after music by an Italian harp, the presents were distributed by the ladies under whose direction the affair had mainly been arranged. The pleasure manifested by those who were made recipients of the generosity of Mrs. E. B. Cox and Mrs. Daniel Cox cannot be described and the satisfaction evident on every face was gratifying.

In the evening the Christmas tree was illuminated and, absent from dear friends and a happy home, between the walls of an institution where they are obliged to remain until cured of their injuries, and made as pleasant as is in the power of the attendants, the patients enjoyed the Christmas celebration in a manner as it has not often been their occasion to partake of.

To Prevent Explosions in Mines.

Thomas Hall, a mine foreman, of Van Meter, this state, read a paper before the Western Pennsylvania Mining Institute on causes of mine explosion and prevention of the latter. He classified the causes as open lights, defective safety lamps and careless blasting; and added: "Safety lamps are by no means perfect and electric lights will probably solve this problem." Concerning dangers from blasting, Mr. Hall said coal dust had become a fearful element of danger. On this point he said: "Explosions from coal dust occur in the most carefully regulated pits where no gas or fire damp can be detected. Coal dust becomes most deadly in an explosion and is an invisible enemy." In conclusion he asked: "What are the causes of mine explosions and what are the remedies?" His short answer to the last head was the prohibition of the use of black powder and every explosive used for blasting that generated sufficient heat to ignite fire damp or start a dust explosion.

Judges Draw Lots for Seats.

The judges of the superior court have drawn lots for the positions they will occupy on the bench. Judge E. N. Willard will occupy the seat beside Judge C. E. Rice, the president judge, and will be next to him in the matter of seniority. The other judges will rank in this order: Judge John J. Wickham, Judge James A. Beaver, Judge Howard J. Reeder, Judge George B. Oriady, Judge Peter P. Smith.

Judge Charles E. Rice has taken the oath of office as judge of the superior court from Judge Stanley Woodward, president judge of Luzerne courts. The paper was immediately filed with the prothonotary of this county. He will continue as president judge, having drawn the lucky slip of paper which decided who would hold the position.

Mr. O'Boyle Gets a Cane.

Last Friday at Beach Haven the citizens of that place presented Peter A. O'Boyle, ex-assistant district attorney, with a handsome gold-headed cane. Thomas McGraw made the presentation speech. That evening an organ was presented to the high school and Mr. O'Boyle made an address, taking as his subject, "Our Nation." The Berwick Advertiser says Mr. O'Boyle the compliment of making the finest speech ever delivered in that town. It was full of patriotism and the speaker's reference aroused the audience to a wild pitch of enthusiasm.

Coal Official's Trouble.

F. J. Simons, the Philadelphia and Reading Company's assistant train master at Cressona, Schuylkill county, has been dismissed from the service of the company. Simons is a part owner of the washery in Wolf Creek valley. The coal is shipped from that operation over the Reading. Mr. Simons had charge of all the shipments over this branch, and it is alleged, sometimes appropriated the company's cars and shipped them to his own credit. He was arrested and gave bail for his appearance at court.

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BOARD OF HEALTH.

Diphtheria Reported to Be Gaining. Despite the Board's Hard Work.

A regular monthly meeting of the Freeland Board of Health was held in Dr. Schlicher's office on Friday evening, every member and the health officer being present. The meeting was called to order by President Schlicher, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Health Officer Ward reported that eight cases of diphtheria and one case of scarlet fever had been reported to him since the last meeting; that one of the victims of diphtheria had died and been properly buried with the necessary precautions; that four of the cases of diphtheria had been reported within the past seven days, being in the families of James K. Boyle and Francis Brennan, both of Centre street, William Shelly, on Adams street, and Mrs. S. E. Hayes, on Washington street, and that during the past three weeks there had been a marked increase in the number of cases. He also reported that, owing to a borough ordinance restricting the digging up of the streets during the winter months, sewer connections could not be made at this time so as to abolish most of the nuisances which had recently been reported.

After a general and prolonged discussion on the impending danger of an epidemic of diphtheria in this borough the board decided that more drastic measures must be used to combat the disease, and the health officer was instructed to have the special officer whom the borough council had appointed for this purpose patrol the affected neighborhoods and arrest every person who persisted in disobeying the official notice forbidding visitors to enter houses containing infected dwellings, and bring them before the burgess for fine or imprisonment, or both, according to the borough ordinance and act of assembly on contagious and infectious diseases.

The secretary was instructed to write to every physician practicing here and request him to isolate his cases, personally supervise the thorough disinfection of infected houses and in every way possible to prevent the further spread of the disease. There being no further business the board adjourned to meet at the usual time in January, or sooner, should a special meeting be considered necessary.

Started for the Territory.

