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M. HILLER DRAGGED 500 FEET

Irasculous Escape of Carley Brook Young Man—Half of Skull Laid Bare—Pinned Underneath Bobsleighs in Runaway.

William Hiller, a lad of 16 years, amateur for his father who is employed at the Penwarden Acid factory, Carley Brook, miraculously escaped having his brains dashed out on the road last Friday afternoon, for a distance of 500 feet young Hiller was pinned underneath heavy bobsleighs and dragged over the icy road, his head striking and bobbing long over the sharp pinnacles of ice until his scalp was cut from the forehead to the crown and laid bare.

Young Hiller was drawing acid wood from the woods nearby and had started for the factory. The highway was very icy, but Hiller managed to keep on the road until he came to a short steep hill above the home of Mrs. William Penwarden. When at this point the rear bobs slurred to the right and the load was precipitated over the embankment. Hiller claims that he was walking at the time and had one hand on the load, while with the other he held the reins. When the crash came the bobs went part way over the bank and then came back.

The runaway team was stopped by Edward Day, another teamster. In the employ of Mr. Penwarden. Assistance was given and young Hiller was extricated from his perilous position. He was conscious all the time, but says he cannot remember how he got from the road into Mrs. William Penwarden's yard. He was taken into her house and Dr. L. B. Nielsen was called. Fourteen stitches were taken in Hiller's head. The skin laid down over the head to within an inch from the ear.

An examination was made but no broken bones were found. Along the road over which the runaway passed were found blood and tufts of hair from Hiller's head, indicating that he had come in contact with the ground in several places.

Dr. Nielsen told a Citizen representative that it was as bad a laceration of the scalp as he had seen since coming from college. The lad took no anaesthetic while receiving medical attention. He is doing as nicely as can be expected. Young Hiller is a son of William Hiller of Carley Brook.

UMBRELLA FRIGHTENS HORSE-- RESULTS IN ITS DEATH

Frank C. Bunnell While Descending Hill Meets With Accident— Horse Valued at \$300.

A large umbrella upon the farm wagon of Frank C. Bunnell frightened his horse which resulted in one of the team falling and breaking its neck last Monday morning.

Mr. Bunnell, who lives on a hill a short distance from the main road, near Bunnelltown, left his home with two cans of milk and was bound for Borden's. After he had gone a short distance from the house the off horse took fright at the large umbrella Mr. Bunnell had raised, as it was snowing at the time. The horse shied to one side of the road, opposite a large rock. The wagon struck the rock, demolished the wheel and Mr. Bunnell and milk were thrown to the ground.

The team, which had become badly frightened, sprang forward and continued its run down the icy hill. Near the bottom of the hill, near Weidner's house, stands a maple tree. Into this both horses crashed. The off horse fell and broke its neck, while its mate freed itself and ran to the main road, where it was caught by neighbors. Mrs. W. T. Mitchell witnessed the runaway from her home and immediately telephoned to the Bunnell home, enlightening them of the accident. Miss May Bunnell responded. When she arrived she found her father upon his feet and apparently none the worse for his shock.

There were no marks on the killed horse. It is presumed that he died of a broken neck or from fright. Mr. Bunnell places his loss at \$300. He refused \$600 for the matched team a few days ago.

BASKET BALL.

On Friday night last the "Rink Five" sprang a big surprise on the Alerts by beating the latter on their own floor. This makes two games out of three, won by the Rink team, and gives them the advantage in the series, and if they win Tuesday night (to-night) at the Rink it will end the series. This series has aroused more interest than any one this year as the teams are so evenly matched. Rumors of a great deal of betting on the result of the series are current. Probably the largest crowd of the season will see the game to-night at the Rink. The score last Friday was 13 to 11.

The German Catholic club defeated the High school in an exciting game at the High school last Friday night. The score at the end of the second half was a tie, 18 to 18. In the play-off the G. C. boys won out 18 to 20.

The Comets defeated the second Rink Five in a preliminary game the same night.

NEWSPAPER MAN DEAD.

Former Owner of Forest City News Passes Away—Born in Lake Como.

