

Horrible Accident.

From the Bradford Star of Sept. 10, we learn that one of the most distressing and disastrous accidents recorded in oil region annals occurred on the above date.

PERSONALITIES.

—Why was the \$5 paid? And why was it handed back? —Lawrence Fee, of Millstone, was in town this week.

Adjourned Meeting of Ridgway Borough Council.

HELD MONDAY, SEPT. 12TH, 1881. Members present—President McCauley, Messrs. Osterhout, Hyde and Schram.

Absent—Messrs. Thayer and Oyster. Minutes of last meeting read, and after being corrected, approved.

Constable Geo. Woodward reported bridges and crossings at corner of Centre and Broad streets in a dangerous condition. Referred to Street Committee.

Special committee on nuisances on Broad street made a report and were discharged.

W. H. Osterhout, of Committee on Condition of Streets, made a report. On motion Street Committee was directed to repair the sewer between McFarlan's and P. Malone's on Centre street.

Bill presented by E. J. Miller, Editor of Elk Democrat for printing bills and ordinances. On motion the Secretary was directed to have an ordinance drawn for six months bill now due as per written contract.

W. H. Osterhout, of Committee on Ordinances, reported on ordinance relating to shows, plays, &c. Also Ordinance relating to nuisances, &c., in the Borough.

Upon consideration the ordinance relating to shows, plays, &c., as amended, was adopted. On motion the consideration of the ordinance relating to nuisances laid over until next meeting.

On motion Fred Schoning was granted permission to erect weigh scales in front of his store under direction of the Street Committee.

On motion adjourned to next regular meeting.

BOROUGH ORDINANCE No. 10. RELATING TO SHOWS, PLAYS, &c.

Be it ordained and enacted by the Town Council of the Borough of Ridgway and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the authority of the same:

1. That if any person or persons shall exhibit or cause to be exhibited, for pay, within the bounds of said Borough, any play, show, jugglers, mountebanks, animals, or any musical concert or other exhibition, or deliver any lecture, without a special license in writing for that purpose first obtained from the Chief Burgess, such person or persons shall forfeit and pay for the use of said Borough a fine of fifty dollars for every such offense.

2. That it shall be the duty of the High Constable, or his Deputy, to see that any and every person or persons so exhibiting or lecturing, has a license as aforesaid, and for this purpose it shall be the duty of the High Constable, or his Deputy, to demand from such person or persons a license under his hand and seal to any person violating the provisions of this ordinance, before the Chief Burgess or a Justice of the Peace of said Borough.

3. It shall and may be lawful for the Chief Burgess, or his Deputy, to institute suit against any person violating the provisions of this ordinance, before the Chief Burgess or a Justice of the Peace of said Borough.

4. It shall and may be lawful for the Chief Burgess, or his Deputy, to demand from such person or persons a license under his hand and seal to any person violating the provisions of this ordinance, before the Chief Burgess or a Justice of the Peace of said Borough.

5. That this ordinance shall not apply to any person or persons giving or holding exhibitions, entertainments, or lectures for the benefit of any Church or School within said Borough.

6. That this ordinance shall take effect on and after September 30th, A. D. 1881.

C. H. McCauley, President. Approved this 12th day of September, A. D. 1881. J. POWELL, Chief Burgess.

HUNDREDS LOST.

Scorched and Charred Bodies in the Woods of Michigan. Detroit, September 9.—Details continue to come in relative to the destruction by forest fires. Huron and Sanilac Counties have been the principal theatre of the greatest destruction and suffering.

An eye-witness states that darkness and a copper-colored sky preceded the approach of the fire. Later the sky changed to a deep red, and Monday afternoon it became so dark that lanterns were necessary for people to find their way about.

This condition of affairs continued until 8 o'clock Wednesday morning, when the wind shifted from west to north, cooling the air and bringing a slight relief. In the woods were many scorched and charred bodies, which presented a revolting appearance.

The high winds that prevailed off nearly every avenue of escape, and burning masses would be lifted up bodily and borne along for a great distance. In many instances these burning masses started fires in fresh places. The skill and courage of man seemed impotent to combat with such flames, and the fleeing people were caught in the fire-traps and roasted.

