

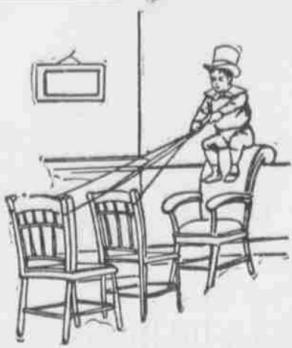
# EVENING HERALD.



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- Ladies' Rockers ..... \$1.00 up
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## Good Coffees. About 1/2 Price.

Choices plain, roasted Coffee, 25c  
Our Fancy Blend at 30c, is a combination of best coffee only.  
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## Fresh Creamery and Dairy Butter To-day.

Don't be Afraid to Try Our **\$3 FLOUR.**  
The quality is all right; it bakes well; makes good, light white bread. We guarantee every barrel of it. Try it and save money.

**At Keiter's.**

## FIVE OF THE VICTIMS DEAD

Dreadful Result of the West Bear Ridge Explosion.

## SEVEN MEN ARE INJURED!

There Were Twelve Victims in All. Four Are at the Miners' Hospital. No More Deaths Expected.

No mine accident in this section of the anthracite region since the accident at Raven Run, when ten men lost their lives, has caused as much sorrow and gloom as has been brought about by the explosion at West Bear Ridge colliery, near Mahanoy Plane, yesterday. The hand of death is felt from Ashland to St. Clair, and the accident is mourned as a most deplorable one. The people of Mahanoy Plane feel the blow with severity and in gathering on the streets to discuss the accident many gave way to their feelings. The people of Girardville are also deeply affected, as she loses one of her best known and most popular citizens, Thomas Durkin, by the accident. Durkin was a brother-in-law of ex-County Commissioner Bowes.

The dead men up to the present time number five. They are Peter Greenbach, St. Clair; Benjamin Redding, Mahanoy Plane; Thomas Durkin, Girardville; Joseph Pitts, Preston Hill, and Peter Kline, Ashland.

The injured men number seven, and are Anthony Myers, William Goff, Edward Davis, William Davis, Daniel Davis, William Minne and John Leamy. The injured men are at the Miners' Hospital at Fountain Springs.

It has been remarked as strange that so many of the leading mine officials should have reached the scene of the explosion in so short a time after it occurred. They were on the ground within three-quarters of an hour after the gas exploded. This was due to a coincidence. The officials had engagements in the ill-fated and neighboring mines yesterday morning and two of them were actually in the mine when the explosion occurred, not being more than 300 yards away from the seat of the fire and the place where the explosion is supposed to have taken place.

John Veith, general mining superintendent for the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company; John Skeath, division superintendent; Rees Tanker, district superintendent, and Mine Inspector William Stein met at the St. Nicholas colliery office at about 9:35 yesterday morning and were just about to leave there for Maple Hill colliery when they heard of the explosion at West Bear Ridge, which occurred shortly after 9 o'clock. The party immediately drove to the colliery and found that Myers, Goff, Minne, Leamy and the two Davis' had been rescued alive. Two of them were in the colliery stable office and were slightly cut about the head. Otherwise they appeared to be all right. The others were in a more critical condition.

The party of officials went down the slope and learned there were five men missing. Several attempts had been made to extinguish the fire, which originated in the north dip monkey from the effects of the explosion, which occurred at about breast No. 36, north dip, third lift, or immediately inside of the first sectional tunnel crossing from one dip to the other. Right over this sectional tunnel a tunnel is driven connecting the north and south dips, as a return airway common to both dips. Finding that the efforts which had been put forth gave no satisfactory results in extinguishing the fire the rescuing party of workmen turned their attention to recovering the bodies of Greenbach, Redding, Durkin, Pitts and Kline. The attempt to put out the fire was made first because it was deemed necessary to extinguish it in order to recover the bodies. The latter attempt was made by reversing the air current, which enabled the workmen to get into the north dip monkey, with some difficulty, and they found the bodies of Redding, Greenbach, Durkin and Pittz in the order named.

