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THE PATRICK - CONNORS NUPTIALS.

Another Account of the Pretty Home Wedding Last Wednesday Afternoon of Dr. J. B. Patrick, of Rock Hill, and Miss Carol T. Connors, of Lancaster.

Written for The News.

The handsome suburban residence of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thorn Connors was the scene of the most brilliant event of the midsummer season, when their daughter, Miss Carol Tompkins Connors, became the bride of Dr. John Burckmyre Patrick, of Rock Hill, Aug. 5th, at 5.30 p. m. A large number of invitations had been issued.

The guests were met at the front entrance by Mrs. T. J. Strait, Mrs. D. Reece Williams, Mrs. Joseph F. Gregory and Miss Cornelia Elliott, and shown into the house, the whole lower floor of which was thrown open.

The wide, long entrance hall was aglow with pink roses and green vines, which entwined the broad stairway, the lofty walls and doors and pictures. The west parlor was decorated in red hearts and marriage bells; lines of them extended across the room from the corners of ceiling and from points between and formed a graceful airy canopy. Vases of rich crimson nasturtiums adorned the mantel, and added much to the gorgeous effect. In this room was displayed the very elegant and costly wedding gifts.

The opposite parlor was the ceremony-room and was festooned in green and white. In a corner was an artistic altar made exclusively of pure Easter lilies, most beautifully massed and arranged. The surrounding walls were elaborately cascaded with white wisteria and running vines. A green and white velvet art square occupied the middle of the room.

A chord from the piano announced the approach of the bridal party. Miss Ivy Crawford presided at the piano and Mr. John Poag accompanied her with the cornet. Mendelssohn's march was impressively rendered. First came Miss Mayme Gregory down the stairs, slowly; and was, after a proper interval, followed by Miss Irene Cunningham, who was in turn followed by Miss Connors Melton, of Columbia. These were the bridesmaids, and were attired in pretty sheer white silks with pink girdles, gloves and slippers, and carried pink carnations. Next came the maid of honor, Miss Elizabeth Charles Connors, sister of the bride. She was gowned in lovely rose colored crepe de chine over taffeta, and carried an armful of pink carnations. Then came the dainty flower-girl, little Miss Nell-Ray Spann, of Columbia, also arrayed in fleecy white with pink sash and ribbons, socks and slippers. Then followed, with measured step, the

bride, leaning on the arm of the dame of honor, her sister, Mrs. J. N. Spann, of Columbia, who was elegantly gowned in lustrous white satin. The bride made a beautiful picture in her robe of exquisite white Liberty satin, en train, and garnished with pearl trimmings, finished with a yoke of real lace. A coronal of wax like orange blossoms caught the voluminous tulle veil, and a "shower" of white carnations and maiden-hair ferns completed the perfect toilet. The groom, in full evening suit, attended by his best man, his brother, Mr. William Moore Patrick, entered from an opposite door and met the bride at the altar. The Episcopal rector of Rock Hill, the Rev. R. Maynard Marshall, officiated; and the impressive and comprehensive Episcopal service stilled every voice and was profoundly uttered, during which "My Dear" was tenderly enunciated by the musicians.

Following congratulations the bridal party, and guests, were conducted into the spacious dining room, which was radiant with vases and stands of mixed, splendid roses. In the center of the table there was an epergne of lilies of the valley. Tempting refreshments were daintily served by pretty young girls, Misses Clarice Knight, of Gastonia, N. C.; Mayme and Bess Jones, Corrine Thomson, Eliza Wylie.

In this room Mesdames Ira B. Jones, W. T. Williams and Waddy R. Thomson presided with ease and affability. As the guests passed out of the opposite door from the one which they entered, Miss Susie Dunlap, of Rock Hill, decorated each with a red heart, clasped with white satin ribbon and bearing the date of the marriage.

In a nearby nook in the hall, Miss Nannie Johnson dispensed luscious punch from a cut-glass punch tureen; and also served dainty peanut sandwiches. The bride, during the afternoon, tossed her bouquet from the landing on the stairs, and it was caught by Miss Mayme Gregory.

