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MORE TESTIMONY TAKEN.

CAUSE OF ENGINE NO 4 EXPLODING IS STILL A MYSTERY.

Several Additional Witnesses Heard by the Deputy Coroner's Jury on Thursday—Another Session to be Held at Hazleton This Evening.

On Thursday evening Deputy Coroner McCombs resumed the hearing of witnesses in the inquest on the death of the four D. S. & S. employees who were killed by the recent explosion. The *Plain Speaker* gives the testimony of those who were on the stand, as follows:

O. L. Muchler, of Freeland, who is employed by the D. S. & S. Company as trainmaster, testified: "It is my duty to run trains, see that each train has cars and keep tracks clear. The trains pulled by the engine which exploded were loaded. Do not consider nine cars too many. The crew reported for duty at 5.10 a. m. and usually worked fourteen hours. I considered Chambers a reliable man. I have nothing whatever to do with testing engines. He would not report to me in case of accident but to the master mechanic, although I would act in the absence of that official. I directed the crew that brought the wrecked engine to Drifton."

Henry Tully was recalled and stated that they had drawn eight cars from below the breaker a distance of nearly a mile and stopped at that point and picked up another car. It was nothing unusual to draw nine cars.

George Wagner, of Drifton, for four years in the employ of the D. S. & S., and formerly in the Drifton machine shops and now round house manager, said: "I have charge of repairs when the machinist is ill. Was present when No. 4 was repaired and tested in February. My duties are to look after work reported necessary by the engineer. Had one order pertaining to a leak in the flues. Cannot state positively whether or no the boiler was burned. Examined the crown sheet carefully at Drifton and did not see any bad bolts. I can form no idea as to the direct cause of the explosion, only that there was a strong power to force it downwards. It is safe to test a boiler by steam power above the 140 pounds. We test by water power every six months. No. 4 was always considered a good engine, one of our first-class engines. Do not know of any law in Pennsylvania requiring that an engine be tested at 210 pounds. Neither do I know that a report of the test must be posted in the cab. She had three safety valves to relieve her. There was nothing connected with the remains of the wreck to indicate what was the cause of the explosion. There may have been ten or twelve broken bolts near the mudring. The engine was a capable man. No. 4 was tested with 170 pounds of steam and 195 pounds of water. In an engineer's examination the fourth gauge is to show both water and steam. New engineers test the water oftener than older experienced ones."

John Rowland, employed by the Cross Creek Coal Company: "I am responsible directly to the general manager and superintendent. Knew of repairs of No. 4 the beginning of February although it did not come under my supervision. She was purchased as a first-class Baldwin locomotive. Examined the boiler after the wreck and did not discover any bolts that were broken by the explosion. There were two tears in the crown sheet. The bulges were evidently caused by a lack of water. Either the round house foreman or engineer would have noticed the bulge had it taken place previous to the accident. The fireman was a capable man and had been in our employ about two years. All members of the crew were young and faithful employees, the fireman and engineer being well experienced. Two gauges of water would have proved insufficient in going a half mile without replenishing it. The engineer would certainly not have put on the injector intentionally contrary to the general rule, although it may have been an oversight. I think the force of the explosion was downwards. Fifteen of the stay bolts were broken, all near the mud ring. The safety valves should be examined at least once a month. The tubes were all in good condition."

John R. Wagner was next sworn. "I am mechanical engineer," he said, "for the Coxie Manufacturing Company. I have nothing to do with the testing of the locomotives. I was familiar with engine No. 4. A boiler steaming heavily and in operation can be exploded only in one way, and that an overpressure. This pressure can be caused only by overloading the crown sheet. The water that has been used I think had no effect whatever on the boiler. An analysis of the water was made in September and on March 1 and found to contain some acid although not enough to trace its part. It would not be necessary to wash our boilers in a year. Our water supply is fit for use at all times. My opinion of the cause of the explosion was low water, the crown sheet pulling away from the side sheets. The crown sheet was corrugated to a great extent. I think it possible that the engineer put his injector on when the crown sheet was overheated. She was using up about 200

pounds of water per minute figuring that she was moving at a rate of speed five miles per hour. I saw a few bolts that had been broken previously. There is no law to my knowledge requiring bolts to be tested by water or air power. The steel in the crown sheet was in first-class condition."

The investigation was adjourned to meet again this evening.

Notes from an Editor's Book.

C. D. Linskill, associate editor and solicitor of the *Wilkesbarre Telephone*, passed through this section last week, and Saturday's issue of his paper contained the following notes:

Freeland, a busy, thriving town, continues to grow, and the streets are stretching out. When I first saw the place, say a score of years ago, it was a little village in the woods. Now railroads and electric cars bring it into close touch with the great wide world. It is noted for having an immense number of hotels and saloons.