Mention was made a few weeks ago of a party of local people who were preparing to begin coal operations in the Indian territory. The following are interested in the movement, and leave today for that part of the country: George Bird, Jr., Calvin Waldron, Wesley Drasher, William Dinkelaecher, Herman Rothshize and George Schwabe. A corporation has been formed to carry on the business, and is known as the Wyoming Coal Company, Limited, of Reynold City, I. T. The capital stock has been placed at \$10,000 to start with. The members are well pleased with the outlook, and have confidence in their ability to make mining pay there.

Seventh Annual Tigers Ball.

Tomorrow evening, New Year's Eve, the seventh annual ball of the Tigers Athletic Club will be held at Freeland opera house. Ball-goers and others who wish to welcome the new year in festive style will find no better place to spend the night. The members of the club are working hard to make the affair a pleasant one for all who may attend, and their past record is an assurance that nothing will be overlooked to make the evening pleasant for everybody. DeMorrow's complete orchestra will supply the dancing music. The opening waltz will take place promptly at 9 o'clock.

Holiness Christian Convention.

A three days' convention of the Christian Holiness Association will be held in Bethany Mission, Freeland, commencing Tuesday evening next, with a watch night meeting at 8 o'clock, to continue into the New Year. Rev. J. Trumbauer, of Philadelphia, and others will assist the pastor, Rev. H. P. Jones. Services will be held on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, as follows: 9.30 and 10.30 a. m., and 2, 3, 7 and 8 p. m. A special invitation is extended to all Christian workers to attend. Revival services will continue every evening after Friday night for an indefinite period.

BRIEF ITEMS.

Old newspapers for sale. Advertise in the TRIBUNE.
Holiday goods at J. C. Berner's.
J. C. Berner's is the place for dress goods and notions.
Ladies, don't forget to see the dress goods at A. Oswald's.
Good fresh groceries, just the kind you like, at J. C. Berner's.
Berner's is the place for children's and ladies' shoes. Try the Orwigsburg shoe.
J. C. Berner's store contains some nice lines of articles appropriate for wedding presents.
The very latest in New York and Philadelphia dress goods can be seen at A. Oswald's. Can and inspect them.
We are sole agents for the "Fashion" shoe. No other dealer in town has this line. Our price \$2, guaranteed to be worth \$3. At the Wear Well.

The Cornet Stays in Freeland.

The cornet contest begun by the St. Patrick's cornet band some months ago closed on Saturday evening at Haas' hall. Thomas Quigley, of town, was awarded the cornet by the committee of judges, Owen Fowler, J. P. McDonald, B. F. Davis and J. J. McMenamin, who were selected by the band. When the contest began there were five entries, as follows: Thomas Quigley, Freeland; Hugh McShane, South Bethlehem; W. F. Williams, Mahanoy City; John Corcoran, Hazleton, and J. T. Higgins, Olyphant. Messrs. McShane and Corcoran withdrew before the contest closed. The judges met on Saturday evening, and of the three remaining contestants, Messrs. Williams and Quigley were present, prepared to close it. Nothing, however, could be heard from Mr. Higgins, of Olyphant, and after some deliberation on the part of the judges, they decided to end it, as due notice had been given to all concerned. The books produced and money collected showed the following result: Thomas Quigley, \$147.80; W. F. Williams, \$99.45. The former was unanimously awarded the prize.

The cornet is a handsome one, gold-plated and of the Courtis make. It was a prize well worth striving for by any person who could use it, and the winner is naturally proud of his victory. Mr. Quigley is a member of the St. Patrick's band, and is ranked among its best players. Mr. Williams put up a good contest, considering that he was collecting in a region where the band is not so well-known, and a vote of thanks was extended him for his earnest work.

Matt McGettrick and John Johnson, two members of the band, started today for Olyphant, to see if they could learn anything regarding the contestant at that place.

"Live Questions."

Commencing with Monday, January 13, 1896, the TRIBUNE will publish a series of articles upon social, economic and industrial problems, which, we think, will be appreciated by our readers. Under the head of "Live Questions" will appear communications from seventy or eighty of the most eminent thinkers and writers of the present age. These articles will be prepared in a non-sectional and non-partisan manner, and all phases of reform thought will be impartially presented. This is not the first series of special articles secured for TRIBUNE readers, but it is the first of this important class, and is bound to prove interesting and entertaining to every citizen who desires to keep abreast of the times. Our former series of special articles proved to be all that was claimed for them, and "Live Questions" will not be an exception to the high quality of literature which has appeared in these columns. On Thursday will be published a partial list of the authors and subjects. We respectfully call the attention of those readers who are not subscribers to have their names placed on the TRIBUNE list, so that they will miss none of the articles. "Live Questions" will appear in no other paper in Freeland.

An Old Landmark Gone.

