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## Hundreds of Thousands of Dollars' Damage in the Lumber Regions.

Many Towns Threatened.—Destruction Extends Over a Wide Area of Country.—Much Oil Property is Lost.

BRADFORD, Pa., Oct. 18.—The forest fires at Nelson Run, Potter county, have burned 20,000,000 feet of hemlock and 25,000 cords of bark, resulting in a loss to C. W. and P. H. Goodyear, of \$20,000.

The fire at Cobbin Hollow was prevented from going into Barts Brook by the work of 50 men, thus saving 5,000,000 feet of logs and many tons of bark. Over 1,000 men were engaged in fighting the fire. There was no insurance on the logs and bark.

Forest fires are raging on all sides of Bradford today. Everything in the woods is as dry as tinder, and it is almost impossible to check the flames.

In the Redhouse and Rice Brook oil districts a fire has raged for two days. Six thousand acres of land have been burned over, and considerable oil property destroyed. At Chipmunk five rigs owned by the Seneca Oil Company were burned. A large portion of the Seneca reservation is in flames, and several towns are surrounded and threatened by fire.

The fires are still burning and the brisk wind that prevails to-day will undoubtedly fan the flames into new vigor. Men are being sent from Bradford to all parts of the oil field to protect all property. It is impossible to estimate the loss at this time.

TUNNELTOWN, W. Va., Oct. 18.—The situation is grave owing to the continued drought and scarcity of water. The West Virginia Northern railroad will be compelled to abandon its trips after Wednesday, unless it rains, as the water supply is exhausted. Reports from Cranestown tell of fearful forest fires which are sweeping over hundreds of acres of valuable pine timber land.

ALTOONA, Pa., Oct. 18.—Forest fires in the mountains east and west of this city are destroying miles of valuable timber. At Cresson the fire is in the woods close to the railroad tracks. A car load of matches caught fire while coming down the mountain at Kittanning Point, and the train hands barely cut the car off in time to save the train.

NEW CASTLE, Pa., Oct. 18.—The hillside along the N. Y., P. & O. railroad, near the water works, took fire Sunday, and is still burning. Along the P. & L. E. tracks between Wampum and Beaver Falls, the hill-sides are on fire.

MASSILLON, O., Oct. 18.—A forest fire was started Saturday on the Bender farm, west of town, and the people of Tuscarawas township worked Saturday night and Sunday to put it out. Six acres were burned.

### Sir Edwin's Marriage.

Name of His Japanese Bride Not Given, but She Was Brought to England to be Educated.

LONDON, Oct. 18.—The particulars obtainable concerning the marriage Saturday of Sir Edwin Arnold, the poet and editor, to a Japanese lady show that the ceremony took place at St. Matthias Church, Earl's Court, this city, in the presence of Sir Edwin's brother, Sir Arthur Arnold, chairman of the London county council, the Japanese minister and their wives. Sir Edwin and Lady Arnold will reside in Bolton Gardens, this city.

The bride was brought from Japan, and was educated in England. Her name is not mentioned.

### Languages of the Future.

A writer in a leading magazine has made the prophecy that in 300 years from now the world will know only three languages—English, Russian and Chinese. The English language will be spoken all over North and South America, in Australia, India, Africa, New Zealand and the islands of Australia and the Pacific. The Russian tongue will have conquered the European continent, Great Britain, and all Asia except India. Chinese will hold sway over the rest of the world.

### ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

FELL DOWN THE CELLAR STAIRS.—An accident befell an aged lady, Mrs. Wm. Irvin, who resides near the toll gate, one mile east of Nittany, last Tuesday afternoon. While about her domestic duties she accidentally fell down the cellar steps and broke her arm at the wrist. None of the men being around the house, she had to undergo the painful necessity of walking to the nearest neighbor's, who soon made known her condition. Mrs. Irvin is the only surviving sister; her brother, Robert Armstrong, and sister were both drowned in the flood of '89, near Washington Furnace.

THE CONSOLIDATED DANCE.—Next Tuesday evening the consolidated Coleville-Milesburg band will give its first dance in the armory of Co. B. in this place. Extensive preparations are being made in the way of music and comfortable arrangements and it is expected that a large crowd of people will be there.

Before the dance the consolidated band will give a parade over the principal streets of the town. The committee having the dance in charge is composed of Roy Johnson, P. F. Garbrick, Ira Proudfoot, George Rhoads and Harry Garbrick.

ANOTHER LARGE BARN BURNED.—It is appalling the number of large farm barns that have burned in this county recently. In all quarters there have been disastrous fires that have consumed grain, live stock and implements. Such losses have been reported from Brush-valley, Half Moon, Bald Eagle and now Nittany valley comes to the front with a particularly disastrous one.

