

# FREELAND TRIBUNE.

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## SAD FATE OF FOUR MEN.

### A CREW ON THE D. S. & S. RAILROAD HURLED INTO ETERNITY.

Engineer Chambers, Fireman Stewart, Brakeman Boyle and O'Donnell Instantly Killed and William Timmy Seriously Injured by an Explosion.

Shortly after 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon the boiler of D. S. & S. engine No. 4 exploded near Gum Run, on the Derringer branch of the road, killing four men and injuring another. All were residents of Freeland. The dead are:

John Chambers, engineer, Front street, Jonas Stewart, fireman, Centre street, Frank P. O'Donnell, brakeman, Washington street.

Michael Boyle, brakeman, Ridge street, William J. Timmy, conductor, Centre street, was seriously injured, and Henry Tully, flagman, Adams street, is suffering from nervousness brought on by the shock.

Engine No. 4 was engaged in taking out a passenger train in the morning and returning with the same every evening. During the day the crew hauled coal from Derringer to Roan. A small train of coal cars was attached to the engine at the time of the explosion.

The train started from Gum Run yard and was moving slowly. The men had just completed their noonday meal. Engineer Chambers and Brakeman Boyle were in the cab and Fireman Stewart and Brakeman O'Donnell stood on the tender.

Before the tower was reached Conductor Timmy stepped to the front of the engine to receive orders from the operator. After receiving these he remained on the fore part of the locomotive looking over his instructions. Flagman Tully was sitting on the rear car of the train.

The train proceeded slowly up the road a distance of about 150 feet, when suddenly, without the slightest warning whatever, the boiler burst. The engineer, fireman and two brakemen were killed outright and were thrown some distance from the track. The conductor was also hurled off the locomotive, but miraculously escaped the fate of his companions. The flagman was knocked off the cars to the ground below.

The noise of the explosion attracted the attention of the telegraph operator at the tower. He summoned assistance, and the sight that met the eyes of the first arrivals upon the scene was terrible. The bodies of the five men were scattered about, and a hasty examination showed that none but the conductor was alive.

The engine and tender were literally blown to pieces. Parts of them were found 100 yards away from where the accident happened. Nothing remained in position but the wheels. The rails underneath were twisted and torn, and the telegraph wires overhead were parted. The scene baffled description.

The bodies of the dead were immediately cared for and given all the attention possible at that spot. All of them are more or less disfigured. Stewart is probably the most mangled about the body, being disemboweled, but O'Donnell is the worst about the head. Chambers and Boyle have many cuts and gashes. The bodies arrived here shortly after 8 o'clock last night and were immediately taken to the homes of the men.

A special train conveyed Conductor Timmy to Hazleton hospital. The physicians there pronounce his injuries serious, but not likely to be fatal. His right instep was struck by some weighty article, and until the swelling is reduced it will not be known if the foot is broken. He received a severe gash across the nose, and a large cut on the back of the head. His condition at present is very favorable to recovery. He was filling the position of P. H. Hanlon, the regular conductor, who is ill.

Superintendent Smith reached the scene as soon as possible. He could give no explanation as to the cause of the accident. The engine was considered a reliable one, and the men in charge were experienced railroaders. Deputy Coroner McCoombs will hold an inquest, and the railroad company will have an investigation made. The loss of the engine amounts to about \$10,000.

The news of the accident caused great excitement here. The fact that all the men resided in town added to the sadness of the affair. It was the first great catastrophe on the road.

The company's officials and the railroaders speak highly of the ability of the entire crew. They were regarded among the most trustworthy men on the road. Personally, all were held in high esteem by their acquaintances in town and wherever they were known. Their sudden death is sincerely regretted by the community.

John Chambers was aged about 35 years. A wife and four children survive him. He was a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and several beneficial organizations. Undertaker Bachman has charge of the funeral, but no hour has been set for the burial. It will take place on Sun-

day, and if a special train can be secured the interment will be made at Catawissa, Columbia county.

Jonas Stewart leaves a wife and three children. His funeral will be held on Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock under charge of Undertaker Albert. Services will be held at St. John's Reformed church; interment at Freeland cemetery. The deceased was aged 36 years and 6 months.

Frank P. O'Donnell was married, but leaves no children. His age was 26 years, 7 months and 7 days. He was married a little more than a year ago to Miss Mary Dever, and since then his father and his father-in-law have died. Besides his wife he is survived by his mother and by two brothers, Manus, of Yorktown, and James, of Virginia. He was a member of the Young Men's C. T. A. B. Corps and the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen. Interment will be made at St. Ann's cemetery under the charge of Undertaker McNulty. Funeral at 8.30 o'clock Saturday morning, mass at St. Ann's church at 9 o'clock.