Mr. and Mrs. William Johnson and family were reasonably well and live near their old house, probably the first house built here. Mrs. Johnson was a Birkbeck, one of the first families to settle in this region.

Sanderson, Seiple and children, William, Harry and Kate, refreshed me with excellent music and singing. Prof. Ario Mayberry was also present and we had a pleasing concert. Little Alvin, a fine singer, was at school.

I called on Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sterner at the cemetery-keeper's house, and found them in good health.

J. L. Owen was busy and cheerful at his shoe store, where he has been well-known for some years.

Among other friends called on or inquired about were: Matthew Johnson, Jesse Alden, George Hess, James Lewis, DePierro Bros. and others.

It was a new experience to glide through Drifton in an electric car. But the curves and trestle-work over which the cars dashed make it look decidedly unsafe. In one place there is quite a heavy grade on a curving trestle, that makes the ordinary traveler shudder. When the brake refuses to work, then look out.

A large comfortable one-story hall has been built where the first one was burned. It is a great convenience when a large company wish to assemble.

John Wagner, superintendent, is still active, though somewhat annoyed with rheumatism. Mrs. Wagner, nee Shellhammer, was real smart.

George S. Wentz was found in fair health at his office. Mrs. Wentz was not very well. The Dr. came to Eckley, forty-one years ago, before there had been any coal shipped from there. He indeed seen wondrous changes in this booming region. He has five assistants. His residence and office occupy a slightly place, overlooking Drifton, Freeland and Jeddo.

Did I call this a booming place? Well, it is, for several times a day a booming like thunder, or discharge of heavy artillery is heard for many miles. This is where powerful explosives are set off by electric batteries, to tear up the rock and earth over the coal. This outside mining is called "stripping."

Drifton seems a lonely place to many since the death of Hon. Eckley B. Cox. He was a father, a counselor, a director, an educated, far-seeing proprietor, a gentleman, a friend.

An electric car carries us down along Black Creek, through Ebervale and Hazleton and up over the hill into Hazleton.

The Opening Play.

The scene of the opening play at the Grand opera house is an old plantation in Alabama, near the town of Talladega. The central figure is an old planter, a southern gentleman of the old school, a type of the noble chivalry of the old South. The war swept away many of his possessions and separated him from his son, who felt it his duty to fight for the North.

The most interesting and conspicuous scenic feature of the play, as it is seen from different points of view, under all the changing light effects of a May day and night in a semi-tropical country, is the ruined stone gateway of Colonel Preston's door-yard. Here one of the last attempts was made to repulse Sherman's march to the sea. A cannon was planted behind the masonry of the gate, but the Federal artillery soon silenced it and reduced the strong post to ruin. Among the ruins the cannon still lies, covered with creeping vines, and in its mouth a meadow lark has built its nest.

Into the peaceful life dominated by the strong will of old Colonel Preston, who represents in the new generation the survival of the North prejudices, and who thinks he hates the South as bitterly as ever, and fights against the encroachment of modern improvements, come the engineers from the North to lay out the route of a new railroad, and the principal engineer is the old planter's son, long separated from him.

The play reveals the diverse traits of many interesting personages. It involves young love, charmingly expressed, and the reunion of hearts long separated, and the re-establishment of family ties broken up by the war.

Although dealing with the past, as well as the present, it involves an intricate story of family relations, which is so well told that the spectator is scarcely aware that he is listening to a narration.

When baby was sick, we gave her Castoria.
When she was a child, she cried for Castoria.
When she became a man, she clung to Castoria.
When she had children, she gave them Castoria.

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CONFESSION DENIED.

Wilkesbarre Says He Told Falsehoods About the Hungarian Murder.

Frank Shafer, a young colored man, on whose confession four men and two women were arrested for the murder of eight Hungarians on the Wilkesbarre mountain, and one, Nelse Miller, found guilty in the first degree, made a further confession on Saturday, in which he says his previous statement was entirely false. He also says that Miller is innocent. The affair is well remembered by our readers. Dynamite was exploded under a boarding house, in which were sixty Hungarians, and eight of them were killed and many injured.

Some time afterward Detectives O'Brien and Quigley arrested Frank Shafer on suspicion of being connected with the crime, and he confessed that Nelse and Jim Miller and their wives, John Bird, another man and himself had committed the deed for the booty they could get. They managed to get \$100, which they divided. On this confession Nelse Miller was found guilty, as stated. The others are still awaiting trial.