The rescuing party pushed on its work as the recovered bodies were taken out on stretchers by other men. Two additional manways were opened to admit sufficient air, and shortly after Kline's body was found.

With the exception of those of Redding and Greenbach, none of the bodies seemed to be burned much. Redding and Greenbach were burned about the head and face. The top of Durkin's head was missing, which was no doubt caused by the concussion following the explosion. All the bodies were more or less cut, but evidently more by concussion than other wise. Kline's body was stripped of all its clothing and the boots were blown clean off one of the other bodies. When four of the remains were recovered the heads were rapped in the shirts, the garments having been forced up like balloons by the concussion.

Superintendent Veith took personal charge of the rescuing party as soon as he reached the mine and conducted the work until all the bodies were recovered.

There were some additional explosions just before the rescuing party started its work, but they did not amount to much. After the bodies had been recovered

Superintendent Veith gave instructions to his officials by which they could commence extinguishing the fire. Many of the officials expressed an opinion that this could be accomplished by this morning, but the fire was still raging to-day. The method resorted to in the attempts to put out the fire is by pouring water upon it. The hose of the Mahanoy Plane, Mahanoyville and Gilberton fire companies is in use and the lines are attached to the pumps inside and laid along the gangway, up the chute, into the monkey. All necessary preparations were made to keep the gas from the men engaged in this work, that is to supply them with plenty of fresh air.

As to the cause of the explosion, it is a matter of conjecture; but it is reasonable to suppose that when breast No. 32 was running, on the south dip, it caused a certain displacement of a considerable quantity of gas, which was discharged into the monkey and out through the air tunnel to the north dip, where the twelve men were working, and must have either blown the flame through the gauze of the safety lamps and ignited the gas, or caused an ignition in the meantime difficult to explain.

All the men in the colliery were working with safety lamps. These twelve men were employed in sections in enlarging the monkey, a work that is going on at all times by reason of a continual gradual subsidence, which is always the case in the steep angle veins, and especially where the colliery is being worked almost in the footwall of the basin.

Major Heber S. Thompson and Inspector John Grainger had a close shave. They were at the face of the south dip gangway when the explosion occurred examining the general condition of the mine. They passed some of the injured men on their way out, but remained in the mine until all the bodies were recovered. Major Thompson was a very serious looking man. It was one of the closest calls he ever had, his experiences in the civil war not excepted, and they were of by no means a tame character.

A report from the Miners' Hospital at Fountain Springs to-day stated that four of the men injured at West Bear Ridge are still confined there and, while the injuries are serious, the victims are doing well and their chances for recovery are good. These men are William Goff, of Ashland, aged 45 years; William Minne, of Ashland, aged 44 years; Anthony Myers, of Girardville, aged 41 years; and John Leamy, of Mahanoy Plane, aged 51 years. Goff, Minne and Myers suffer from severe burns of the scalp, face, neck, hands and forearms.

Leamy is the worst injured. He sustained severe lacerations of the scalp, face, ears, hands and forearms, a simple fracture of the ulna, a small bone in one of his forearms, severe abrasions of the face and contusions of the legs. His escape from death was miraculous.

## The Fire Is Out.

Special to the HERALD.  
MAHANOY PLANE, Feb. 19.—The fire in West Bear Ridge colliery is extinguished. Operations have been resumed in the mines, except in that part where the explosion occurred.

Dance at Robbins' Opera House, Thursday evening. Schoppe Orchestra of ten pieces.

## "The Dazzler."

A large audience was dazzled and pleased by "The Dazzler" at the Stone Opera house last evening. The comedy has been changed somewhat for the better since its last production in this city and the company which appeared in it last evening is the best that has played farce comedy in this city this season.—Binghampton, N. Y., Republican. "The Dazzler" will appear at the theatre this evening.