One farmer who was ploughing with his oxen a few miles from Sand Beach perceived the approaching darkness and started for his house. On reaching home he found that his wife had gone to a neighbor's. He then took two of his children, his eldest daughter taking the others. Before going many rods they found themselves cut off by the flames.

The farmer then hurried in another direction and escaped with the two children. His daughter and the other three children were found next day in a heap charred beyond recognition. Up to Wednesday night 45 bodies had been found within a mile. In Paris township many are missing, most of them Poles. The whole settlement, buildings, fences, crops, etc., was swept clear. In Delaware township, all the county south of Forestville from the lake seven miles back, there is hardly anything left, not one house to the square mile. They were new settlers and had small clearings, and the fire swept them like a hurricane.

They lost all they had and owe for their places. Many of them fled to the lake. The shore line has been crowded with human beings, cattle and everything that could get to the water. Eye witnesses say that the utmost confusion prevailed. Many could not see. One man who had lost his all was both blind and crazy, and had to be led to the lake.

North of Sanilac the fire on Monday night was terrible, sweeping away almost everything, but it seemed to leave the houses. The people here did not seem to know any fire was near them until it was on them. They had to run for the lake, and it being but a short distance away all reached it safely. John Kerr and family were asleep when their building caught fire, and a neighbor seeing it ran and succeeded in saving the house, but lost everything else. Mrs. N. Burgess got separated from her husband and lay all night in a ditch. Another person lay down in a mud-puddle and rolled over and over all night. A large party of men have gone to bury the dead beasts in Forrester township. Dr. Hoyt, who returned for more medicine, reported several badly burnt. Many are so blind that they had to be led and many are without food. A number of parties have already gone with food, clothing, shoes and medicine. More help must come quick, as such suffering will ensue. They have no flour or provisions. George Ferguson of White Rock, who has been on the road since Monday, reports that he has seen one hundred and sixteen scorched bodies. At one place he saw four wagons bearing eight coffins, with one man walking behind all alone. It was his family. Another man was following three coffins. Every farmer lost some crops and barns. On Wednesday night the burning district between Deckersville and Sand Beach was visited by a rain storm which put out a considerable portion of the fires and cleared the atmosphere.

The latest reports are that the fire appear to be abating. A despatch from Port Austin at the top of the burned peninsula sums up the general destruction as follows: The loss of lives by the forest fires on Monday and Tuesday is estimated at from 230 to 840. The following villages were burned: Bad Axe, Verona, Forest Bay, Richmondville, Charleston, Anderson, Deckersville, Harrisonville and Sandusky. The following were partly burned: Port Huron, Menden and Elroy. The great loss in villages is nothing to that in the country, where the losses are too numerous to be named. Reports from Saginaw, Fescow and Lapeer counties, one tier back from the lake, while showing much destruction of property, do not approach the losses in the shore counties. The losses by fire was much less sweeping and general and the loss of life was small. But in each of these more favored counties hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of property has been destroyed. The latest reports from all these counties encourage the belief that rain has visited many sections and that the deluge of flame is largely subsiding. The work of immediate relief must now be systematically entered upon. Lumber to build houses, provisions of all kinds, clothing and seed for future crops, must be furnished in large quantities to prevent still greater destitution. The benevolent everywhere can safely send money to Mr. E. C. Carleton, Mayor of Port Huron, or to Senator O. D. Conger in the same place, with the assurance that the means will be

judiciously used. Prompt action is urgently demanded.

Welcome Rain. Detroit, Mich., September 9.—Rain have fallen in probably sufficient quantity to quench the fires, but not enough to soak the ground and revive the drooping vegetation. The lowest estimates indicate that 215 families have been burned out in the towns of Marlette, Flynn, Argyle, Evergreen, Moore, Lamotte and Elmer in Sanilac county, and thirty-two persons are known to be dead. Men who traveled through the burned district yesterday reported that the fires are mostly cut and the inhabitants sitting about the ashes of their burned houses, many burned and otherwise injured. They are disconsolate and almost bereft of their senses. Provisions, clothing, bedding and other necessities are being constantly forwarded and men are traveling through the burned sections distributing supplies and taking the names of those in need. Many persons are still missing in the burned district, and the exact loss cannot be known for some days. Sixty-five burials are already reported in six towns, and it is said that twenty-seven dead have been found in the country between Bad Axe and Port Hope. Trains are now running regularly to Sand Beach and Marlette.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

I hereby announce myself as an Independent Candidate for the office of County Treasurer of Elk county subject to the decision of the voters at the polls next November.