Michael Boyle was a single man, aged 26 years. He resided at the home of his father, Hugh Boyle. He was a member of the Tigers Athletic Club and the Citizens' Hose Company. He will be buried Saturday at St. Ann's cemetery. The funeral will leave at 8.30 a. m., followed by a requiem mass at St. Ann's church. Undertaker Brislin has charge of the remains.

#### Fire on Tuesday Evening.

Fire was discovered about 8 o'clock on Tuesday evening on the roof of the feed mill owned by the Freeland Mercantile Company, Limited. The alarm was sounded and the fire apparatus was on the scene in a short while. The blaze was just beginning to make headway when the firemen succeeded in turning on a stream of water, and in a few minutes the fire was extinguished. The loss is small. The origin is not known.

The firemen complain that they were retarded in their work by the crowd that had gathered. Quite a number of people unthinkingly stood on the hose and one length was burst through their action. Not until the water was turned on the crowd did the firemen have a chance to work.

#### Board of Trade Meeting.

The Board of Trade held a meeting last evening at the council room. The session was short and slimly attended, owing to the stormy weather. The committee having charge of the silk mill and overall factory negotiations reported all arrangements progressing satisfactorily. The committee on annexation was instructed to confer with council at the latter's meeting this evening to accomplish something definite towards this movement.

A special meeting of the board will be held next Wednesday evening at 8.15 o'clock.

#### Date of Eckert's Execution.

Governor Hastings has fixed May 14 as the day for execution of Abram I. Eckert who murdered Fred Bittenbender at Nanticoke last July. When the news was broken to Eckert in the jail he almost broke down. Then he looked up and to himself began counting out the days. The intelligence seemed to stagger him and it seemed that he could hardly realize it.

#### God in the Constitution.

A delegation of the National Reform Association left Pittsburg last night for Washington, D. C., to be present at a hearing to give them to-morrow by the judiciary committee of the house of representatives. The primary object of the association is to procure an amendment to the constitution of the United States recognizing the supreme authority of God.

#### Better Invest Their Money at Home.

From the Macaduo Tidings. Jim Meehan is authority for the statement that there are bright prospects ahead for a shoe factory starting in Macaduo, with a number of Freeland's progressive citizens at the head. We see no reason why a factory of this kind would not be a paying investment.

#### Notice.

All parties who have subscribed for stock of the Freeland Overall and Shirt Factory are requested to pay the first installment, 20 per cent, at once, to J. C. Berner, chairman, or deposit same in Freeland Citizens' bank. J. C. Berner, H. C. Koons, J. P. McDonald, Wm. H. Butz, committee.

#### Special Meetings.

A special meeting of the Freeland Citizens' Hose Company will be held at 7 o'clock this evening at the company's rooms, to take action upon the death of Brother Michael Boyle.

John Conahan, president, Timothy Boyle, secretary.

A special meeting of the Young Men's C. T. A. B. Corps will be held at 7 o'clock this evening at the new opera house, to take action upon the death of Brother Frank P. O'Donnell.

Jas. F. Sweeney, president.

## IN ST. PATRICK'S HONOR.

### PROGRAMME OF THE CELEBRATION HERE NEXT TUESDAY.

Catholic Societies of Freeland and Eckley Will Appropriately Observe the Day Given to Ireland's Patron Saint—The Parade the Principal Feature.

St. Patrick's Day, which comes on Tuesday next, will be observed in Freeland as in former years, and all preparations have now been completed to make the celebration equal to any in the past. The parade, which is always the principal feature of the day in this vicinity, will take place in the afternoon. The number of men that will be in line is expected to exceed those on parade on any similar occasion in Freeland, and the societies and organizations interested propose to make very good displays.

The Green Men, who have not taken part in the parade for the past two years, promise to be out in force on Tuesday, and intend to add several hundred to the ranks.

#### ORDER OF PARADE.

Following is the order of parade: Chief Marshal—Rev. M. J. Fallihee. Aides—John H. O'Donnell, Jas. Shovlin, Clergy in Carriages.

First Division. St. Patrick's Cornet Band. St. Patrick's Beneficial Society. Stars Drum Corps. Float Representing the Counties of Ireland. Green Men of Freeland. Drifton Drum Corps. Green Men of Drifton and Jedd. Highland Drum Corps. Green Men of Highland.

Second Division. Young Men's Slavonian Band. St. John's Slavonian Society. St. John's Society, Eckley. St. Michael's Greek Society. Garibaldi Beneficial Society. St. Vigilio's Society. Tirolese Beneficial Society.

Third Division. Freeland Drum Corps. Children of Mary. Young Men's C. T. A. B. Corps. St. Mary's Cadets, Eckley. St. Mary's T. A. B. Society, Eckley.