## Mrs. Titman Buried.

The funeral of Mrs. Mary M. Titman took place at two o'clock this afternoon from her late residence, on East Coal street, and was attended by a large number of town people and residents of other places. There were many very beautiful floral offerings. Rev. William Powick officiated at the funeral service, which was held at the residence. Messrs. Charles Hooks, John Senior, John West, Isaac Connelk, J. J. Price and A. H. Roads were the pall bearers. The remains were interred in the Odd Fellows' cemetery.

## Peddlers Arrested.

Simon Seige' was arrested in town yesterday by County Detective Amour for peddling without a license. He was discharged by Justice Williams upon paying the costs.

Anthony Simon, an Arabian, was arrested at Wm. Penn yesterday by Detective Amour for peddling. He was discharged upon paying the costs and promising to give up peddling in Wm. Penn.

Oysters and clams in all styles at No. 11 West Centre street. Milk supplied to families.

M. J. BEGLEY, Prop.

Died.

O'HARA.—On the 18th inst., at Shenandoah, Pa., Mary, widow of Michael O'Hara. Funeral will take place on Friday, 22nd inst., High Mass at the Annunciation church at 9 a. m. Interment in the Annunciation cemetery. Relatives and friends respectfully invited to attend.

Attend the dance of the Schoppe orchestra in Robbins' Opera House, Thursday evening, 21st inst.

## BATTLE OF THE BALLOTS

Strong Vote Being Polled in all the Wards.

## PROTEST IN THE FIRST!

The Democratic Election Board Refused to Recognize the Authority of Overseers Appointed by the Court.

The battles of the ballots are on in town and in some wards they are red-hot. The Democrats are making the hardest fight of their lives, and if they do not retain a majority in the Borough Council and School Board through the present election it will not be because they have not schemed in every imaginable work and strained their nerves to do so. In nerve strain they have been especially active, and some of the tricks they have resorted to are so audacious as to almost command admiration. They have not been confident during the day, however, except in the First ward, and in that camp the Tiger's tail stands straight in the air supported by the confidence that his party will whip the ticket 3 to 1. The Citizens party workers were making no boasts. They were calm and reserved. Only one ventured to say that there was a surprise in store. Councilman "Jimmy" Kane was among the confident Democrats. He ventured the prediction that his ticket would snow down the opposition.

The election in this ward promises to lead to investigations and proceedings in court. One of the strangest part of the affairs at this poll was the apparent disregard of the election law regarding a supply of sample ballots. Members of the Citizens party claim that somebody destroyed the sample ballots that were placed at the poll.

The greatest complaint is against the action of the election board in dealing with the Overseers appointed by the court. It appears that the Citizens party petitioned the court to appoint two Overseers and the attorney submitted the names of F. C. Reese, Republican, and Michael Sullivan, Democrat. The court appointed F. C. Reese and Maurice Morrison. This morning these gentlemen appeared at the poll and presented their certificates of appointment to conduct the election. Judge of Election Mullahy and Majority Inspector Lally decided that the Overseers could not remain in the room and they were ejected.

It was authoritatively stated to-day that proceedings against the board will be instituted to-morrow morning. It was not stated what the nature of the proceedings would be, but it is certain that an effort will be made to at least test the weight of the court's order with an election board.

The vote up to noon to-day in the several wards was pretty well up to the high-water mark. In the First ward there were 193 polled. This was considered a big vote. In the Second 118 were polled, in the Third 163, in the Fourth 184 and 170 in the Fifth.

In the Third ward the fight for Councilman is very hot and close, but the friends of Candidate James expressed confidence that they would land him safely. The fight in the Fifth ward was described as nip-and-tuck by leading men of both parties. In the Fourth ward the Citizens candidates were confident of success.

