

**Terrible Forest Fires in Potter County.**  
**A Train Wrecked in the Midst of the Fire and Seven Persons Burned to Death.**

COUDERSPORT, Penna., May 11.—Tonight the lumber farming towns of Austin, Costello, Galton and Moore's Run, in Potter county, are on the verge of a panic, two especially being threatened with annihilation from fires that seem to form an impenetrable wall on every side.

For several days the skies have been lighted up with fires apparently in every direction, but little fears were entertained by the people living in the towns, as those threatened and in danger were farmers in the country districts or lumber camps in the midst of the blazing forest. In spite of every effort, however, the flames crept steadily in toward the helpless towns until it was seen the people must fight back the flames or have their houses burned down over their heads.

At Moore's Run, on the pretty Sinnemaehoning road, a crowd of seventy-five willing men, sent out from Austin Sunday night, had been fighting back the fire. They made trenches, piled up earth and lighted back fires, but were finally obliged to retreat. The men hastily boarded the train and started to make a run to another point when it was found they were hemmed in by the forest fires on one side and a huge skidway of logs on the other. It was finally decided to dash past the burning skidway, and the engineer and firemen, with faces covered with dampened cloths and their hands and arms wrapped in wool, mounted the little engine and pulled out through the wall of fire. The men gathered in groups on the flats for protection or lay on their faces on the floor. As the blazing furnace of logs was approached the heat became unbearable and the smoke so blinding and stifling the men were obliged to cover their mouths with cloths. Just opposite the millions of feet of burning logs, where the heat and smoke and flames were the greatest, a terrible thing occurred. The engineer had forgotten that such great heat would surely spread the rails, and he pulled the throttle wider in the hope of sooner escaping from the torment of heat and smoke. Then there was a lurch, an ominous heaving and a shriek of despair as the train toppled over into the hell of fire underneath. A scene ensued never to be forgotten by those who escaped, though every man will bear to his grave a mark of that awful moment. The cars caught fire and the men, half blinded and scarcely realizing anything except that they were being slowly roasted to death, struggled fearfully to regain the track. Where safety lay, for a time at least. Those uninjured from the fall, and only smarting from the pain of intense heat, bravely turned their burned, blackened hands to aid their more unfortunate fellows.

At this hour it is impossible to secure details, though enough is known of the scene that followed the hurling of the struggling mass of men into the furnace of flames, to say its like had never occurred before.

Superintendent Badger, of the Sinnemaehoning Valley Road, was in charge of the relief train and had worked the hardest of all to save the properties of others. When the train dived and rolled over so suddenly he must have been injured so as to be unable to help himself, and owing to the smoke and panic he was not found until too late—jammed in the wreck he had evidently slowly burned to death.

At this time, 9.30 p. m., it is known that six others also miserably perished at once or died soon after, and thirty others of the party were badly burned, many probably fatally, owing to the fact that they inhaled the flames. Seven others of the party are missing, and their fate is unknown, though they are likely to be in the charred wood of the train.

A wrecking party started for the scene as soon as the fearful news spread, many relatives of the men injured insisting on accompanying the wrecking train, though they will hardly be able to reach the place of wreck unless the fires have burned themselves out.

Owing to the great devastation done to everything, communication is badly interrupted and it is impossible to learn the names of the men burned or those still missing.

As to the damage, it is known that 40,000,000 feet of hemlock logs and timber and 25,000 cords of bark have already been destroyed, and the fires are still raging. This evening the people are praying for rain, as it seems nothing but a drenching will quench the flames. They must either be extinguished by the flood of heaven or burn out for the lack of material. The air is so oppressive that many workers faint from exhaustion, and are dragged away from a flame that has done nothing as yet but steadily advance.

Late dispatches from Austin confirm former reports. The body of Superintendent Badger has been found burned to a crisp and the entire party would have perished had they not immersed themselves in a creek. The fires have been raging forty-eight hours.

**Terrible Forest Fires.**

HUNTINGDON, May 12.—Over four thousand acres of valuable timber lands are aflame within a radius of seven miles of this place, and in distant parts of the country the woodland is being swept away at an alarming extent. The mountain fires are beyond all human control and can only be extinguished by a rainfall. The sections suffering most are in the East Broad Top region, where the fire nearly extends to Well's Tannery, in Fulton county and on Tussey's Mountain, Ray's Hill and Warrior Ridge.