Fourth Division. Shamrock Drum Corps. Division 20, A. O. H. Eckley. Liberty Drum Corps. Division 19, A. O. H. Grand Army Drum Corps. Division 6, A. O. H. Members of Division 6 in Carriages. Horsemen and Carriages.

#### ROUTE OF PARADE.

The parade will leave St. Ann's Catholic church at 1 p. m., and march over the following route: To Luzerne street, to Ridge, to Carbon, to Washington, to Front, to Pine, to Walnut, to Washington, to Chestnut, to Ridge, to South, to Centre, to Chestnut, countermarch to Carbon, to Ridge, to Luzerne, and there dismiss.

At 2.30 o'clock, immediately after the parade is dismissed, a lecture will be delivered in the Young Men's opera house by P. J. Finn, of Seneca Falls, N. Y. It will be given under the auspices of Division 19, A. O. H. The subject will be "Irish Unity." Mr. Finn is a member of the staff of the *Hibernian Magazine*, and has a national reputation as a speaker.

At 9 o'clock in the morning mass will be read at St. Ann's church. In the evening the members of St. Patrick's Beneficial Society will hold their annual ball. It will take place this year in the new opera house, and will be the first event of that kind held in the building.

#### In Favor of the Township.

In court on Tuesday the case of Joseph Serricks against Foster township was placed on trial. Attorney Lynch represented the plaintiff, and Attorneys Stroth, Fuller and McClintock represented the township. The plaintiff was supervisor of the township in 1891 and employed his two sons and his horse in repairing the roads and also charged his own salary at \$2 a day. The township auditors who audited the account refused to allow the claim of the plaintiff's sons for wages, and would not allow the supervisor \$2 a day. The plaintiff brought suit to recover the money, which amounted to \$781, but the court held that the supervisor was wrong, and ordered the jury to find for the defendant.

The similar case of Thomas Early against the township of Foster was decided in like manner, the jury finding against the plaintiff in the sum of \$704.33.

#### The MacKnight Failure.

The failure of O. B. MacKnight, the merchant of Plains, is now known to be heavier than at first supposed. Mortgages on his property to the amount of \$30,121.80 are on record, and judgment notes for \$39,000 are also against him. Other debts in money given him by his neighbors bring the total of liabilities up to the neighborhood of \$100,000. Among those who hold judgment notes against MacKnight are Joseph Birkbeck, of Wilkesbarre, who has two amounting

to \$9,400, and the Citizens' bank, which has one for \$1,500. The assets are estimated at from \$20,000 to \$50,000.

One of the sensations in the case was the hanging in effigy on Monday of the bankrupt merchant and private banker. The figure, which was stuffed with straw, was hung by the neck from an arm of a telegraph pole in front of his store. It was hung some time after midnight and remained in place until about 9 o'clock in the morning, when a couple of MacKnight's friends got a ladder and pulled it down.

Judgments have been entered against James J. Howley on several accounts, amounting to \$2,101. This is a direct result of MacKnight's failure. Howley was formerly a tax collector in Plains and he paid over to MacKnight at various times sum amounting to \$2,700 to deposit. MacKnight never deposited it and, as a result of the exposure, Howley's creditors swooped down upon him. Howley is dangerously ill with pneumonia.

No trace of MacKnight has yet been found.

#### The Annexation Movement.

The committee of council consisting of Messrs. Breslin, Meehan, Zemany and Shigo, accompanied by Solicitor J. C. Carr, and Messrs. H. C. Koons, J. C. Berner, Hugh Malloy and Thomas Birkbeck, representing the Board of Trade, made a tour on Tuesday over the territory proposed to be annexed to the borough on the north side. While the committee representing the Board of Trade had no definite plan in view nor any suggestions to offer as to how much of the territory should be annexed, and the committee of council not having any instructions, nothing was done beyond viewing the ground.

The committees started from the northeast corner of the Public park, near the water works, and followed the boundaries of the Edward Lynch and Andrew Kennedy tracts of land north to the George Heberton tract, near to the land of the Upper Lehigh Coal Company, thence westward to the boundary of Butler township, thence south along the James Black tract to the western limit of the borough.

This would embrace all of what is known as South Heberton, with the exception of Alvinton. The committee of council held a meeting immediately after their return, and issued a call for a special meeting of council to be held tonight, when action upon the report of the two committees will be taken.

The annexation of the above territory, together with Fern street on the west side of the borough, would give ample room for all industries that might desire to locate in town for many years to come.

#### Dropped Into a Mine Hole.

Martin Olivette, aged 40 years, in company with two other men left the Gilbert colliery, near Ashland, on Tuesday night after completing their work for the day and started over the hill towards their home at Turkey Run. While passing along a narrow path, Olivette, in the lead, the earth suddenly gave way and Olivette disappeared from view.