James A. Brown, a well known resident of Forest City, died at his home there on Thursday after a week's illness, caused by pneumonia. The funeral was held on Sunday afternoon at 1 o'clock from the church at Forest City and interment was made in Uniondale cemetery. Mr. Brown was born in Lake Como, Wayne county, on October 28, 1863. When a youth his parents moved to Hancock, N. Y., where he was engaged as a printer on the Hancock Herald, and in the fall of 1887 he went to Forest City where in partnership with his brother, J. M. Brown, he established the Forest City News. He remained with this paper ten years. Since 1898 he had been employed by the Hillside Coal and Iron company. He was one of the organizers of the Enterprise Hose company and for many years an active member. He was also identified with the First Aid organization of the Hillside company. He was a well read man, whole-hearted and companionable, with a wide acquaintance and counted the major portion of his home community his friends.

Deceased was united in marriage to Hattie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John McLaughlin, of Forest City, and she with seven children survive him. In their affliction the family has the sympathy of the whole community in which he lived. He is also survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. Brown; two sisters, Mrs. W. J. Maxey, Miss Mamie Brown; two brothers, John M. Brown and Thos. Brown, Jr., all of Forest City.

MRS. FRIEDEWALD RECITES.

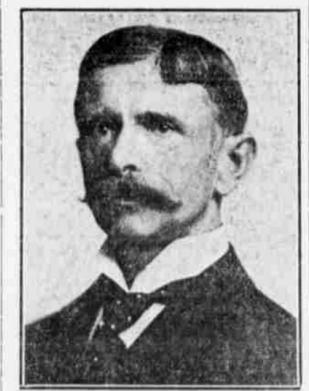
Fashionable Audience Hears the "Riders of the Sea" and the "Far Away Princess."

Mrs. Salo Friedewald, of Scranton, the talented reader, entertained a fair-sized audience of book lovers at the High school building on Saturday afternoon. The meeting lasted one hour and closed in time for Mrs. Friedewald to leave for Scranton on the 4:40 train. Mrs. Friedewald is a splendid speaker and her recitals are both helpful and instructive as well as entertaining. Her first recital on Saturday afternoon was on the "Riders of the Sea," a story by J. M. Synge, of a mother who has lost her sons on the sea, who is overwrought by the deep tragedy of life so that she is called to showing grief when the news of her last son's death is broken to her. The deep tragedy underlying the simple lives of the people was well brought out in the recital. A poem, "Lost Love," by Andrew Lang, was read, after which Mrs. Friedewald recited the "Far Away Princess," a story in one act, written by Herman Suderman. In her comment on the works of Suderman, she says: "It is these one-act things that strike the high note of the success of Suderman." In the "Far Away Princess" she brings out the thought that it is the unattainable which makes us happy, the unfulfilled desire, the longing, that makes us reach out to that far away ideal.

HOMER GREENE THE MAN

Has Filed Nomination Papers for National Delegate of Fourteenth Congressional District.

Homer Greene, Esq., has filed his petition with the county commissioners, setting forth that he is a candidate for delegate to the National Republican Convention from the Fourteenth Congressional district of Pennsylvania. The convention will



HOMER GREENE, ESQ.

he held at Chicago on June 18. Mr. Greene is well and favorably known in the different counties composing this congressional district, and his ability and integrity is such that he can be depended upon, if elected, to voice the sentiment of the public and people in the selection of a candidate for President.

Must Secure Chauffeur Licenses.

"Every person who operates a motor vehicle whether he only does it as a part of his duty or not, must take out a chauffeur license," says State Highway Commissioner E. M. Bigelow.

"This is the direct provision in the automobile license law and I have determined to enforce it. Persons who fail to take out licenses and who operate automobiles of any description will run the risk of being arrested," continued the commissioner. Orders to this effect will be issued by the commissioner at once.

REV. W. B. SIGNOR, WHO MYSTERIOUSLY DISAPPEARED LAST JULY, HEARD FROM

WROTE A LETTER TO HIS FATHER IN DOWNSVILLE, N. Y., IN WHICH HE STATED HE IS WITH A BAND OF ROBBERS WHO SAND-BAGGED HIM IN SCRANTON LAST JULY.

