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GROUND UNDER TRAIN WHEELS

Two Men Met Death On Conkling Crossing On Lackawanna Tuesday Morning.

GRUESOME DISCOVERY MADE

First Known of Accident Was When Train Reached Binghamton and Evidences Were Apparent on Wheels and Sides of Cars.

(By Associated Press.)
Binghamton, Dec. 19.—Alpheus Finch and W. H. Coy were ground to pieces beneath the wheels of two Lackawanna passenger trains early this morning. The trains struck their buggy at Conkling crossing.

The first known of the accident was when Lackawanna passenger train No. 7 pulled into the local station this morning at 1.05 o'clock, and the car inspectors made the gruesome discovery of pieces of human flesh, pieces of clothing and splashes of blood clinging to the trucks and the sides of the cars.

On the forward truck on the right hand side of the baggage car, which was attached directly back of the engine, was found the remnants of an overcoat and on the rear of the last passenger coach were found pieces of a suit case; while pieces of flesh and blood were conspicuous all along the right side of the train.

According to the engineer of the train, he has no knowledge of striking any man en route from Scranton; but near Conkling, he felt the train being given a jolt. The train was traveling at the time at the rate of a mile a minute. The light falling snow blowing blindly into the engineer's eyes, trainmen say, would prevent him from perceiving any object in the path of the train while traveling in the darkness and also at such a rate of speed.

The train was in charge of Conductor Woodruff, of Binghamton.

PICKED UP OWN ARM.

Flucky Young Man Then Watched the Surgeons Dress His Injuries.

Picking up his right arm, that had been severed by the wheels of an O. & W. train, under which he had fallen in the Norwich yard, Andrew Hartson, of Sidney, carried the severed member to the railroad roundhouse and asked that some one assist him in getting to a hospital.

When he was placed on an operating table to have the injury dressed, he requested the surgeons not to give him an anesthetic, and he coolly looked on while the crushed shreds of flesh and bone were cut away, without losing consciousness during the operation.

Hartson is 21 years old, and with a companion from Sidney, he jumped onto an O. & W. train in Sydney to "steal a ride" to Norwich. As the train was entering the Norwich yard young Hartson was walking on top of a freight car, when he slipped under the running board and fell under the car so that the wheels of most of the cars passed over his arm.

A FORGER IN PIKE COUNTY.

Man Arrested at Scranton for Passing Worthless Checks.

Otto E. Frisbie, who lives in Pike county, near Hawley, has been trying to create a sensation in that town by drawing checks on various out of town banks and having Hawley business men cash them. He first attempted to procure funds of no petty amount from a promissory note from the Hawley Bank, forging the names of several parties living in Hawley. This scheme failed so he began the cashing of checks. On Wednesday morning of last week, a check reached the Hawley National Bank from the First National Bank of Dunmore, for collection bearing the signature of Olivio Satori and endorsed by A. R. Golden, of Dunmore. The bank immediately recognized the check as a forgery.

Frisbie was arrested in Scranton on Friday by a clerk in the Bee Hive jewelry store. Frisbie bought a ring for \$5, giving in payment a check for \$10 on the Hawley Bank. The clerk knowing the authorities were looking for a man playing this game telephoned for the police. When arrested Frisbie did not deny the charges against him. — Wayne Co. Herald.

—Sussex, N. J., postoffice will become a postal savings depository January 5, 1912.

FIRE DESTROYS BIG AUTO STAGE AT JEFFERSONVILLE, SULLIVAN COUNTY

Ernst Duttweiler, who has been driving a 12-passenger Buick automobile at Jeffersonville and Liberty, had the misfortune on Saturday morning to lose his auto stage by fire. He has been sheltering his car at the shed of his brother-in-law, A. A. Neuberger, who lives a mile east of Jeffersonville.

Mr. Duttweiler found his first trouble on leaving the Neuberger place Saturday in trying to run his car on high speed and as it refused to work he ran it on low to the Jeffersonville postoffice. He expected to go to Liberty to change and take the team of his brother-in-law, but when near "Neuberger's sand bank," the engine had heated to such an extent as to set the car on fire and in an incredibly short time the flames from the car rose to the tops of the large maple trees, leaving the car a mass of ruins.