In Broad Top, Solomon Koch, William Koch and Eli Kates' farm buildings have been seriously threatened for nearly eight hours, and in Trough Creek Valley, Isaac Taylor, Wilson Houck and Michael Martin's properties are momentarily threatened with destruction. The farmers in the whole burning district have sustained irreparable losses to fencing and hundreds of acres of growing grain have been ruined. The various fires originated from either the railroads or wandering bands of gypsies.

WILLIAMSPORT, Penna., May 12.—Fire on the mountain south of this city has done a large amount of damage. A heavy force of men were engaged all night in fighting it, but with very little success, and it is feared that a great destruction of bark and wood intended for paper pulp will ensue. The North Mountain, in Columbia county, has also been burning for some time. The town of Middleburg, near Wellsboro, was almost wiped out, and the town of Grimes was severely scorched yesterday.

LOCK HAVEN, Penna., May 12.—While there are no fires in this immediate vicinity, in some parts of the county the woods are ablaze. The greatest damage reported is to standing timber. A heavy cloud of smoke hangs over the city all the time, obscuring the sun and affecting the eyes of people.

WARREN, Penna., May 12.—The fires that have been raging in this section since Saturday afternoon are about out. Over 100 oil rigs have been destroyed and many tanks of oil and small buildings. Wages at the rate of \$1.25 per hour were freely offered for men to fight the fire.

BEDFORD, May 12.—The woods are still burning steadily, consuming thousands of feet of cordwood and threatening isolated houses and mills.

In the Dubois region of Clearfield county several towns are threatened. Half a dozen lumber camps and sawmills are in ashes and \$100,000 worth of timber has been destroyed. In the churches of the region yesterday prayers for rain were offered up.

Delaware's Fruit Crop All Right.

DOVER, Del., May 8.—Sufficient time having elapsed to ascertain whether the cold snap of Monday night and Tuesday had damaged the fruit and cherry crops, experienced growers now report that little harm has been done, and that there is still promise of a big peach crop and a good yield of strawberries in this county.

In no other way can the farmer so radically do the work of nature to his advantage as by using tile, for underdrainage both lengthens the seasons and deepens the soil.

Good draught horses, roadsters or work horses are always in demand at good prices, and with care in the selection of the breed stock may be raised as cheaply as common pligs.

**In a Lioness' Fierce Clutch.**  
**A Trainer's Arm Shattered and Torn by Two Blows.**

NEW YORK, May 8.—Patrick Miller, employed by Herman Reich, the animal importer, whose stables are at Fourteenth and Bloomfield streets, Hoboken, is in a hospital with a frightfully lacerated arm. Among the fifty animals there is a young lioness.

According to the story of the employees, Miller was feeding the usually tame lioness. While the animal was eating he put his hand through the bars and touched her on the neck. She turned and struck his shoulder with her paw and tore his arm clear down to the points of his fingers.

He almost fainted from the pain when the animal struck him again, and her claws held him in a vise. The other employees beat her off, and Miller dropped to the floor almost unconscious. The bone of Miller's arm is broken, and the hospital authorities say it will probably be necessary to amputate the arm.

REFUSED HIS OWN MEDICINE.—An amusing story is told of Sir William Thompson, the great English physician, who has been ill for some time but who is now mending. His medical attendants declare that they never had a worse patient in the matter of obstinacy. He would not take his medicine for days together, and it was only by the doctors threatening to abandon him altogether that he reluctantly consented to swallow the prescribed draughts. The leading physician expressing a disbelief in drugs as a remedy when his own ailments are under treatment is somewhat of a novelty and calculated to rouse many suspicions and misgivings in ordinary lay minds.—Chicago Herald.

**A Communication.**

Bellefonte, Pa., 5 11, 1891.

To the Democratic Watchman.—Dear sir: Please give me a little space in your Paper this Week in Behalf of the P. O. S. of A. order in Regards to the Dirty Little Dirty Trick that was done in Bellefonte. W. C. 447 Received A Bill of the Demonstration to Be Held in Look Haven on the 4th of July We had it Put up in Edward Rowes Window & some Dirty snipe slipped in on Friday Evening & tore the Bill down & took it With Him We just Wish to let the Dirty snipe that took the Bill down Wasent Fit to Be called Anything But A Dirty Little snipe & that is two Good For I m to be called & if he is Found out he Will Not Tear Down another Bill of Any Kind & he cant tear one down in Front of one of the Boys.

Your Truly From  
TRUE PATRIOTIC BOYS.

—New Jersey wants its abandoned farms occupied, and is working among farmers who have got disgusted with the West and are longing to come back to the East.