[SPECIAL TO THE CITIZEN.]

DOWNSVILLE, Feb. 27.—Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Signor of this place are in the possession of a letter purported to be written them by their son, Rev. Watson B. Signor, who so mysteriously disappeared from Orson, Wayne county, Pa., where he had a charge, being pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church at that place. This is the first message received from their son since his disappearance last July.

In his letter, it is alleged, that he is with a band of highwaymen and has been with them since leaving Scranton. He says that after he left his wife and son that he was sand-bagged, a bag placed over his head and that was the last that he realized anything until he awoke in Cincinnati, Ohio. He states that he was then told that he was a captive and would have to do as he was bade. From Cincinnati Rev. Signor writes, it is alleged, that he will go to Milwaukee with his captors, where a hold-up is expected to take place. Mr. Signor claimed that he is held in close confinement when not out with the gang. He claimed that he was writing the letter in a lavatory of a hotel and had a boy waiting to mail it for him. Stated that he was watched very closely and that the highwaymen would give

him liberty after he had been with them two years.

Mr. and Mrs. Signor are glad to hear that their son is alive, but are hoping and praying that he might be delivered out of the hands of his enemies.

Rev. Watson B. Signor, at the time of his disappearance in Scranton July 10, 1911, was pastor of the Orson Methodist Episcopal church. He accompanied his family to Scranton that afternoon, leaving them at 5:30 o'clock. Not a word has been heard from Mr. Signor nor the slightest clue obtained of his whereabouts since he registered a package at the Lackawanna Laundry, Scranton, last summer, until the letter claimed to have been received by his father, Vincent Signor, in Downssville, Sullivan county, N. Y., a few days ago.

DR. COOK MAKES SEVERE CHARGES AGAINST PEARY

In His Lecture at the Lyric Monday Night—Audience Was Impressed and the Doctor Was Heartily Applauded.

Dr. Frederick A. Cook, the arctic explorer, delivered his illustrated lecture on his alleged attainment of the North Pole last Monday evening in the Lyric.

A select audience braved the inclement weather to listen to the man who claims to have been farther north than any other explorer. When Dr. Cook appeared he was given a prolonged and hearty applause.

He asked that his audience act as a jury, stating incidentally that perhaps there was a sufficient number present to constitute that jury. Dr. Cook, however, ought not to have felt the frost in the audience, coming from the polar regions as he did, where the mercury registered 80 degrees below zero.

Dr. Cook's delivery was hampered by a heavy cold. His lecture was illustrated by photos taken by himself and portrayed the entire journey to the pole from the start to the finish. Several of the slides were colored and were true to nature.

The speaker was not gifted with oratory, but presented his narrative in common English, so that a child might understand. He made railing accusations against Commodore Peary, which if he has not positive proofs, would be unable to make in public.

Dr. Cook in his lecture based his claims as to having reached the pole on the fact that after the long and tedious journey to the North he and his two companions reached a point where by standing erect their bodies cast the same length of shadows morning, noon and night, and where the sun hung as low as eighteen degrees. This was the only place on that great journey that this was found. They spent two days, or 48 hours at this point, made careful observations, and became fully convinced by the shadows cast by the sun that they had reached the top of the world.

"Arm chair geographers can put a pin on the identical spot where the pole is located," said Dr. Cook, "but at the time of year when the pole can be reached no living man can locate the identical spot in that great place of silence, with only a floor of snow and ice for a foundation upon which to work. I claim that when we reached that point where our shadows were the same length morning, noon and night, we were as near the exact location of the pole as it is possible to get, and any arctic explorer or person qualified to say, will tell you the same, and therefore I claim the honor of having been the first to reach the North Pole."

Dr. Cook severely arraigned Commander Peary, and told of his last trip to the Polar regions, of his fine equipment including two great ships fitted out at public expense, even the school children contributing toward the fund, and for the purpose on Peary's part of hunting fur bearing animals and carrying on a trade which was very profitable.