Mr. Duttweiler saved the extra tire

he was carrying, also the small amount of freight, but he lost his extra books.

It is said that the car was insured for \$1000. The car was purchased new last spring.

14 Deer in Crates For High Point Park.

Mr. W. J. Edminston and son, Howard, game keepers for Col. A. R. Kuser, at High Point, Tuesday received at Erie depot another shipment of 14 young deer from the game preserve at Allamuchy, N. J. They were conveyed to their new quarters at High Point Park by teams from the stables of Liveryman George A. Clark, on Fowler street. The deer, which were fine specimens, were securely stabled in narrow crates, and attracted some attention as they passed down Jersey avenue, stopping at the old Fowler House stables.

OUT OF HOSPITAL.

Jennings Goes Home—By Carriage. Father Lynott Expected Soon.

Hugh Jennings, who was injured in an automobile accident near Gouldsboro two weeks ago last Friday night, was taken to his home from the State hospital at Scranton Sunday afternoon. His broken arm is knitting, the cuts and bruises have disappeared and he has completely recovered from the shock of the knock-out.

The Detroit leader was decided on one thing. He will never more ride in an automobile, he says. When it was proposed that a taxicab be called for the trip to his home, Jennings firmly declined to get aboard.

"Call a buggy and a pair of slow horses," said Jennings. "No more automobiles for me."

Father Lynott, who was also injured in the accident, is rapidly recovering and is expected to be sent soon to his home in Matamoras.

Barber Shop in Hotel Mitchell.

Proprietor P. H. Mitchell, of the Hotel Mitchell, has transformed a large room in the basement of the hotel into a fine barber shop fully equipped with all modern apparatus. Hoffman and Schoonmaker did the decorative work. Mission furniture, two Hanison barber chairs, handsome antique oak cabinets with large mirrors, and a center washstand comprise the equipment. The shop was opened on Wednesday morning in charge of John M. Hupp, a barber of skill and long experience.

VOTERS MUST NOW ENROLL BY MAIL

Those Who Failed To Do So In Person and Are On Registry List.

THE CITY PAYS THE BILLS

Designating a Party Choice Does Not Mean That Voter Must Cast His Ballot Straight For That Party.

The voters who did not personally enroll on Tuesday, December 5 or else on Tuesday, December 12 are now being given an opportunity to enroll by mail. The inspectors are now sending out the enrollment blanks together with the necessary directions and the responses begin to come in. The chairman of each inspection board is made the custodian of the ballot box and the enrollment envelopes, and as they are returned he deposits them in the box and makes, or causes to be made, the entry on the enrollment book. Unless the enrollment is made before January 1 voters are deprived of the privilege of participating in the spring primaries.

There has been considerable discussion as to who should pay the postage and mailing expense of the enrollment blanks, etc., but it is stated that the law provides that all expense shall be chargeable against the city in the same manner as any other election bill.

The fact that a voter designates a party choice does not mean that he must necessarily vote that ticket, but that he must be affiliated with some party in a general way. It can not be told until after the first of the year how much additional expense the new law will entail upon the taxpayers.

\$500 REWARD FOR CHICKEN THIEVES

F. F. Proctor Hires Detectives to Hunt Down Men Who Raided His Roosts.

KILLED NEARLY 200 FOWLS

Wealthy Owner of Central Valley Estate Takes Determined Steps to Bring Them to Justice by Posting Reward.

Orange county residents, and those of the Central Valley section especially, were startled Monday when the William J. Burns National Detective Agency, of New York, publicly offered a reward of \$500 cash for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the band of chicken robbers who have been operating in Central Valley and vicinity. The offer of this big reward, coming from the Burns Agency, is the result of a recent raid on the chicken roosts on the private estate of Mr. F. F. Proctor, the well-known theatrical proprietor. Mr. Proctor has one of the largest and most picturesque estates in Orange county. In the past four years he has spent a fortune in beautifying it, and his present plans call for the additional expenditure of over \$100,000.