On Tuesday evening, between 6 and 7 o'clock, fire broke out in the large barn on the Joseph Long farm, near Jacksonville. It was occupied by George Ertly. All that was possible was done, but the fire had gained such headway as to make it impossible to save the building or much of its contents. The hay and implements were all burned and two fine horses perished in the flames. Fortunately Mr. Ertly had threshed his grain and disposed of it. He had no insurance and it is understood that Mr. Long had none on the building.

The fire is supposed to have been of accidental origin. About an hour before it was discovered Mr. Ertly was in the barn with a lantern, but he does not believe that it might have caught from his light.

## A LITTLE GIRL WHIRLED AROUND A SHAF.

It was only by miracle that little Ina Miller, of Millheim, escaped a frightful death on Wednesday. Wm. Miller is the little girl's father and he is employed in Confer's planing mill. She went to the mill to see him and while running about the place her dress was caught by one of the rapidly revolving shafts and quick as a flash she was drawn into it and held as if in a vice.

Once her little body was hurled about the shaft and then her clothing fortunately gave way and she was thrown to the floor. Aside from a bruised head and a few scratches she escaped unhurt.

"Uncle Tom's Cabin" is as much a feature of history as any great battle, and it has outlived every other play and will continue to live, despite the fact that we have all seen it. It is almost a necessary part of the education of the young, and so long as it instructs and entertains it will ever be welcome. One of the best productions of the play is that to be given Thurs., Oct. 28th, at Garman's, under the management of Stove & Co., and no money has been saved to make it a first-class production in every respect. Uncle Tom, as portrayed by William Curry, is a finished piece of acting, and Harry Webber, as Marks, the lawyer, has no equal. Eva is skillfully handled by Little Wally Webber, and although scarcely nine years old, she plays the character with the ease of a veteran. Topsy, by Florence Oekerman, is a genuine surprise and she fairly eclipses all previous efforts at the character. There is a good company of colored dancers, cake walkers and singers, and a grand cake walk is one of the features. Prices of admission 25, 35 and 50 cts.

CATTLE TRAMPLED TO DEATH.—Two car loads of western cattle arrived in this place, on Tuesday morning. One was consigned to P. L. Beezer, the other to Wm. Lyon. In the car for Beezer there were twenty-five head and all were in good condition, but forty-two had been packed into the Lyon car and when they arrived here two were found to have been trampled to death and a third had been down and laid on its left fore leg so long as to make it quite useless. The steer had to be hauled to the pen and did not regain the use of the leg until night. The cattle brought in by Mr. Lyon were small and intended to be fed on Col. Reynolds' farms until in a condition for market.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.—Following is the list of marriage licenses granted by the orphan's court clerk, G. W. Rumberger, during the past week.

Howard B. Neff, of Roland, and Ida R. Leathers, of Howard.

John V. A. McEntire and Lillie Grace Swanger, both of Millheim.

Harry C. Musser and Mary E. Cornaff, both of Rebersburg.

John L. Guisewhite, of Aaronsburg, and Ora S. Emig, of Logan Mills.

Sylvester Heaton and Jennie L. Beatty, both of Boggs township.

Dr. Harvey S. Braucht, of Milesburg, and Madge Allison, of Spring Mills.

Wm. J. Ishler, of Bunker township, and Sallie J. Stamm, of Bellefonte.

Harry Lose, of Bellefonte, and Bertha Bryan, of Boggs township.

Andrew F. Heath, of Powelton, and Catherine Wilson, of Boalsburg.

George L. Williams and Estelle V. Sechrist, both of Howard.

HOWARD TOWNSHIP'S TAX COLLECTOR SUED FOR EMBEZZLEMENT.—Joseph Casselberry, a former tax collector of Howard township, was jailed here, on Monday, charged with embezzlement of funds during his term of office. On Tuesday friends came to his assistance and bailed him out. The case is a somewhat complicated one and dates back to '92 when Casselberry was appointed tax collector for the township in place of Frank Deitz, who had been elected and declined to serve. In 1893 he was reappointed and then elected in 1894. Mr. Casselberry was an old soldier, but made a bustling collector, until he got behind with his duplicates and the trouble followed. Last year he was removed and J. W. Smith appointed. The suit was brought against his bondsmen to recover on the duplicates. Robert Cook and William Neff went his bail, but last Friday they threw it up and Casselberry was brought up here. The court gave him until Monday to find new bail, but he could get none and was then put in jail until his bondsmen as a collector, John K., and S. B. Leathers, came up and bailed him out.

The history of the case is about as follows: July 4th, '96, a statement of confession of judgment on official bond was filed for the year 1894. In favor of the school district \$331.61; poor, \$421.39; road, \$73.72. A scire facias was issued on above confession on August 6th, '96, then Mr. Casselberry filed an affidavit of defense. The case was put on the trial list for the April term '97 and on May 3rd, '97, the case came to trial. The jury returned a verdict in favor of the school district for \$350.11; poor, \$474.06; road, \$82.93. This was subject to several questions of law reserved by the court.