The following letters remain in the Bellefonte P. O. unclaimed, May 4th, 1891:

J. W. Gilbert, Robert E. Green, Frank Galikowski, J. D. Hunter, Chas. Harrings, Andre Lipske, James Righter (2), Prof. A. Rehfeld, George Shottis.

When called for please say advertised.  
J. A. FIEDLER, P. M.

**New Advertisements.**

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Money is scarce—we know it; but clothing is plenty and we intend to put it within reach of the very poorest. If you want a suit for yourself, we have everything that is in the market. We can give you those cheap shoddy goods that you see advertised for \$3 and \$4 per suit. But that is not the class of goods we want to sell you. We want to sell you strictly honest goods, goods that will give you service, that you will be satisfied with, and make you customers of ours for ever.

Now, then, we will sell you a suit for yourself that is all wool for \$7. And when we say all wool we mean it. For your boy, if he is within the age of 14 to 18, \$8.50 will get him the same kind of a suit. If he is within the age of 4 and 14, and wears short pants, \$3.50 is all that is needed.

These goods are all worth a great deal more money than we ask for them, but we have got more than we need. Some are single suits, odds and ends, a few of them from last season—but they are all the greatest values for the money that you have ever seen, and you must see them to get an idea how cheap they are.

Thanking you again for past favors, and hoping that for your interests, as well as ours, you will give us a call and satisfy yourself that there is no place in Central Pennsylvania where you can buy clothing cheaper than from us.

Remain, Respectfully,  
M. FAUBLE, Prop'r  
Rochester Clothing House,  
Bellefonte, Pa.  
Opp. Brockerhoff House.

**New Advertisements.**

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.—In the matter of the estate of David Reese, late of the township of Gregg, deceased. The undersigned, an Auditor appointed by said Court to make distribution of the funds in the hands of the accountants, to and among those legally entitled thereto, gives notice that he will attend to the duties of his appointment at his office in Bellefonte, Pa., on Friday, the 6th day of June, A. D. 1891, at 10 o'clock a. m., when and where all parties concerned may attend.  
WM. J. SINGER,  
Auditor.

CAUTION.—All persons are hereby notified not to purchase or meddle in any way with a gray horse, now in the possession of Simon Widner, as I have purchased the same and loaned it to him during my pleasure.  
GEO. R. BOAK,  
Pine Glenn, Pa.  
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THE NEW MILLINERY STORE  
Maise R. Graham has opened a hand some line of millinery in the room formerly occupied by Miss Mary McBride. She will be pleased to have you call and examine the many fashionable things which stock her counters.  
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AUDITOR'S NOTICE.—In the matter of the estate of James C. Rankin, late of Snow Show township, deceased. The undersigned having been appointed by said Court to make distribution of the funds in the hands of the administrator of said estate to and among those legally entitled to receive the same, gives notice that he will be in his office in Bellefonte, on June 6th, 1891, at 10 o'clock a. m. for the duties of his said appointment, where parties in interest will be heard.  
E. R. CHAMBERS,  
Auditor.  
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AUDITORS NOTICE.—In the matter of the estate of Jacob Royer, late of Potter township, deceased. The undersigned, an auditor appointed by said court to hear and pass upon the exceptions filed to the account of W. J. Thompson, administrator & of, of Jacob Royer, deceased, and make distribution of the balance in his hands to and among those entitled thereto, will attend to the duties of his appointment, at his office in Bellefonte, Pa., on Monday, May 25, 1891, at 10 o'clock a. m., where, all parties interested will please attend.  
W. E. GRAY,  
Auditor.  
36-18-31

AUDITORS NOTICE.—The undersigned Auditor appointed by the Orphan's Court of Centre county to make distribution of the funds in the hands of Jonathan Schenck, Administrator of E. of Peter Van Horn late of Howard township, deceased, will meet parties in interest at the office of Haas & Beeder in Bellefonte, Pa., on Tuesday the 26th day of May, A. D. 1891, at 10 o'clock a. m., when and where the parties interested are requested to present their claims, or be forever debarred from coming in on said fund.  
H. C. QUIGLEY,  
Auditor  
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NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS  
of the Bellefonte Gas Company. A meeting of the stockholders of the Bellefonte Gas Company will be held at the office of E. M. Blanchard, No. 12 West High street, Bellefonte, Pa., on Saturday the 6th day of June, 1891, at 4 o'clock p. m., to consider the propriety of authorizing the Board of Directors to execute and negotiate a mortgage upon the property and franchises of the company, for the purpose of paying the present mortgage and other indebtedness of the company incurred in the construction and improvement of its plant. By order of the Board.  
E. M. BLANCHARD,  
Secretary.  
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