Sometime between 11 o'clock Tuesday night, Nov. 29, and 3 or 4 o'clock the next morning, thieves entered Mr. Proctor's grounds. The night was stormy, and the circumstances favored their attack. Before dawn nearly 200 fine chickens had been put to death, their bodies thrust into bags, and the robbers had made off. A horse and light wagon were used to hasten the escape.

In talking of the theft Mr. Burns' New York Manager said: "The occurrence was dastardly, in view of the fact that Mr. Proctor has done so much for Central Valley's people. We intend to go after these midnight robbers as energetically as if they were dynamiters, and I believe we will get every mother's son of the little group that turned this trick."

The Burns agent stated that the offer will stand good for one year and longer if necessary.

A Fine Christmas Edition.

A sixteen page Christmas edition is the proud effort of Editor Matt T. Collins of the Sullivan County Democrat, published at Callicoon. Mr. Collins has his field as well plowed and cultivated as heart could wish, as this Christmas edition testifies. It is a splendid advertisement for Callicoon and a fine evidence of the industry and ability of the man who did the work. It contains several Port Jervis ads.

Big Business in Dry Goods, Trade.

Holiday shoppers will find the store of R. Jordan & Co. making the finest appearance in its history, under the skillful handwork of Decorator Charles Fuller. The large stock of staple drygoods in every department especially furs, cloaks, suits, table linens and handkerchiefs, are attractively displayed. Business is good and ahead of the amount transacted a year ago. Every facility to serve the public well and promptly has gained for this establishment a big trade which is constantly on the increase and makes apparent the need of larger quarters.

EX-SUPERVISOR BURNED TO DEATH

George H. Pitts, of Hamptonburgh, Fell Downstairs With Lighted Lamp.

EXPIRED IN THRALL HOSPITAL

Well-to-Do Citizen Met Death After Suffering Terribly as Result of Accident on Saturday Night at His Home.

Former Supervisor George Pitts, of the town of Hamptonburgh, died at Thrall Hospital in Middletown at 7.30 o'clock Sunday night, as a result of burns sustained in an accident at his home near Campbell Hall, Saturday evening.

Mr. Pitts started to walk down stairs at his home and was carrying a lighted lamp, when his heel caught in the carpet and he fell headlong to the bottom. The lamp was smashed and the burning oil flew all over Mr. Pitts' clothing. He was partly stunned by his fall and unable to extinguish the flames.

Members of the family heard Mr. Pitts fall and ran to his assistance, extinguishing the flames in his clothing and the carpet. It was found that Mr. Pitts was terribly burned about the arms and body.

Dr. Cotter, of Campbell Hall, was summoned, and after dressing the burns, gave his opinion that Mr. Pitts was in a serious condition. The injured man suffered severely and on Sunday it was decided to bring him to Thrall Hospital in Middletown, which was accordingly done at 2.30 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Dr. M. A. Stivers attended the injured man there, but he was beyond help, and died at the time stated.

Mr. Pitts was 46 years old, well-to-do and a member of an old and highly respected family. He was never married and is survived by one brother.

The remains were taken in charge by undertakers and later taken to Neeleytown, where the funeral and interment will take place.

S. FEINBLOOM A BANKRUPT

Middletown Dry Goods Man's Liabilities Given as \$9,000; Assets \$3,500.

STORE CLOSES AFTER HOLIDAYS

Merchant Left Store in Charge of Wife, Monday, and Has Not Been Seen in Middletown Since.

An involuntary petition in bankruptcy was filed on Monday afternoon in the United States District Court in New York City, before Judge Holt, against Simon Feinbloom, proprietor of a department store for women's wearing apparel, at 66 North street, Middletown.

Creditors who filed the petition are Mann & Lovejoy, of New York City, \$1,915, and Isadore Silverman and the American Raincoat Company, \$229.

The liabilities are given as \$9,000 and the assets \$3,500. Judge Holt appointed A. V. N. Powelson, of Middletown, as receiver under a bond of \$2,500, to continue the business for 15 days. Two appraisers for the stock will be appointed.