JOHN FORSTER. St. Marys, Sept. 15, 1881.

—Bowers keeps Hall's Giant Frame extension table at the West End Store the best table in the market.

—If you want a set of springs of any sort or size go to C. Bowers.

Honored and Blessed. —When a board of eminent physicians and chemists announced the discovery that by combining some well known valuable remedies, the most wonderful medicine was produced, which would cure such a wide range of diseases that most all other remedies could be dispensed with, many were skeptical; but proof of its merits by actual trial has dispelled all doubt, and to-day the discoverers of that great medicine, Hop Bitters, are honored and blessed by all as benefactors.—Democrat.

Sheriff's Sales.

BY VIRTUE OF SUNDRY writs of fieri facias, alias fieri facias, venditioni exponas, levati facias, and testamti fieri facias issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Elk County, and to me directed, I THOMAS SULLIVAN, Sheriff of said county, do hereby give notice that I will expose to public sale or outcry at the Prothonotary's office, in Ridgway, at one o'clock P. M., on

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1881, the following described real estate, to-wit:

All the right, title, interest, claim or demand whatsoever of defendant in, to or out of all that certain tract, piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the borough of St. Marys, county of Elk and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a stone at the northwest corner of the Jacob Wilson lot of which this is a part; thence south one hundred and forty-eight rods to a corner; thence north one hundred and eighty rods to a post; thence east eight rods to a post; thence north two degrees west along the turnpike to the middle of said road thirty-eight rods to a point; thence north sixteen and one-half degrees west twenty-three rods to the middle of said road; to a post; thence north forty-four degrees west along said road fifteen rods to the place of beginning containing twenty-nine and one-half acres, more or less, on which there is erected one frame house, 12x20 feet, one and one-half stories high; one frame barn, 28x22 feet; also a small bearing orchard.

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Seized and taken in execution as the property of John Schuler, at suit of Anton Schuler.

ALSO.—All the right, title, interest, claim or demand whatsoever of defendant in, to or out of certain tract, piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the township of Spring Creek, County of Elk and State of Pennsylvania, being all that part of warrant No. 2792 that lies east of the Millstone township line, bounded north by warrant No. 2789; east by warrant No. 4550 and west by the line between Spring Creek and Millstone townships, containing three hundred and thirty-four acres, more or less, upon which is erected one log house and one log barn, each about 16x24 feet.

Seized and taken in execution as the property of George Procius, at the suit of George A. Rathbun.

ALSO.—All the right, title, interest, claim or demand whatsoever of defendant in, to or out of town lot No. 279, in the village of Wilcox, Elk County, Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the east by lot No. 277, on the south by Clarion street, and on the west by lot No. 281, being sixty feet east and west and one hundred and forty feet north and south, upon which is erected one two story frame house, 16x20.

Seized and taken in execution as the property of Isaac Keefer, at the suit of W. H. Osterhout.

TERMS OF SALE. The following must be strictly complied with when the property is struck off: 1. All bids must be paid in full except where the plaintiff or other lien creditor becomes the purchaser, in which case the costs on the writs must be paid, as well as all liens prior to that of the purchaser, and a duly certified list of liens shall be furnished, including mortgage searches on the property sold, together with such lien creditor's receipt for the amount of the proceeds of the sale, or such portion thereof as he shall appear to be entitled to.

2. All sales not settled immediately will be continued until six o'clock P. M., at which time all property not settled for will again be put up, and sold at the expense and risk of the person to whom it was first struck off, and who, in case of deficiency at such resale, shall make good the same, and in no instance will the deed be prepared in court for confirmation unless the bid is actually settled for with the Sheriff as aforesaid.

THOMAS SULLIVAN, Sheriff. Sheriff's Office, Ridgway, Pa., August 20, 1881. See Purdon's Digest, Ninth Edition, pag 449; Smith's Forum, 384.