The newly married couple left on the evening train to visit the mother of the groom, Mrs. W. J. Orr, of Rock Hill; thence they will go to Caesar's Head and other mountain resorts. The bride is one of Lancaster's most lovable and attractive young ladies; and the groom is a handsome and talented young dentist of Rock Hill.

There were a good many out-of-town guests, among them were Mrs. W. J. Orr, mother of the groom, of Rock Hill; Mrs. R. E. Tompkins, of Rock Hill, aunt of the bride; Mrs. R. L. Mason and Miss Annie Gregory, of Atlanta, Ga.; Miss Susie Dunlap, of Rock Hill; Miss Clarice Knight, of Gastonia; Mrs. J. N. Spann, Mrs. Emma C. Melton, Miss Connors Milton, of Columbia, and Mr. William M. Patrick, brother of the groom, of Rock Hill. F. M. H.

A FEARFUL ACCIDENT.

Mammoth Boiler Explodes at Haile Gold Mine--Supt. Theis Fatally Injured and Three Others Seriously Hurt--Great Destruction of Property.

A fearful disaster occurred at Haile Gold Mine Monday morning about ten o'clock, one of the large boilers at the stamp mill exploding, fatally injuring Mr. Ernest Theis, the popular and efficient superintendent, and seriously hurting three others, Messrs. B. M. Truesdale, J. P. Pitman and Elmore Ogburn, and wrecking the boiler house and mill house and partially destroying the concentrator room. The wounded men were attended by Drs. Gregory, Brasington, Twitty, Cauthen and Swingel, of Kershaw. Mr. Theis, who was burned all over and his skull fractured, succumbed to his injuries yesterday morning at 1.30 o'clock. His body was taken to Charlotte yesterday for interment. The young man had many friends and acquaintances in Lancaster who were deeply shocked and grieved to hear of his tragic end.

The accident is said to have been due to a weak or defective boiler, and the damage to property is estimated to be between \$10,000 and \$15,000.

The Charlotte Observer of yesterday, in which city the parents of young Theis reside, contains the following account of the catastrophe. The death of Mr. Theis occurred, of course, after that paper had gone to press. It will be noted that The Observer states that two boilers exploded. The report received here yesterday was to the effect that only one exploded:

One of the most fearful boiler explosions that ever occurred in South Carolina took place yesterday morning at 9:07 o'clock at the Haile gold mine in Lancaster county, two and one-half miles from Kershaw, when the two 100 horse-power boilers blew up, demolishing the engine house and mammoth stamp mill and seriously injuring four men, one of whom was a son of Capt. and Mrs. A. Thies, of this city.

Other than that the water is supposed to have been allowed to get too low in one of the boilers nothing of a definite nature is known as to the cause of the accident. Boiler No. 1 blew up and one of the flying fragments of iron knocked off the dome of boiler No. 2, which also then exploded. The shock was terrific, its force being very perceptible even in Kershaw, more than two miles away. It simply demolished everything about the place, some of the parts of the boilers being hurled far upon the sides of the adjacent hills. Mr. O. C. Gardner, who happened to be standing behind a post but ten feet away from the boilers, when the catastrophe occurred, was thrown through the side of the engine house and into the stamp mill hard by, and was practically unharmed. The injured are:

THE INJURED.

Mr. Ernest A. Thies, superin-

tendent of the mine, seriously burned about the head and body and face and neck cut by falling debris.

Mr. B. M. Truesdale, badly burned. Mr. J. P. Pitman, engineer, burned and stunned by falling pieces of wood and brick. Not seriously hurt.

Mr. E. M. Ogburn, burned and cut by falling timbers.

