

GRUNDY COUNTY

FROM MORRIS

MASONIC PICNIC A BIG SUCCESS—JAMES PATTEN MEETS DEATH BY FALLING FROM STREET CAR—HOME-COMING DAY SUCCESSFUL—MARK HAMILTON HELD WITHOUT BOND.

A Coal City couple were joined in marriage by County Judge Bedford at the county clerk's office Saturday afternoon. The contracting parties were Charles Hamilton, aged 27, and Miss Catherine Sylvester, 32, both of Coal City.

The coroners jury which was called to inquire into the cause of the death of James Patten, who lost his life by falling from a street car, brought in a verdict of accidental death and placed no blame for the accident. From the indications it would seem that a damage suit may be started as several stenographers were present taking down the testimony of those who testified at the inquest.

Sheriff J. H. Francis states that he believes that Jeff Sharun, the forger who escaped from the penitentiary at Joliet, passed through Morris on his way to Ottawa, before the local officer was informed of the escape. A man answering the description of Sharun and riding in an auto similar to the one it was reported that he escaped in, stopped at Morris early the morning after the escape, and asked concerning the road to Ottawa.

Members of the township highway commission and several supervisors and town clerks were called together by the county clerk and state's attorney in order that all of them would be carefully informed concerning the new road law and all would make their levy properly, the new law requiring that it be done at two different meetings and the attorney general decided that in order to make the levy legal it would be well to make the same levy at each of the two meetings called for by the law.

Mark Hamilton, the former Morris man who killed a fellow employe in a fight with butcher knives at Kansas City, Mo., a week ago has been held for murder in the first degree and without bond. The first charge was murder in self-defense, second degree, and that was the verdict of the coroners jury, but the relatives of the dead man got busy and forced the prosecuting attorney to issue a warrant for his arrest on a charge of murder in the first degree. The relatives of Hamilton have been advised that the best course to pursue would be to wait until the trial proper begins.

The City of Morris has decided to take advantage of the law which allows them to secure one-half of the road and bridge tax collected inside the corporation of Morris instead of permitting the road commissioners to levy just the amount sufficient for their needs. Heretofore the commissioners have always levied a very small tax as the township of Morris is almost all covered by the city and a small amount sufficed for the roads and bridges. Now that the city insists on getting their share the commissioners will be forced to double their levy in order to pay the city the amount due them and still have enough for the uses of the roads.

The home-coming day for Grundy county folks which was held last Thursday at Morris, while not the immense success that was expected, still was far from being unsuccessful. The crowd that was expected from Chicago was not in evidence and only a few came from that city, but a large number came from Joliet, Lisbon, and the farm districts and a crowd of about 600 folks finally gathered at the Chapin Park about 3 o'clock and were entertained with speeches by Mayor Walsh of Morris, Henry Murphy and Robert Cantwell, of Chicago. Mr. Murphy made an amusing speech full of references to the days of his boyhood when he lived in Highland and grew up in a potato patch. He never made many trips to Morris except to pay the taxes and Morris was always glad to see him at those times. Attorney Cantwell, who is one of Chicago's well known lawyers, made a splendid address and kept the crowd delighted and interested from start to finish. Music by Bannons' Boy Band enlivened the entertainment and the big dance platform, erected for the occasion, was very popular with the young folks.

The Masonic picnic which was held at Morris Labor Day by the Morris lodge was a big success and reflected great credit upon all those in charge of the arrangements. Large numbers of Masons and their families were present from all over Will and Grundy counties. The festivities were held in the Gould woods west of town, a dancing platform and also a refreshment stand were erected and both were kept busy all afternoon and evening. Everything, like all Masonic picnics, was free as the air and the children more than enjoyed the satisfaction of going to the refreshment counter and getting

a bottle of pop or an ice cream cone whenever the fancy moved them. A Masonic orchestra furnished dance music as long as anyone was there to dance. Races of all kinds and many different kinds of contests were held and all were keenly contested. The main event was the base ball game between the Joliet Masons and the Grundy county members and it was a dandy and was watched with warm interest by everyone. The Morris boys were a little too strong for their Joliet brethren and won the game by a score of 9 to 3 and also played effortless ball all the way. County Treasurer Gleghorn was hit on the head by a pitched ball and knocked down but got up and insisted upon finishing the game and made a hit and run and handled two chances after the injury. The prizes given for the various contests were many and valuable and were all donated by the Masonic merchants of Morris and in the list was everything from a vacuum cleaner to a pair of smoking tobacco. The hundred yard dash for Masons was won by Harry Brayton, of Morris.

The big base ball tournament which was held at Gardner last Thursday and which drew one of the largest crowds ever gathered together in Gardner was won by the Morris team, which carried away first prize of \$125. The F. L. Smiths, of Dwight, took second place and won \$65, and the Braceville Blues won third prize of \$35. The first game was between Braceville and Dwight. The coalfield team was minus the services of Vaught, of Lincoln, who had been engaged and promised to be on hand. Enger, of Morris, a spectator, was induced to put on a suit and pitched a creditable game, the Dwight team winning out 4 to 3 in a hard battle. Enger and Enger worked for Braceville and Walsh and Flood for Dwight. The result was 4 to 3 in favor of Dwight. The second game was between the Morris team and the Joliet White Cross and was won by the Morris boys by a score of 6 to 0, Miller letting the Batteries: Morris, Miller and Wiles; White Cross, Zipt and McDonald. The two losing teams, Braceville and the White Cross played to see who would get third prize and Braceville won easily, 3 to 1. The final game for first and second prizes was played between the old rivals, Morris and Dwight, and for a time promised to be a fine battle but the Morris boys started finding Flood's curves and batted him hard. He was given fine support and that helped keep the score down. In the sixth inning the Morris boys ran in three scores before the side was retired and the umpire called the game on account of darkness and the score reverted to the fifth inning which left Morris still winners by a score of 2 to 1. Bailey and Wiles worked for Morris, while Flood and Flood were the battery for Dwight.