MRS. E. CRAYSTON. In returning thanks for past favors respectfully begs to inform her friends and the public generally that she has just returned from New York where she purchased a large stock of MILLINERY and fancy goods of the latest styles, also a nice selection of ladies' skirts, Plain and Fancy hosiery, Ladies' and Childrens Parasols, Hair goods, fancy Chinaware, &c., which she intends to sell as cheap as the cheapest. Particular attention given to trimming and in a style that cannot be surpassed in this section. All are invited to call and inspect her goods before purchasing elsewhere. n10m6

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Elk County Court Proclamation. WHEREAS, the Hon. Wm. D. Brown, President Judge for the Thirty-seventh Judicial District of Pennsylvania, and Julius Jones, and George Ed. Weis, Esquires, Associate Justices in Elk county, have issued their precepts, to me directed, for the time of holding of the Orphans' Court, Court of Common Pleas, General Quarter Sessions and Oyer and Terminer, at Ridgway, for the county of Elk on the THIRD MONDAY IN SEPT. 1881, being the 19th day of the month, to continue one week.

Notice is therefore given to the Coroner, Justice of the Peace and Constables in and for the county of Elk, to appear in their own proper persons, with their records, inquisitions, and remembrances, to do those things which of their offices and in their behalf appertain to be done, and all witnesses and other persons prosecuting in behalf of the Commonwealth against any person or persons, are requested to be then and there attending, and not to depart at their peril. Jurors are requested to be punctual in their attendance at the appointed time, agreeable to notice.

Given under my hand and seal, at the Sheriff's office, in Ridgway, the 25th day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one. THOMAS SULLIVAN, Sheriff.

Business Cards. GEO. A. RATHBUN. ATTORNEY-AT-LAW. Main street, Ridgway, Elk Co., Pa. Particular attention given to the examination of titles, also to patents and patent cases.

HALL & M'CAULEY. ATTORNEY-AT-LAW. Office in new brick building, Main street, Ridgway, Elk Co., Pa. v32f

J. S. BOWRELL. PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON. Over twenty five years practice. Office on Main Street, Ridgway, Pa., opposite the Bogert House. Office hours from 1 to 2 and 7 to 8 P. M.

W. L. WILLIAMS. Late of Strattonville, Physician and Surgeon, Ridgway, Pa. Office in Hall's Brick Building (up stairs) References—J. D. Smith, H. L. Young, R. Kufelson, Strattonville; Major John Kitley, W. W. Greenland, Clarion. Has practiced his profession successfully for more than ten years.

G. G. MESSENGER. DRUGGIST & PHARMACEUTIST, N. W. corner of Main and Mill streets, Ridgway, Pa., full assortment of carefully selected Foreign and Domestic Drugs. Prescriptions carefully dispensed at all hours, day or night. v103y

HYDE HOUSE. W. H. SCHRAM, Proprietor, Ridgway, Elk county, Pa. Thankful for the patronage heretofore so liberally bestowed upon him, the new proprietor hopes, by paying strict attention to the comfort and convenience of guests, to merit a continuance of the same. oct20'89

APPLETON'S AMERICAN CYCLO-PEDIA. This admirable work is now complete in 19 vols. Each volume contains 800 pages. It makes complete and well selected library, and no one can afford to do without it who would keep well informed. Price \$24 in cloth, \$20 in leather, or \$1.00 in elegant half Turkey. For particulars address, W. H. Fairchild, Portville, Catt. Co., N. Y., who has been duly appointed agent for Elk county by C. K. Judson, general agent. oct20'89

DRESSMAKING. Mrs. F. Pollman having moved into the house of Jas. Penfield near the Catholic church wishes to inform the citizens of Ridgway and vicinity that she is prepared to do in a neat and satisfactory manner all kinds of plain sewing and dressmaking at reasonable prices. All persons having work in this line are respectfully invited to give her a call. n15m3

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—The communication from "Dick's Uncle" is too personal for our use. Any locals our valued correspondent may send us will be gladly welcomed to our columns. But items of a nature calculated to injure the character of a person we most respectfully decline.

Notes. —Next Monday the September term of court will begin. —Choice Flour, in barrels only \$7.25. In sacks only \$7.00 at Morgester's. —There was a heavy frost on the hills about this place yesterday morning.