For years the high brick stack near the site of the old Woodside breaker has stood like a silent monument to mark the spot where all was hustle and bustle during Freeland's early history. Since the breaker was pulled down several years ago the place had a ruined appearance, and nothing remained of old Woodside, which formed the subject of many a song and story, but the stone foundation of the hoisting engine and parts of the broken machinery lying here and there. Everything had disappeared, or was slowly decaying, even the old slate bank, having succumbed to fire, and the brick stack, through which the draft from the boilers found an outlet, was all that remained intact. On Saturday morning a force of Cox Bros. & Co.'s men began work at the stack and a few dozen sticks of dynamite were judiciously scattered among the bricks. They were fired and the old landmark fell into thousands of pieces.

Quarrelled After Drinking.

In a quarrel between foreigners outside of the city limits of Wilkesbarre on Friday night Charles Steve was shot three times by one of his countrymen, named Ambrose. One bullet entered the head and the other two lodged in his body. As the affair occurred out of the city the police paid little attention to it. The man who did the shooting was in the neighborhood two hours afterwards and made no attempt to get away, nor did any of his countrymen try to have him secreted, but no arrests were made up to midnight. The wounded man is in a feeble condition. The bullet that entered his forehead went through his skull. The other two that went into his body penetrated no vital spot. The men quarrelled, it is said, during a drunken row.

Card of Thanks.

The Sisters of Mercy of St. Ann's convent, Freeland, desire to return heartfelt thanks to the members of Division 6, A. O. H., for generously displayed towards them by the Christmas gift of \$50, through Messrs. John J. McNellis, James Shovelin, Hugh O'Donnell and Andrew Collins.

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.

Miss Mary O'Donnell, of Allentown, is visiting friends in town.
Oriental Court, No. 149, Jr. O. U. A. M., will parade on New Year's afternoon.
Frank Johnson, of Allegheny City, is visiting relatives and friends in this region.
Miss Ella Malone, of Sugar Notch, is visiting the Brogan family on Washington street.

Markle & Co.'s collieries, which have been closed since the 24th inst., will start again on Thursday.
The St. Patrick's, Mayberry and Slavonian bands will render their annual serenades on New Year's Day.
Jos. P. McDonald is closing out his stock of boots and shoes, and will not sell footwear after next month.

This is the last issue of the TRIBUNE in 1895, and we wish all our readers and patrons a happy and prosperous New Year.
Miss Ella M. Andemann, a New Jersey girl, has registered as a physician at Wilkesbarre and will open an office in Pittston.
The members of St. Vigilio's Tirolese Beneficial Society will hold their second annual ball at Yannes' hall tomorrow evening.

D. G. Bertsch, a merchant tailor in Mauch Chunk since 1853, and one of the oldest business men of the town, is dead, aged 63 years.
There is some talk of a new daily paper being started at Hazleton in which John McCarthy, formerly of the *Sentinel*, will have a controlling interest.
Dr. George H. Kirwan, aged 41, a well-known physician of Wilkesbarre, who had been suffering from appendicitis for a few days, died suddenly Saturday morning.

The A. O. H. division of Lansford realized \$400 on an entertainment last week, and the proceeds were immediately distributed among the poor of the town, without regard to religion or nationality.
Herman Haas, a son of the present landlord of the Cottage hotel, will take charge of that establishment on New Year's Day. Mr. Haas, Jr., is an experienced young man and will make a success of the business.

Chief of Police Thomas Williams and Constable James Howell, of West Pittston, have been arrested. They are charged with taking a Hungarian woman to jail and leaving a three weeks old baby alone in the house.

Stop borrowing the TRIBUNE. The subscriber buys this paper for his own use. While he may dislike to refuse it, we are authorized to say that he thinks you are as well able to pay for it as he is. If you don't want to pay for it, don't read it.

Two new cases of diphtheria were reported to the Board of Health on Saturday, one in the residence of James F. Ledger, 519 Cox addition, and the other in the residence of William Morgan, northwest corner of Adams and Luzerne streets.

Have You Forgotten

Anyone? Has someone for whom you have not provided, given you a present?
It is not yet too late to square things.
We still have a number of pretty things to sell.

GLOVER,

THE JEWELER,

West Broad street, Hazleton.

We Sell Watches at \$1 Per Week.

WANTED.—Information wanted of John Begay; last heard from about fifteen months ago; was then working at Vance Mills, Fayette county, Pa. Any person knowing his whereabouts will please write to Mrs. Mary Begay, care of Andrew Novak, Upper Lehigh, Luzerne county, Pa.
\$5 REWARD will be paid for the recovery of a black and white hound dog, lately stolen from the yard of Jacob Sosnowsky, Washington and Luzerne streets, Freeland. The dog is about 2 years old. Jacob Sosnowsky, Freeland.
NOTICE.—All water rents for closets, bath tubs, urinals and ivery stables must be paid before January 1, 1896. If not, water will be turned off and \$2 additional charged to turn it on again. Freeland Water Company.
WANTED.—A girl for general housework; good place. Apply at this office.

CHAS. ORION STROH,

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