The home-coming day for Grundy county folks which had caused so much good feeling and meriment was brought to a sad and sudden close when it was learned that James Patten, a well known farmer, had met his death by falling from a street car while on his way home from the county seat. Mr. Patten had been in town nearly all day and had boarded the 6 o'clock car for his home near the Telfer crossing. The car was crowded and Patten in company with several other men was standing on the back platform of the car and the doors were open. The car was just pulling up to the Telfer crossing when a cinder got into Albert Durkee's eye and when he stopped rubbing it he looked up and saw that Patten was not there. He looked down the track and saw him lying along side of the track. The alarm was given and the car backed up and the injured man was taken on board and brought back to Morris, where he was removed to the hospital. An examination disclosed the fact that his breast bone was broken, his collar bone fractured, ribs broken, and the skull and jaw bone fractured. He lived throughout the night but died the next morning without recovering consciousness. While it is not known just how he met his death it is thought he stepped aside to let some passenger get past him and lost his balance or else the car going around a curve caused him to lose his balance and fall down the steps. Mr. Patten was a strong healthy man and the sudden transition from perfect health to death was a terrible shock to his many friends. The deceased was born in England in 1848 and was married in 1866 and came to Morris with his bride. For a few years he worked in the local coal mines and afterwards moved onto the Crumb farm where he has resided ever since. Eight children

were born, six of whom and the mother still survive. The funeral was held Monday and was in charge of the Odd Fellows of Morris of which lodge he had long been an honored member.

SOUTH WILMINGTON

J. R. Howat is back from a visit to Pittsburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Clelland visited in Joliet.

The Baptist church has been cleaned and papered.

Miss Grace Wilson is home from a visit to Joliet.

John Peart, Jr., is in Minnesota looking after his crops.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Culley entertained friends from Braidwood and the state of Kentucky.

Geo. Holmes is suffering from a finger broken while playing ball.

Louis Harris, Sr., left Sunday for Gillespie to spend several days.

Miss Kate Hoye left for Minooka where she will teach the coming year.

"Mabs" Walker, of Pullman, was a guest of relatives here Sunday and Monday.

Mr. John Peart, Jr., entertained her brother, Joseph Paletti and Miss Olympia, of Joliet, Sunday and Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Morrison and daughters, Jessie and Bessie, of Chicago, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Stirrat.

Joseph Clelland, Wm. and Art Purdy, Wm. and Walter Pelton and John Chadwick spent Sunday and Monday fishing at the "Piers."

Wm. Flanigan received a message announcing the death of his father-in-law, Samuel Quail, which occurred at the home of his daughter in Chicago. Mr. Quail was about 70 years old.

School will commence next Monday and the teachers are as follows: Room 1, Grace Wilson; Room 2, Mary Buffo; Room 3, Anna Kratina; Room 4, Alice M. Gray; Room 5, Isabena Mitte; Room 6, Elizabeth Allen; Room 7, Elsie Ernst; Room 8, Bessie Reese. At the South Side school Miss Ethel Reese will be principal and Miss Lela Wilson will teach Room 1. The Misses Frances Clelland and Florence Brook will teach country schools.

Miss Anna Daley is our agent at Gardner and will accept subscriptions and advertising.

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Harold McCormick and S. T. Howard were Streator passengers Tuesday.

Dr. Roy Foster and wife, and Wilbur Marsh and wife spent Sunday at Wm. Walsh's.

Clyde Kilmer and family spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Kilmer.

School started Tuesday with Miss Cathrine Murphy, primary teacher, and Miss Fern Marsh, principal.

Miss Ida Bennett, of Winterset, Ia., who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Hugo West, the past week, returned home Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Kilmer, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Greenwald and A. T. Kilmer and family attended the Masonic picnic in Morris Monday.

H. A. Clark and daughters, Dorothy, Mabel and Gertrude, also Geo. Williams, of Seneca, called at the home of H. Smith Sunday evening.

Mrs. Maggie Bonin was a Verona shopper Friday.

Vernon Thompson called at Ed Sacher's Saturday morning.

James Wilkinson, Jr., left Saturday for Kankakee, where he attended the fair.

George Henderson, of near Mazon, visited his brother, John, at Fred Sinclair's Sunday.

Mrs. Claud Ratliff assisted Mrs. George Iffland in cooking for her threshers Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Wilkinson, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. James Wilkinson, Jr., and children visited with Edward Cook and family, near Emington, Friday.

Miss May Duckworth returned to her home in Kankakee Wednesday. Her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. George Iffland accompanied her and will spend a few days at the fair.

Chas. and Eugene Thompson returned home from Montana Wednesday. They stopped at Chicago on their way back and purchased two car loads of cattle which they brought home with them.

The two little sons Wilbur and Dale, of Ransom, and Fred Brownsey, have been on the sick list the past week.

Chas. Darling went to central Minnesota Saturday evening for a visit to his farm he recently purchased there.

Mr. Nathan Small and sister, Mrs. S. Gilmour, who is visiting here from Shenandoah, Ia., spent Monday with relatives in Gardner.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Paxton and children and Mr. and Mrs. E. Davies and sons spent Sunday with their parents and other relatives at Coal City.

Miss Esther Lindberg is nursing a badly bruised foot which was caused by her horse striking her with its shoe when she was hitching it up.

A number from our neighborhood attended the tournament at Gardner Thursday of last week, also the ball games at South Wilmington Monday.

Several celebrated Labor Day at Streator which had a fine program planned for the home-coming, also a number spent the day at Starved Rock.

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