The accident took place shortly after 9 o'clock. The engines at the time were running smoothly, apparently performing their accustomed duties in their accustomed way. There was nothing slack so far as any of those about the place could tell to indicate that there was anything wrong. If the water was low in one of the boilers no one was aware of it. Mr. Thies, who happened to be passing through, observed to Mr. Pitman, the engineer, that his clock was four minutes slow and suggested that he move it forward a little. This Mr. Pitman proceeded to do. He stepped up on a box to get at the clock and had just accomplished his mission and was climbing down when the explosion occurred. Mr. Thies was buried beneath the debris, his face being cut by flying bricks and falling timbers and his head and body seriously burned. Messrs. Pitman, Truesdale and Ogburn, the three other men in the building, were also hurled to the floor and almost if not altogether covered by the loose material which fell all about them.

Fortunately Mr. Pittman was not badly stunned though severely burned and he was able to crawl from beneath the wreckage without assistance. Mr. Thies fared much worse, however, for he was rendered unconscious and some time was required to extricate him, 15 minutes at least. Neither Mr. Truesdale nor Mr. Ogburn was seriously injured although their cuts and burns were most painful. Mr. Pitman escaped by a hair's breadth, his call being an exceedingly close one. Mr. Thies suffered the most serious injuries. Doctors were summoned and trained nurses were secured from a distance and everything known to medical science was done to save his life. The physicians are hoping for the best.

HAILE MINE WELL KNOWN.

The Haile gold mine is one of the best known of its kind in the Carolinas. It was operated for a number of years by Capt. A. Thies, of this city, who managed it most successfully. When he left it to retire from active business years ago, he committed its direction to his son, Mr. Ernest A. Thies, who has had it in charge ever since. He has made it prosper as did his father and today the Haile mine is regarded as one of the safest, if any gold mine may be esteemed safe, in the country.

This catastrophe is the most serious that has ever happened in its history. There have been accidents of one kind and another before but not on such a scale as that of yesterday. No estimate as to the damage done the plant can be given until a careful inspection by experts has been made. The engine house and all of its contents were destroyed and the big stamp mill was badly twisted and torn. Yesterday's loss was in the injury inflicted to the faithful employes, particularly the superin-

AN INTERESTING OCCASION

Unveiling of Monument to Sovereign J. F. Snipes by the Woodmen--From 1000 to 1500 Persons Present.

As previously announced in The News, the unveiling of the monument to the late Sovereign John F. Snipes took place at Fork Hill church August 2, 1908. The unveiling ceremonies were performed by the Dixie Camp, No. 282. A large number of Woodmen from all over the county were present and took part in the procession. At half past ten o'clock the procession formed at the Fork Hill Woodmen hall and marched to the church, the Dixie Camp in front, headed by that big, gallant sovereign, Hiram C. Steele, bearing the banner of the Dixie camp, followed by the clerk of Dixie camp, who bore the Pike pole with long, white streamer. When the procession reached the church they were ushered up the aisles in single files amid low strains of music from the organ, by Miss Dorah Hinson. At the rap of the gavel the congregation was seated and listened to a sermon bearing on the tenets of Woodcraft, by Rev. R. Thos. Blackmon. After the unveiling ceremonies at the grave the sovereigns again marched back to the forest of the Fork Hill Camp, where a bountiful dinner was served, having been prepared by the Fork Hill Camp.

The table, about one hundred feet long, was completely loaded with good things to eat--just such things as the good people of Fork Hill Camp know how to prepare. This dinner was only for the Woodmen and their wives, and families, which in number were about three hundred.

The large audience that was present to witness the unveiling ceremonies numbered anywhere from one thousand to fifteen hundred. B. F. Adams,

Clerk Dixie Camp, W. O. W. Lancaster, R. F. D. No. 2.

tendent, rather than the monetary damage done the plant.

Mr. Thies is quite well known in Charlotte where he has frequently visited. As stated, he is a son of Capt. and Mrs. A. Thies, and a brother of Messrs. O. J. Thies and Gus Thies, all of this city. He is a bachelor and one of the most thrifty and energetic business men in South Carolina. It is to be sincerely hoped that he will recover, although his chances are said to be very slim. Mr. O. J. Thies and a local physician and a nurse will go down this morning to see if anything additional can be done.

Excellent Health Advice.

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