"Year in and year out ships went into the polar regions and came back again," said Dr. Cook, "bringing thousands of dollars worth of furs, and all the while the public was donating for this private enterprise. Peary would still be making trips to the polar regions and still reaping a harvest had I not made an honest endeavor and succeeded in reaching the North Pole," declared Dr. Cook.

He told of Peary's treatment of Franke, who was found on the rocks 25 miles from Dr. Cook's base of supplies which he had been left in charge of; of Franke going aboard Peary's ship and asking for coffee, being refused and put off the vessel; of Peary learning of Franke's guardianship of the Cook supplies, and then taking him back on board the vessel, giving him whiskey, and afterwards taking Cook's supplies and furs, the whole being valued at \$35,000. "He would have been hung for doing that in a mining

camp," said Dr. Cook. He made more serious charges against Peary which startled the audience to say the least, and said he was ready and would prove them to their satisfaction.

He told of Peary's coming to the telegraph station at Labrador long after he (Cook) had wired the world of his discovery of the pole; of Peary taking a copy of his proofs led there, taking them back into the hills, and coming back a week later, filing at the telegraph office proofs which followed so closely those of Dr. Cook that scientific men remarked about the sameness.

Dr. Cook paid his respects to the National Geographical Society and informed the audience that any one within hearing of his voice, or any person on the streets, could become a member of that great National Geographical Society by the payment of \$2. He also told of submitting his proofs to the University of Copenhagen and the report that "positive proof had not been made." He said that positive proof of having been at the identical spot designated as the pole is impossible to get.

Then he took up the Mt. McKinley incident and used that as an illustration to show the great campaign that has been waged to discredit him. He declared that he climbed Mt. McKinley and reached the top and that Burrill was with him, and that Burrill told it for over three years, and took delight in claiming half the glory. He also told of the bribe that were offered Burrill to make an affidavit that they had not climbed Mt. McKinley; of his refusal of \$1,000, and finally the acceptance of that which was equal to \$25,000. Dates, places and people who witnessed the attempts at bribery, all were given without hesitancy. Dr. Cook said that he is ready to back up his claims with reasonable proofs, with his own money, and "with my fists if necessary," he concluded. "If these statements are not true, then the prison doors will open for me," he said.

In closing he said that all he asks is fair play, which he is sure the great American people will give him. "I don't want to be a rear admirer; I don't want any unearned pay from the government; I don't want congress to present me with any medals, or the politicians to fix things up for me; all I want is the credit for what I honestly strived to accomplish and which I succeeded in doing, and that is being the first to reach the North Pole, and I believe that I will be accorded this honor by the people of the world."

The majority of the people in the audience left the theatre with the feeling that in the years to come Dr. Cook will be the acknowledged discoverer of the North Pole, if any one is credited with that distinction.

Only one other Arctic explorer beside Dr. Cook has visited Honesdale, and that was Bayard Taylor. He came here in 1860 and told of his visits among the Laplanders, Norwegian and Swedish people. Explorer Taylor was a pedestrian. He traveled all through Germany. He was born in 1825 and died in 1878.

BARN BURNS MONDAY NIGHT.

During the storm of Monday night the barn belonging to Rudolph Heinle, at Cochection Center, was struck by lightning and entirely consumed. There was no stock in the barn at the time but a quantity of hay was lost. The barn stood apart from the other buildings on the farm. The lightning struck the barn some time during the night without the family of Rudolph Heinle knowing anything of it until Tuesday morning when they saw the mass of ruins.

COMING EVENTS

The Damascene Ladies' Aid society of the Baptist church will hold a supper at the home of William B. Yerkes, near Milanville, on Thursday evening, Feb. 29. Proceeds to apply on paragon furnace fund. Everybody invited.

The Midnight Sons will hold their annual ball at the Lyric on the evening of April 9, 1912.

FATHER JOHN O'TOOLE ADDRESSES MEMBERS OF K. OF C.

One Hundred K. of C.'s Attend in a Body—Narrates History of our Country From Time of Its Discovery by Columbus.

