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THE INVESTIGATION ON.

INQUEST JURY TRYING TO LEARN ABOUT THE ACCIDENT.

D. S. & S. Employees Give an Account of the Explosion of Engine No. 4—Shop Men and Mechanics Testify as to the Condition of the Boiler.

The jury appointed by Deputy Coroner McCoombs to investigate the accident on the D. S. & S. Railroad began its work on Monday evening at Hazleton. All of the witnesses have not yet testified, but the following, from the *Plain Speaker*, gives the proceedings as far as they have yet progressed.

The first witness heard was Henry Tully, the rear end brakeman, who escaped injury. He said: "I reside at Freeland and am a brakeman in the employ of the D. S. & S. on a mixed train. Was on the train drawn by Engine No. 4 which exploded. The accident occurred at Gum Run tower. No person except the crew assigned to conduct the train was on the train. Chambers was found twenty-five feet from the engine. His eyes rolled, but he did not speak. Jonas Stewart was found three hundred feet from the tower. Brakeman Boyle was discovered about the same distance from the engine as Chambers. Frank O'Donnell was found on the west side of the track. I fired for Chambers for three years and have braked during the past three weeks. There were nine cars in the trip. The engine was not over-worked, nor running at a high rate of speed, probably between four and five miles per hour. The road is in good condition at that point. She was on the road about four years, having been built at the Baldwin Locomotive Works, Philadelphia." In answer to an interrogation Mr. Tully stated that nine cars, the number which constituted the trip, was an unusual number. It carried generally about 135 to 140 pounds of steam.

William H. Goyno was next sworn. He is a resident of Fern Glen and looks after the boilers, pumps, etc., at the Derringer colliery. He testified: "I was about a mile from the accident and went immediately to the scene accompanied by Stephen Singly. It was first thought that a powder magazine had exploded. Saw all the dead bodies after the explosion. First saw two bodies lying west of the engine and saw the four in the tower. I noticed that the crown sheet was bulged between the stay bolts. It would indicate that the accident was due to no water being in the boiler, although nothing definite can be stated as the direct cause. The stay bolts were nearly all pulled out, several of which I noticed were weak, although none of the weak ones were broken. Some of them were reduced in size and quite a number were considerably reduced. It is possible that it was caused by water contaminated by sulphuric acid. No cause other than that of a lack of water can be attributed to the explosion. Did not consider the boiler in extra good condition. They receive water at No. 4 Tomhicken. Nothing could reduce the size of the stay bolts other than bad water."

E. J. Minnich, of Tomhicken, next took the stand. He is a carpenter foreman at the Tomhicken colliery. "Upon my arrival," he said, "I witnessed the dead bodies of the crew, and assisted in their removal. The accident occurred about 1.30 o'clock. Am connected in no way with the working of the road."

The next witness sworn was H. W. Pettit, of Nuremberg, who was in the Gum Run yard inspecting cars, in which vocation he is employed. Was only about 300 yards from the explosion. Never inspected engine No. 4, only repaired the brake at one time. Partly examined the boiler after the accident. Saw the bulge mentioned by Mr. Goyno, also the poor condition of the stay bolts. The broken ones were located near the mud ring. It may have bulged many weeks before the fatal day.

W. L. Richards, of Woodside, foreman of the Drifton boiler shops, took the stand, and stated that he had inspected the boilers. An order from Daniel Coxie that the boilers should be inspected every two weeks was never recalled. Inspected the boilers by steam power at 140 pounds pressure instead of water power. The practice was discontinued six months ago. The engine was put in the shops on February 5 and was taken out on February 10, at which time thirty-one bolts were put in. When a bolt is discovered broken about three are taken out and new ones inserted. No engine should run when two or three bolts are broken. The bolts are tested with a hammer. The engine has been used continually for four years. Saw no bad bolts in the crown sheet, but did see some near the mud ring. They were all new breaks excepting fifteen. The tubes were all right when tested. Bad water will eat the bolts in the manner described. His opinion is that the explosion was caused by a want of water. Did not know whether the engineers are examined.