Mr. Feinbloom left Middletown on Monday last and since that time has not been seen, or has any word of his whereabouts been received in that city. Mr. Powelson took possession of the store and stock on Monday afternoon, and has placed Frank E. Cox, of the offices of Servin & Cox, in charge.

It is asserted that some time ago Mr. Feinbloom shipped 14 cases of goods, weighing 1,800 pounds, out of the stock of the store, to Liberty, where the goods were sold at auction. He is also charged with having shipped a large quantity of goods to Patterson and disposed of them.

When Mr. Feinbloom went away from Middletown, his wife was left in charge of the store. The store will remain open during the holiday season in charge of Mr. Cox, and after that a bankruptcy sale will probably be held to dispose of the remaining stock.

ELDERLY MAN FOUND FROZEN TO DEATH, BURIED AT HIGHLAND MILLS

Harriman, Dec. 15.—A well-dressed elderly man, supposed to be Leo West, who was found frozen to death last Sunday afternoon in a field in front of the old Rensselaer Patterson place near the state road between here and Central Valley, has been buried in a plot reserved for unknown strangers in the Cemetery of the Highlands at Highland Mills. Undertaker Elmer E. Thompson, of Harriman, who had charge of the case told of his (Mr. Thompson's) efforts to find the relatives of the man if he had any, and these have resulted in a partial clue to his identity. The only clues found on the body were the word "Leo" tattooed on West's left arm, several postcards addressed to Leo West at West 50th street, New York City, and several Arden Farms slips for provisions made out by Charles Jones, of Highland Mills, which were two years old. Mr. Jones could not recall the man, but since the burial, Mr.

Thompson has received from the New York address a letter from a man named Edward Cregan, who said he remembered West as having boarded there two years ago. Cregan described West correctly as being a man of about 65 at that time, five feet four inches high, and wearing grey hair and mustache. It is thought that West was an unfortunate man who was stranded and on the tramp, and that he wandered into the field late Saturday night and falling asleep was frozen to death.

Body Found in Lot—Foul Play Suspected.

(By Associated Press.)
Binghamton, Dec. 19.—The body of Timothy Robertson, ex-Sheriff of Tioga county and a prominent Republican politician, was found near the center of the city beside the main thoroughfare in a vacant lot covered with blood. Foul play is suspected.

JOHN BIGELOW DEAD AT 94.

Venerable Diplomat and Author Succumbed in New York Today.

(By Associated Press.)
New York, Dec. 19.—John Bigelow, the venerable diplomat and author, died at his home here today.

Although 94 years old, Mr. Bigelow displayed almost to the day of his death amazing vitality and mental keenness. He kept thoroughly abreast of current events and recently participated in many public functions.

Mr. Bigelow leaves six children. The family announced that the funeral will be in St. George's Episcopal Church here, with burial at Highland Falls, where Bigelow will lie beside his wife, who has been dead thirty years. Death was due to a general breakdown of the internal organs as a result of old age.

Dropped Dead While Digging Out a Skunk.

While digging out a skunk in the woods near Independent schoolhouse on Wednesday afternoon, Edgar M. Lott dropped dead. He and Anson Belcher had located the game and as Mr. Lott was not well and became somewhat exhausted, Mr. Belcher went to procure help, and upon his return found Mr. Lott lying dead upon the ground. He had previously complained of heart trouble.—Sussex, N. J., Recorder.

RICHESON USED PIECE OF TIN

Cut Himself So Badly That Operation Became Necessary—Will Recover.

AWAITS TRIAL FOR MURDER

Rev. Clarence Richeson found in a Serious Condition in His Cell.

How Richeson's Act Became Public.

(By Associated Press.)
Boston, Dec. 20.—Rev. Clarence Richeson, who is in Charles street jail awaiting trial for murdering Avis Linnell, cut himself with a piece of tin early today. Counsel for the accused man states that Richeson attempted to emasculate himself, inflicting injuries which made it necessary for physicians to complete the act by an operation at the prison hospital.

Richeson's act became public in an unusual way. A short term prisoner at the jail, who was discharged this morning, hastened to a newspaper office and told the occurrence. Jail officers at first denied the story but later admitted the minister had injured himself.