At the 10:30 service at St. John's R. C. church on Sunday the Knights of Columbus of Honesdale enjoyed an eloquent sermon by the pastor, Rev. Father John O'Toole. The Knights, a hundred in number, met at their hall in the Keystone block and marched to the church in a body. Father O'Toole is an eloquent and forceful speaker and his hearers were well repaid for their attendance. He chose for his subject, "God Guides Mankind in the Great Crises of History." He traced the wonderful growth of our country from the discovery, by Columbus to the present day, rendering glowing tribute to the deeds of Catholic patriots as they have been recorded on the pages of history. He portrayed Columbus in his modesty in not naming the new continent after himself, his difficulties and his sufferings and finally his success through the aid of Queen Isabella. He said in part: "Although there were Irish navigators, like St. Brendan, and Danish warriors, like Ericson, who antedated Columbus in making settlements on this continent, it was Columbus alone, who opened it to the world and to him, therefore, is due the glory and tribute from posterity. The three most illustrious and immortal figures on the first page of American history are a lady, a sailor, and a monk, typifying Faith, Hope and Charity. The most important page of history during modern times was the discovery of America, the next important page of history was the American Revolution. The people threw down the rule of George III, and raised up the rule of the people. Liberty is God's greatest gift to man. Christian liberty is freedom to do good for the Lord's sake and for the sake of man. Civil liberty, religious freedom and the education of the people make the life blood of this republic." The Stars and Stripes are the eloquent and emblazonment of human liberty. He brought in incidents of the great Civil war, painting the deeds of Grant and Sheridan and the deeds of the Catholic heroes whose work is recorded in the pages of history from the time of the discovery by Columbus. As a whole it was a very able address and brought out the fact that a great many Catholic people were foremost in the development of this great country of ours.

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HONESDALE WOMEN VOTE ON WOMAN SUFFRAGE

Only One in a Representative Party Favors Right to Vote—Improvement Association Hold Interesting Session.

Women Suffrage was discussed at the Improvement meeting, Monday, after a letter had been received from a New York lady who wants to come to Honesdale and give an address on "Woman's Rights." The letter was read by Miss Caroline Petersen, who presented the matter before the members for a vote. Of the number present only one vote was cast in the affirmative. Evidently Honesdale is not ready for women to vote.

The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. W. B. Holmes and a goodly number of members were in attendance.

A very favorable report was made from members having given chain telegrams to the association with \$5.50, it being the largest amount ever to have been given at one time. It was stated that the end of the chain teas was not yet.

Back dooryard cleaning up was discussed and action was taken in requesting the people to get their properties in a sanitary condition. A communication was received by the chairman of the State Civic committee, which contained considerable valuable information. Many questions were also asked.

A letter was received from the Bell Telephone company in which the management stated that the few poles that were not painted would be given attention in the spring. The association hopes that the Consolidated Telephone company will follow suit.

It was suggested by a visiting lady that an ice skating park be made in Honesdale for the pleasure of the school children and young people. The river often times contains air holes and makes skating dangerous. Central Park was suggested as a possible place. It is claimed that flooding the ground does not injure the trees nor grass. The idea, it was expressed, will be carried out, if possible, in Honesdale next winter.

Mrs. Edward Murtha Dead.

Mrs. Edward Murtha died at her home on Grove street on Tuesday morning, at the age of 48 years. Mary E. Bracey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Bracey, was born in Honesdale on October 28, 1863. She is survived by twelve children: Joseph, electrician on the U. S. S. New Hampshire; Edward, John, William, Elizabeth, Florence, Raymond, Adelaide, Harriet, Alice, Agnes and Austin. She is also survived by her husband, Edward Murtha, her father, John Bracey, three brothers, James, William and Thomas, all of Honesdale, and one sister, Mrs. John Pelt, of Brooklyn, N. Y. The funeral services will be held at St. John's R. C. church at 10:30 on Thursday morning. Rev. Father John O'Toole, officiating. Interment will be made in St. John's Catholic cemetery.

TROUBLE IN MEXICO

Cowboys and Mexicans in Battle—One Killed—Rebels Also Fighting. (Special to The Citizen.)