William Miller, of Freeland, an employe at the Drifton boiler shops and inspector of stay bolts in the engines of the D. S. & S., inspected No. 4 on February 5 when fifteen bolts were condemned and thirty-one new ones put in. Did not

THE BIG CELEBRATION.

GREATEST ST. PATRICK'S DAY IN FREELAND'S HISTORY.

A Large Parade of the Catholic Societies of Town and Vicinity, Followed by a Lecture at the Opera House and a Ball in the Evening.

Freeland's celebration of St. Patrick's Day on Tuesday was as creditable as any demonstration that ever took place in the history of the town. Only on one occasion previous, October 10, 1883, when the C. T. A. societies of Luzerne and Lackawanna counties paraded here, was there a larger number in line, and at no time was a better showing made by any body of men than on Tuesday afternoon. The weather was all that could be desired for parading. A heavy snow fell the day before, but this was beaten down easily, and the march over the route was accomplished without trouble. The sun shone beautifully from early in the morning, making the day very comfortable for spectators and paraders.

The various societies had made ample preparations for the event, and the demonstration passed off with nothing to mar it. The ranks of the Irish-American and temperance organizations were well-filled, and the invited societies, consisting of the Hungarian, Polish, Austrian and Italian Catholic people, helped to swell the number in line, and they vied with the sons and daughters of Erin in honoring the famous saint.

To the Green Men, however, is due a great deal of the credit for the successful celebration. They came out to a man from every town in St. Ann's parish, and their gaily decorated marshals, captains and lieutenants added attractiveness to the occasion. The societies of Eckley were also a creditable addition to the parade.

The handsome float which was fitted up by Freeland Green Men received favorable comment along the line. It represented "Ireland and America," and was tastefully arranged. "The Maid of Erin" was Miss Cassie Boyle, and Miss Annie Hagerty was "The Goddess of Liberty." "Uncle Sam" and "The Minstrel Boy" were also given prominent positions.

There were 1,177 men and boys in line. The stars and stripes and the green were entwined everywhere, and the stirring breeze that was blowing brought out the beauty of "Old Glory" and the "Sun-burst" throughout the line of parade and on hundreds of dwellings and business places.

THE LECTURE.

When the parade was over the doors of the Young Men's opera house were thrown open and nearly 500 people filed in to hear the address of P. J. Finn, of Seneca Falls, N. Y., who spoke upon "Irish Loyalty to the American Republic," under the auspices of Division 19, A. O. H.

The speaker was introduced in a few well chosen words by Chairman James F. Sweeney. Mr. Finn thanked the A. O. H. for giving him the opportunity of addressing the people of Freeland, after which he entered upon his subject and gave a pleasing and instructive address. Starting back at the dark days of the revolution, he followed the course of the American republic to the present time, presenting hundreds of historical facts as instances of Irish loyalty to our country.

He proved conclusively that the antagonism to the Irish and Catholic people at the present day had no foundation other than blind bigotry, and appealed to all classes of men, without regard to race or creed, to give this liberty-loving race the credit they deserve and to frown upon the attempts of vicious organizations to stir up sectarian strife in the United States.

Mr. Finn showed himself to be thoroughly conversant with the subject chosen, and he expressed himself in language which gave evidence of refinement, education and ability, and to which no man could take offense. As he recalled, one after another, the noble deeds performed by his people and their descendants, in establishing and maintaining the union, he was greeted with round after round of applause.

Unfortunately, another engagement at Scranton that evening prevented him from delivering the address in its entirety, and he had to close to take the 4.34 o'clock train for that city. However, before doing so, he touched briefly

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.

B. L. Wright, who is assistant to Dr. G. S. Wentz at Eckley, left on Tuesday to visit Florida.

A young son of Thomas Ashman and wife died at the family residence in Coxie addition last evening.