## Obituary.

Mrs. Mary O'Hara, widow of Michael O'Hara, died this morning at her residence on North White street from Bright's disease, from which she had suffered for about four months. The deceased and her husband were among the first settlers of the town. She was a woman who enjoyed the esteem of all her acquaintances and was of a wholesome and most pleasing disposition. There are surviving four sons, Dr. P. H. O'Hara, the county almshouse physician; Michael J., James and Arthur, and four daughters, Katie, Nellie, Maggie and Mary. The funeral will take place at 10 o'clock on Friday morning.

## Notice.

Shenandoah Tribe, 155, Imp. O. R. M., will move on Friday, Feb. 15th, 1895, from Refowich's hall to Eagan's hall, corner Main and Centre streets, and will meet every alternate Wednesday, commencing Wednesday evening, Feb. 27th, 1895, at 7 o'clock.

LEWIS HUGHES, S.

THOMAS BELLIS, C. of R. 14 19-21-30

## Should be Attended to.

The roadway of North Main street, between Lloyd and Coal streets, is in such a condition as to require the immediate attention of the borough authorities. A horse yesterday fell into a hole between the railroad of the Traction Company's track, and a farmer lost goods from his wagon at the same place on the same day.

Dabb has removed his gallery to Hoffman's old stand, West Centre street.

## Take Notice.

No steamed oysters at the Scheffler House before Wednesday, February 29th. There was such a demand on Saturday night that the stock ran out. The bar is supplied with the best refreshments in the county.

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## KNIGHTS OF THE GOLDEN EAGLE.

The Ninth Anniversary of the Local Castle Celebrated.

The members of Anthracite Castle, No. 74, Knights of the Golden Eagle, celebrated the ninth anniversary of the organization in Refowich's hall last evening. The attendance was large and the entertainment afforded was very much enjoyed. The program consisted of vocal and instrumental music and literary exercises. The report of the Master of Records was an important feature, as it was the first made since the castle was instituted. The comic singing by Messrs. Patterson, Hughes, Jacobs and Reese was loudly enjoyed. Refreshments were served and added materially to the pleasure of the evening. The report of the Master of Records showed the following list of original officers of the castle: T. M. Greenwood, P. C. and Representative; U. C. G. W. Johnson; V. C., Martin T. Lawlor; S. H., John Ruffing; H. P., William B. Brown; V. H., William A. Thomas; M. of R., John F. James; C. of E., Roll W. Sheeler; K. of E., Marshal Myers; W. B. G. H. Goodhead; W. C., Henry Warnick; Ensign, Walter S. Johnson; Esquire, Conrad Wink; First Guardsman, Harry Owens; Second Guardsman, James Thomas; Trustees, P. D. Holman, T. M. Greenwood and Henry Warnick.

The following were also charter members: James Phillips, Joshua Richardson, William Gillilan, V. Hains, James Goodhead, L. C. Erdman, Mart. Sheeler, James Britton, James Kitto, May Zimmerman, D. J. Williams, James Reagan, John A. Wood, Silas S. Gay, August Strunk, Wesley Taylor, Samuel O'Donald, John W. Weeks, I. Eisenhower, David H. James, L. L. Parker, Julius Palmer, Oscar Weader, Michael Brown, D. Brown, William Alincham and Gomer T. Jones.

The following disbursements have been made during the nine years: Sick benefits, \$4,277; funerals, \$1,300; nurse hire, \$71.80; donations, \$148; working expenses, \$2,900; investments, \$1,512.50; total, \$10,204.16. Balance on hand, \$322.30. Average amount per term, \$366.89. It is questionable whether any other society in the town has paid out as much for benefits as this one has.

The membership report made was as follows: Initiated during the nine years, 240; suspended, 98; deceased, 8; expelled, 4; withdrawn, 3; total loss, 113; present membership, 127.

The financial standing of the castle up to January 1st, 1895, as reported by the Master of Records, E. D. Beddall, is as follows: Cash on hand, \$322.30; invested in school bonds, \$300; in borough bonds, \$500; in saving funds, \$702.50; paraphernalia, \$300; total assets, \$2,124.80.

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