His companions, noticing it, jumped back. They heard the rush of the earth and the clatter of stones and creeping to the edge of the breach they were horrified to find that the opening was almost perpendicular, and about 100 feet deep. They shouted but got no reply. Then they hastened to a village near by, where they informed the residents what had occurred, and a large crowd soon congregated with lanterns and mining lamps.

A stout rope was secured from one of the collieries, which was thrown over a limb of a tree and a young man named Mendoff was lowered to the bottom of the breach, where he found Olivette alive but badly injured. He was raised to the surface and taken to the miners' hospital at Ashland.

PERSONALITIES.

Edward McNellis and wife, of Dickson City, Lackawanna county, attended the funeral of Peter Carr, Sr., yesterday.

R. Galan, a young business man of Scranton, spent part of this week here as the guest of L. Olsho.

Miss Minnie McKinley, of Ridge street, is slowly recovering from a severe attack of the grip.

Miss Jennie Trimble of Allentown, is visiting friends in Freeland.

DEATHS.

Hagerty.—At Oakdale, March 12, Mrs. Peter Hagerty. Funeral Saturday at 9 a. m. Interment at St. Ann's cemetery. Brislin.

Quinn.—At Old Buck Mountain, March 11, Patrick Quinn, Sr. Funeral at 10 a. m. on Saturday.

Slattery.—At Freeland, March 9, Francis Edward, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Slattery. Interred yesterday at St. Ann's cemetery.

\$1.50 a year is all the TRIBUNE costs.

POST.—On Wednesday, March 4, between 4 J. Chestnut street and the Polish church, on Ridge street, a gold medal, shaped like a cross, with the inscription "Awarded by the Sisters of Mercy," on one side, and "For Proficiency in Music," on the other. Finder will please return to Sisters of Mercy, Freeland.

## 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 borough council will meet in special session this evening at 7.30 o'clock. The funeral of Peter Carr, Sr., yesterday afternoon was attended by a large number of relatives and friends.

The auditors of the borough will meet in the council room tomorrow evening to audit the accounts of the borough officers.

Markle & Co. will put a gang of men to work in the Harleigh mines this week. The water has receded sufficiently to clean up the colliery.

Manager George McLaughlin has secured "Alabama" as the opening attraction at the opera house. It will appear on the evening of the 26th inst.

Call at Oswald's for fresh eggs.

Yesterday was the eighth anniversary of the famous blizzard of 1888, and for awhile it looked as though this section would experience another such storm.

Shoes, shoes, shoes, at McDonald's. The flag on the building of the Tigers Athletic Club is floating at half mast. Michael Boyle one of the victims of yesterday's accident, was a member of the club.

McDonald is closing out his big stock of reliable shoes.

James J. Maloy is preparing to occupy the premises vacated by David Keers on Centre street. He has been granted a license for the building, and will open there on April 1.

Fresh fish every Wednesday and Friday at McNeil's meat market.

Andrew O'Donnell, a young boy of Drifton, had his right leg broken in two places on Tuesday. He was riding on a buckboard and his leg caught between the spokes of the wheel.

The Wear Well has just the kind of shoes you need for this weather.

William Denn, of Wilkesbarre, died on Monday as a result of a dose of arsenic taken with a view of alleviating pain he suffered in consequence of an injury received a few days ago.

Eggs sold at Oswald's are guaranteed to be fresh. Try a dozen or two.

Joseph Ferry a miner employed at Hazle Mines colliery, Hazleton, was instantly killed on Tuesday evening by a fall of coal. He was engaged barring down a loose piece when several tons rushed out suddenly upon him.

A pair of Wear Well shoes will outlast anything bought at the same price.

The Hero base ball club, one of the junior teams that played considerable last year, has been reorganized for the coming season and will accept challenges from any club under 15 years of age. Will be ready to play on April 15. John J. Meehan, manager.

Shoes at McDonald's at rock-bottom prices. All kinds at the lowest prices. The engineers of the Cross Creek Coal Company were engaged last week in running lines east of Adams street. It is expected that the company will lay out more streets and building lots on its land on the south side of the Public park, near the Highland road.

The first to receive a stock of genuine spring goods is Olsho, the latter, whose store is already packed with the latest and most fashionable styles of headgear. Read his ad today.

Charles A. Dana, editor of the *New York Sun*, was expected to deliver the address at Wyoming monument, Wilkesbarre, on July 3, he being a great-grandson of Andrew Dana, who perished in the massacre of 1778, but Mr. Dana's absence from the country prevents his acceptance.

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Subject to the decision of the Republican county convention.

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER—R. E. DONAUGHEY, of Hazleton.

Subject to the decision of the Republican county convention.

FOR REPRESENTATIVE—THOMAS M. POWELL, of Hazleton.

Subject to the decision of the Republican legislative convention.

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