McDonald is closing out his big stock of reliable shoes.

The newspaper hobby is still on its rounds. Weatherly, it is said, will soon have another, a semi-weekly.

Roll butter bought at Oswald's is always fresh and sweet.

One of the pleasant features of Tuesday's celebration was the absence of intoxicated people on the streets.

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

James McKinley, who has been employed at Wilkesbarre for the past nine months, has returned to his home here.

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

John Huston, Con McGeehan, James McDonald and Miss Bid Timony, students at Stroudsburg normal school, are home on a visit.

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

The balance of the goods in St. Mary's co-operative store were purchased from Receiver C. F. McHugh yesterday by Joseph Neuberger for \$750.

A number of changes will be made at the Young Men's opera house before the Easter Monday ball of St. Patrick's corner band, with a view of making the place still more convenient for ball-goers.

Bernard Boyle, who was injured in the mines, and W. J. Timney, his brother-in-law, who was hurt in the D. S. & S. explosion, will leave Hazleton hospital together next week and return to their homes in Freeland.

An Advance in Wages.

The Lehigh Valley Railroad Company has restored the 10 per cent reduction in salaries which was made in 1893. This action was taken at the recent meeting of the board of directors. The changes affect all salaried employes, clerks, station agents and all others that receive fixed yearly compensation. Workmen that are paid by the day are not included, because they were not affected by the reduction. The action of the board shows that the earnings of the company have recovered to the normal volume that prevailed prior to the period of reduction.

DRIFTON ITEMS.

This town turned out a fine crowd of Green Men on Tuesday, and they should feel proud of themselves for their appearance and good conduct.

There is some talk of organizing a drum corps here. The young men who are at the head of this should be encouraged to do so.

Mrs. John O'Donnell, who was so dangerously ill for the past three weeks, is slowly recovering.

There must be some great attraction at Stockton, for some of our young men can be seen wandering over there quite often.

James O'Donnell, of Silver Brook, spent a few hours here with friends on Tuesday.

There is talk of organizing a quartette among our young ladies and gentlemen.

There was quiet a number of our young folks at the play at Hazleton last night.

Patrick Carr is confined to his bed with a severe spell of sickness.

Two of our residents, John Carr and Craig Anderson, celebrated Tuesday in their homes nursing frozen hands, which they had the misfortune to receive last week.

The collieries have started working ten hours a day.

Shoes at McDonald's at rock-bottom prices. All kinds at the lowest prices.

The "Twentieth Century" shoe is the ladies' favorite. At the Wear Well only.

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

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RESOLUTIONS OF CONDOLENCE.

Whereas, Almighty God has again sent his angel of death into our midst to summon from our society another true and much beloved member, Brother Frank P. O'Donnell, that he may receive the eternal reward of his honest, upright life here on earth, and

Whereas, His faithfulness and devotion to the noble cause of temperance since a member of our organization has been a source of pride and gratification to us, we deem it fitting and proper to express our sincere admiration of his noble, generous character, our deep sorrow at his sudden departure from our midst, and our heartfelt sympathy with his afflicted wife and relatives, therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the members of the Young Men's C. T. A. B. Corps, recognize in the death of our highly esteemed brother the loss to our social circle of a true and tried friend, and to our cause a staunch and earnest advocate, one ever ready with helping hand to advance the principles of our organization when the opportunity presented itself. And be it

Resolved, That while the death of our brother is a source of great sorrow to us, still the fond remembrance of his noble, generous nature, which we shall ever retain, will be a means of much consolation to us in our sorrowing. And be it further

Resolved, That we openly express our sincere sympathy with his bereaved widow and relatives in their said and sorrowful affliction. And be it further

Resolved, That we drape our charter in mourning for thirty days, present to the bereaved widow a copy of these resolutions, spread them upon our minutes and have them published in the FREELAND TRIBUNE and Hazleton Truth.

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P. J. FINN.