El Paso, Tex., Feb. 27.—A band of American cowboys and a score of Mexican Rebels engaged in a battle on the Nelson Morris ranch opposite Sierra Blanca sometime this morning. The outcome of the battle is not yet known. The Mexicans came to the ranch and ordered saddles and guns which the Americans refused. The Mexicans fired upon the Americans and kept it up for some time. One of the number killed was a Mexican blacksmith. The rebels have attacked the city of Juarez.

A bulletin from Mexican City, Juraz, on the Rio Grande river was received this afternoon. It says:

Surrendered to the Rebel forces at 10 a. m. to-day. Had a short skirmish. Four hundred citizens of the Madero government are guarding the city. The people were located upon the housetops and when the rebels went past the citizens fired upon them. Governor Campa then made an effort to restore peace.

BANDITS ARRESTED.

Trio Who Stole \$25,000 From Messenger Caught Through the Agency of a Woman. (Special to The Citizen.)

New York, Feb. 27.—Three bandits, Edward Kinsman, Jeff Abruzzo, and Gene Montanio, who held up two messengers of the East River National Bank two weeks ago and robbed them of \$25,000, were arrested in their boarding house last night. They were given a hearing and held without bail.

Their arrest was made through the cleverness of Mrs. Goodwin, wife of a former Police Sergeant, who hired out as a dishwasher in the boarding house where the bandits stayed.

Montanio, who was the driver of the taxicab, kept company with a woman by the name of Hoyt. They had some trouble and Montanio had nothing more to do with his former sweetheart. Miss Hoyt told Mrs. Goodwin about the holdup, which led to the arrest.

DISTURBANCE AT LAWRENCE.

President Taft Orders Investigation Among Strikers—Another Strike is Feared. (Special to The Citizen.)

Lawrence, Mass., Feb. 27.—Five girl strike pickets stationed at the Lawrence Mill here were arrested to-day on a charge of disorderly conduct. The situation is very alarming and there is a possibility of another strike.

President Taft has ordered an investigation. The Senate is also expected to take some action.

OLYMPIC DISABLED.

Largest Vessel Afloat Impaired—No One Injured. (Special to The Citizen.)

South Hampton, England, Feb. 27.—The Olympiac was partially disabled in the ocean today by one of its propellers striking a sunken ship. The first report stated that several persons were drowned, but wireless messages received since claim that no one is injured. The Olympiac is the largest vessel afloat.

Miner's Demands Likely to be Refused.

(Special to The Citizen.)

New York, Feb. 27.—The Mine Workers and Operators went into conference here this afternoon at 2 o'clock. It is believed that the operators will refuse the demands of the miners.

34 YEARS AN ENGINEER.

Michael F. Fritz, the veteran railroad man of this place, celebrated his thirty-fourth year as an engineer on Thursday last and as a fitting celebration of the event he attended the Martha Washington supper at the Presbyterian church.

Mr. Fritz is a man of 58 years of age and has been a resident of Honesdale for about five years, having been a resident of Port Jervis before coming here. About a year ago Mr. Fritz was credited with a clear record and as a reward his name was put on the engine he now drives. By a clear record is meant that he has never been called to the office, never passed a signal, never disobeyed orders and never had a wreck. The Erie has this way of showing their appreciation of good work and every man who can show clear record and as a reward his honor.

Michael F. Fritz was born in Corning, N. Y., on September 14, 1853. Since July 9, 1869, when he began his railroad career as a brakeman, he has been in the service of the Erie up to the present or for 43 years. He has been a brakeman, a flagman, a conductor, and lastly an engineer. It was in this last capacity that he served thirty-four years. Mr. Fritz has the run from Honesdale to Lackawanna. Before coming to Honesdale he had the run from Susquehanna, Pa., to Port Jervis, N. Y. This is a remarkable record and his many friends both here and in the railroad circles congratulate him.

Sold Their Lumber Lands.

The Goodyear Lumber company have sold their lumber holdings to the Norwich Lumber company for \$3,500,000. The properties are located in Cameron, Potter and Clearfield counties.