—Call at the West End Furnishing Store and see the McCabe reclining chair. —Marble and slate mantles furnished and set by W. S. SERVICE, Agt.

—If you want one of Dr. Warner's Health Corsets call at the NEW YORK STORE. —Just received new stock of fall clothing at the NEW YORK STORE, Ridgway, Pa.

—Another fine shower of rain on Sunday night cooled the atmosphere and gave great relief to suffering humanity. —An infallible remedy for Fever and Ague is Ayer's Ague Cure. Wholly vegetable and containing no quinine. It is harmless and sure.

—The proceedings of the Republican State Convention will be found in another column, excepting some speeches which we will give in our next issue.

—Once it is known that PERUNA cures disease and prevents its return, it will be absolute neglect of duty to be without it. Therefore always keep a bottle in your cupboard.

—On the night of September 11, Sergeant Mason of the Guitauo guard shot at the assassin and came within a few inches of sending the wretch to kingdom come. While no one would mourn the death of the miscreant who attempted to murder President Garfield, yet as a law abiding people we all must insist that the law take its course.

—The Ridgway township school began the first Monday in September with the following teachers: Boot Jack—Miss Rhoda Wilcox. Daguschonda—Miss Katie O'Connor. Gulnace—Miss Julia Flynn. Gardner—Miss Hannah Black. Laurel Mill—Miss Laura Pettibone. Mill Creek—Miss Baxter. Rolf—Miss Katie Gresh. Whistletown—Miss Emma Olmstead.

—On Monday the Bradford oil exchange was the scene of the greatest excitement ever known. Prices advanced nearly seven cents from the opening quotations. The sale amounted to 2,518,000 barrels—the largest amount ever sold in any exchange. United pipe line certificate opened at ninety-two and three-fourths cents, advanced to ninety-nine cents and closed at ninety-six and one-fourth cents bid for old.

The Silver Creek Accident. The accident at Silver Creek bridge, a mile and one-half west of St. Marys, mention of which was made in our last issue, is undoubtedly as sad as any that has happened in this vicinity in a long time. Fourteen cars did not go into the chasm and were taken back to St. Marys. The cars that went down were loaded with anthracite coal, rail road rails, and other merchandise, very little of anything was saved. The coal took fire when the intense heat twisted the rails in every conceivable shape, making the work of clearing away the wreck much greater on that account. Sunday afternoon the body of an engineer, Wm. Kopperley, was found near his engine. The fireman, Charles W. Parks, of Renovo, was aged about twenty-two years, and leaves a wife and one child. A foot in a boot and a few bones is all that has been found of the unfortunate fireman. Many people from Ridgway, St. Marys, and the surrounding country visited the scene of the wreck on Sunday.

Mr. William Bunton, who was simply a spectator, having been on his way to his wife above Sawyer and failed to witness the shooting, was badly cut about the head and must have been sufficiently close to have been killed instantaneously. His body otherwise than the cuts in the head was not injured. Crouse was terribly accented about the head, chest and arms. He was engaged it is said on the well as one of the hands.

The derrick was literally shattered to pieces and the floor and heavy sills were torn from their resting place and piled in heaps around. The highway was nearly blocked with the fragments, and the whole gave evidence of the terrible power of nitro glycerine when set in motion. It was indeed fortunate that the quantity used was not the usual size for this section—sixty quarts. Had this been so many more deaths would probably have been recorded. As it is the matter is very serious and suggests the foolishness of disinterested or interested parties in the matter, and while the detestable stuff is being handled, Dr. Dorn of this city passed the well a few rods when the explosion occurred, and of course was the first physician on the ground. It was with great difficulty he could persuade his men to stand still, it was so thoroughly frightened, but he succeeded and returned to aid in removing the bodies from the wreck. He describes the scene as follows: The explosion was so great that the bodies of four men who a few minutes previous were in the enjoyment of health and vigor, were now lying nearly covered among pieces of timber, shattered lumber, and splintered iron. The fire which was removed to a vacant house in the village and that of Thrasher to the home of his family, where they were properly covered to await the action of the coroner's jury. Drs. Benninghoff and Wallace, of Bradford, arrived at the scene in half an hour afterwards