Miller's attorneys went to the jail and had several talks with Shafer, telling him that he knew he was sending an innocent man to the gallows, and under this influence he finally confessed that his previous statement was false. He said that when first arrested he was frightened and drunk, and did not know what he was saying, and that when he wanted to retract it afterward the detectives threatened to hang him.

Miller's attorneys will apply for a new trial. Detectives Barring and McSweeney, who were employed by the county in the case, say that they are on the tracks of the real murderers, and will have them rounded up in a few days.

Crushed to Death on Saturday.

An Italian named Frank Marsalles was crushed to death at No. 2 breaker, Drifton, on Saturday. He was employed about the place in cleaning up the car tracks under the breaker, and it was while doing this that he met his death. The loaders were running cars down to the scutes and did not see Frank, who was usually on the lookout for them, and he was struck by a gondola. The car turned him to one side, at the same time pinning him between itself and a stone pillar which serves as a foundation for the breaker.

Life was almost extinct when he was taken out of the narrow space, and he was removed to his home at No. 2, dying on the way there. He will be buried at St. Ann's cemetery tomorrow at 2 p. m.

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F. Van Fleet, Williamsport, type writing machine cleaning device.

Attended the Consecration.

Nearly all the Catholic priests of the Scranton diocese were present yesterday at the consecration services at Scranton, where Rev. Michael J. Hoban, of Ashley, was made a bishop. Archbishop Ryan, of Philadelphia; Bishop Horstman, of Cleveland, and Bishop O'Hara, of Scranton, assisted Cardinal Satolli in the ceremonies. Revs. M. J. Fallihee, E. A. O'Reilly and John Stas, of Freeland, were present.

Others who attended from here were: James McHugh, James Conahan, John J. Boyle, Miss Bid McGeehan, John Mely and wife and Attorney John M. Carr and wife.

Another Amateur League.

From the *Weatherly Herald*.
G. M. Davies, William McLaughlin and James T. Mulhearn have leased the base ball park at Lansford for the season of 1896. It is proposed to organize a league to embrace Tamaqua, Lansford, Weatherly, Jeannville, Mauch Chunk, Freeland and Beaver Meadow. One of the conditions of membership prescribes that a player must have lived in the town in which the club is located a sufficient period to qualify him as a citizen.

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Prize Fighting and Boxing.

County Solicitor Ulrich, of Schuylkill county, contemplates giving written notice to the sheriff to prevent prize fighting and boxing matches in that county. His authority is taken from an act of the legislature passed March 16, 1866, and approved by the late A. G. Curtin, governor. The act is special to Pike, Schuylkill, Luzerne, Erie and Montgomery counties.

The act provides that prize fighting and boxing matches are declared unlawful, and any person engaging or participating therein, either as principal, second or bystander, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be sentenced to undergo an imprisonment not exceeding one year and pay a fine of \$500, or both, at the discretion of the court.

The second section provides for the sheriff to call out such force as may be necessary to prevent the same, and for that purpose he shall have power to summon, verbally, every able bodied man between the ages of 18 and 45 years to attend him forthwith, and assist in maintaining the peace.

The third section provides for the punishment of all persons not responding to the sheriff's call of a fine of \$100, or imprisonment not exceeding six months.

Conductor Timney's Foot Broken.

The physicians at Hazleton hospital made an examination of Conductor Timney's right foot on Friday, and it was found that four of the bones leading to the toes are broken. The swelling over the great toe bone and the instep is expected to be sufficiently reduced to make another examination of the foot today, and the full extent of his injuries will then be known. The finding of these bones broken caused much surprise, as the opinion given out all along by the hospital people was to the effect that there were no breaks.

After today's examination the foot will be dressed, and he will leave the hospital in a few days for his home. All the other cuts and bruises, outside of the foot mentioned, are healing rapidly.

Bondsman Sued for \$1,395.75.

Attorney D. L. O'Neill, representing the Central poor district of this county, has entered a suit against James J. Howley, who was tax receiver of Plains township in 1893, and his bondsman, A. A. Barton, O. B. MacKnight, Bolinda Sheridan and Patrick J. Duddy. In the sum of \$50,000, the amount of his bond. The plaintiff's statement alleges that Howley collected the sum of \$1,395.75 poor tax for the poor district which amount he has failed to turn over to the treasurer.

This money Howley claims he paid to MacKnight, and after the latter's failure he failed himself. The bondsman will now be made to make good the deficiency.

They May Build on the Square.