The jail physician stated at 11.30 o'clock that Richeson would recover, barring complications. District Attorney Pelletier said the trial for murder would begin January 15th, the original date.

Mack Doesn't Want State Chairmanship.

(By Associated Press.)
Albany, Dec. 20.—Word was received here today that Norman E. Mack doesn't desire to conduct the state campaign next fall and is anxious to retire as chairman of the Democratic State Committee on account of his health.

PISTOL SHOT KILLS CONTRACTOR

Who Fired It Is the Question Tuxedo Police Are Trying To Solve.

FOLLOWED A HOME FIGHT

Worthy Tuxedo Italian and Wife Fought Fiercely—Bullet From His Revolver Ended His Life and the Fight.

Tuxedo, Dec. 18.—Robert Provisio, a wealthy Italian contractor of this village, lies dead at his home here as a result of a pistol shot which was either inflicted by himself or fired by some of the members of his family at about 1 o'clock Sunday night.

Provisio had spent the day with friends at Hillburn, and returned home late Sunday evening in his automobile, driven by his chauffeur. Shortly after his arrival home and while he and his wife were in their room on the second floor, a quarrel started between them, according to the investigation made Monday morning by Chief G. O. Bush of the Tuxedo police. The quarrel waxed fiercer and fiercer, and the man and his wife came to blows. They fought out of the room and down the stairs to the first floor.

Nicholas Coluccio and his wife, the parents of Mrs. Provisio, were aroused by the quarrel, as were the two daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Provisio, Emily, aged seven years, and Annie, aged ten. The elder couple came from their room and joined in the fight to help their daughter. One of the doors leading outside was broken in the scuffle and the fight continued outside. Suddenly a shot was fired, but whether by Provisio himself or by one of the other combatants has not been ascertained at yet. The bullet struck Provisio in the left breast and went entirely through his body, lodging in the muscles of the back. He fell to the ground and died instantly. The family shouted for help and the neighbors notified the authorities.

Coroner S. B. Heaton, of Monroe, was summoned and took charge of the case, and will hold an inquest either Tuesday or Wednesday.

Mr. Provisio was 41 years of age and came to Tuxedo about 15 years ago. He was born in Italy and since his residence in Tuxedo had made a great number of friends. He was a contracting mason and bricklayer, and had excavated many large contracts in that vicinity.

The revolver with which the crime was committed was found near the body. It was identified as belonging to the dead man.

Mrs. Provisio and Mr. and Mrs. Coluccio disclaim any knowledge of who fired the fatal shot. They claim that none of them did it.

CAR UPSSETS ICE WAGON.

Big Vehicle Topped Over on Pike Street as It Was Turning.

A trolley car of the Port Jervis Traction Co. crashed into the rear end of a big ice wagon of the Port Jervis Union Ice Co., of 21 W. Main street, as the wagon was turning in front of No. 132 Pike street, at 11 o'clock a. m. Saturday, upsetting the wagon in which there were only five cakes of ice. Neither Thomas Wilson, the driver of the ice wagon, nor his assistant, Fred Edward, was hurt.

The trolley car, No. 9, was in charge of Motorman Jos. Strausser and Conductor Louis Shake. It was not damaged beyond the fender being slightly bent. The ice wagon was righted after strenuous work.

Session of Surrogate Court.

In Surrogate's Court Wednesday held in the Hubbard Building by Clerk T. D. Schoonmaker, of Gosheon, the will of Henry Woolverton, of Port Jervis, was admitted to probate and to his widow, Matilda Woolverton, were granted letters testamentary; she being named as executrix. Attorney W. P. Gregg submitted a final accounting in the estate of Peter Flanagan, of Port Jervis.

Former Erie Engineer Dead.

Fred H. Johnson, 82 years old, for many years a florist, Monday afternoon dropped dead in a greenhouse at Olean, N. Y. Mr. Johnson was formerly an engineer on the Erie railroad. In the early days he ran between Hornell and Dunkirk, leaving the service about 25 years ago.

—The state and county tax rate in town of Deerpark is \$13.60 per \$1,000.