Judge Searle, of Montrose, has given his opinion in the court house matter. It covers fifteen pages of type-written copy and the concluding sentences say: "After a careful consideration of all the evidence and matter in the case it appears that the present site on the ground in the Public Square and the maintenance of a court house upon it is proper."

"I am constrained to the opinion that the county commissioners have the right to erect upon the Square upon the location of the present court house a new one sufficient in size to accommodate the business of the county."

Killed by His Companion.

Patrick McMahon, aged 13 years, and Edward Richards, aged 16, both of Wilkesbarre, went gunning for sparrows on Saturday afternoon. Each carried a Flobert rifle. When the two boys came upon a flock of sparrows Richards hastily lifted his gun and fired. The ball went wide of its mark and struck McMahon in the temple, killing him instantly. As the shooting was purely an accident, no arrest was made.

DEATHS.

Renshaw.—At Oakdale, March 21, Mary Jane, wife of William Renshaw, of consumption, aged 23 years, 6 months and 5 days. Funeral at 2 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon. Interment at Freeland cemetery. Albert.

PLEASURE CALENDAR.

March 26.—"Alabama," at Grand opera house. Admission, 35, 50 and 75c.

March 28.—Fair of Division 39, A. O. H., at Eckley.

April 6.—Annual ball of St. Patrick's cornet band at Young Men's opera house. Admission, 50 cents.

PERSONALITIES.

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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 Rose Burke, of Walnut street, has fully recovered from a severe attack of pneumonia.

A male choir of eighteen members will render the Easter music at St. Ann's Catholic church.

Morgan DeFoy rendered a cornet solo at an entertainment at South Bethlehem on Friday evening.

Sunday next will be Palm Sunday and will be appropriately observed in several of the churches here.

George Wilmot and William Hatze, of Upper Lehigh, were visitors in town on Sunday.—*Catawissa Record*.

Tickets for "Alabama" are selling rapidly. The prices of seats are given in the advertisement in another column.

Richard Doggett and W. F. Gallagher left here on Friday for New York city, where they intend to try to secure employment.

The directors of the Young Men's C. T. A. B. Corps have decided that the new building shall be known as the Grand opera house.

Hugh McGovern, aged 100, died at his home at Askam, this county, on Saturday. He is survived by his wife who is 85 years old, and by three daughters.

Foster township supervisors, Messrs. Horn and Davis, have reappointed Chas. Orion Stroh as township attorney. Clerk Harry Reifnyder's salary was placed at \$75 for the year.

The extensive planing mill of Derschler & Griffin, Pittston, was destroyed by fire. The origin of the fire is unknown, but it is attributed to incendiarism. The loss aggregates about \$18,000.

Joseph Gallagher, of Drifton, and Misses Annie Goepfert, Laura Koons, Bella Crawford, Mame Lindsay and Mattie Forrest, students at West Chester normal school, are home on a brief vacation.

Father Stafford, of the Catholic university, Washington, D. C., will deliver a series of lectures through this section next month. He will speak at Freeland, Hazleton, Beaver Meadow and Mauch Chunk.

The Freeland ball park will be opened for the season of 1896 on May 3. Manager Hanlon has booked a number of professional clubs for the coming season. Ladies will be admitted free to the games this year.

Harry Argust and Patrick Carr, both well-known miners of Upper Lehigh, were seriously hurt by a fall of coal on Thursday night in No. 7 colliery. The former was cut about the head and body and the latter was hurt internally.

At the residence of John Cool in the Fourth ward last Saturday evening, Abraham Cool, of town, and Miss Mary E. S. Harris, of Sandy Run, were married by the Rev. John Klein, of the Evangelical church.—*Weatherly Herald*.

Charles J. Groux, of this city, a popular local ball player, has signed for the coming season to pitch for Freeland. He will be missed by the amateur teams of this city and by the Y. M. C. A. team, with which he is associated.—*Wilkesbarre Record*.

The explosion of a boiler in the nest at Pine Ridge colliery on Thursday agitated the town of Plains. The centre boiler was blown to pieces and sections of it landed 300 feet away. The boiler on the right was lifted out of place. No one was hurt.

A meeting of representatives of the six clubs which compose the Anthracite League was held yesterday at Hazleton, and the following permanent officers were chosen: President, Neil McMonigle; secretary, J. W. Kraft; treasurer, John J. Gough.

Patrick McNulty, a tramp who lives somewhere on the South Side when at home, went to sleep on top of the boilers at No. 2 Drifton on Saturday night. Before morning his clothes took fire and he was burned so seriously that he had to be taken to Hazleton hospital.

FREELAND

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