On August 10th, '97, the court filed an opinion reducing the above verdict to \$91.45.

On August 19th, 1897, a confession of judgment on Mr. Casselberry's bond for 1893 was also filed. The amounts were for poor \$252.26; Howard township, \$71.46; school district, \$475.75. S. B. and J. K. Leathers, his bondsmen for '93, paid these claims and took an assignment of the judgment.

Howard township has gotten all the money belonging to it; the trouble now being among the bondsmen.

## STATE NORMAL VS THE ACADEMY.—To

morrow afternoon the foot-ball eleven from the Normal school, at Lock Haven, will be here to line up against the Bellefonte Academy kickers. When the two teams met, in Lock Haven, early in the season, neither side could score so evenly were they matched. Both have improved and an exciting game can be expected.

The game will be played on the glass-works meadow. An admission of 25 cts. will be charged. Game at 2 o'clock.

The visit of the W. C. T. U. to the jail, last Sunday afternoon, was evidently appreciated as we have been requested by the prisoners to say that they enjoyed the services and would like to have them come again.

The arch deaconry of Williamsport will meet in this place on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, October 25th, 26th and 27th. Organist Reeve, of St. John's, is arranging to have some unusually fine music during the sessions.

The regular monthly sociable of the Methodist church will be held this evening in the lecture room. A program of recitations and music will be given and coffee, sandwiches and cocoa served for the admission fee of ten cents. You are cordially invited to be present.

Rev. Geo. E. Limbert, of Grove City, will preach in the Reformed church, in this place, both morning and evening, on Sunday, October 24th, and at Zion in the afternoon. Rev. Limbert is a Centre county by birth, having been born at Madisonburg.

Dr. George F. Harris, Dr. J. L. Seibert, Col. W. F. Reynolds and Joseph L. Montgomery have been chosen delegates from St. John's Episcopal church to attend the convention at South Bethlehem, on November 9th, to elect a bishop to succeed the late N. S. Rufinon.

TOM THUMB WEDDING.—The ladies aid society of St. John's Reformed church cordially invite you all to be present at the wedding of Miss Lot to Tom Thumb, Thursday, Oct. 28, 1897, at 8 o'clock p. m. in the armory, Bellefonte Pa. Admission, adults 25 cts. and children 10 cts.

REV. HOSHOOR TO LEAVE.—Rev. Ed. Hoshour, for nine years and three months pastor of the Lutheran church in this place, has accepted a call to Hellam, Pa., and will leave Bellefonte about the 1st of November.

Rev. Hoshour will be missed in Bellefonte, where his services as a pastor have been very highly appreciated and his citizenship an honor.

THE RESCUED MAN.—Tommy Masline, the rescued man, will speak in the court house next Sunday afternoon, Oct. 24th, at 3:30 o'clock. His theme will be "Miracles of Grace." He will give a brief history of his life while in prison, and the means of his rescue. His experience holds up a voice of warning to the youth of the present day, as he paints the pictures of his sad life. He comes to our people highly endorsed by the clergy and press and no one need hesitate to go to hear him. He is a plain, practical speaker, enlisting the attention of his audience to an unusual degree. This meeting is for men and women, and all are cordially invited to attend. Remember the time is half-past three, Sunday afternoon.

THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE Y. M. C. A.—The anniversary services of the Bellefonte Y. M. C. A., in the Presbyterian church, last Sunday evening, proved decidedly interesting and added to the constantly growing conviction that the association work in this community is not without its fruit. President J. Wesley Gephart presided and Dr. Lawrence M. Colfelt, of the Pennsylvania State College, delivered the address.

A male choir, with W. T. Meyer at the organ, led in the short service of song at the opening. Rev. Goodling, of the Evangelical church, prayed and the reports of the committees of the association workers followed. Emanuel Markle reported for the devotional committee and there were many there who were surprised to know that more than seven thousand men had attended the Sunday afternoon services during the year and that gospel meetings had been held at many nearby towns under the leadership of Bellefonte's christian young men.

The general secretary's report, read by Mr. M. B. Derr, showed the workings of the association, as well as its aims and means to the accomplishment of good works.

The only discouraging report was that of the treasurer and it was not exactly discouraging when the whole statement was made. The association finances were improved during last year. 'Tis true there is quite a large indebtedness, but it showed material reduction and the people were so impressed with the earnest purposes of the young men that more was pledged for support during the coming year than ever before at an anniversary meeting.

Don't imagine from this that enough was secured to guarantee current expenses, for there was not and it will take many more liberal contributions and a renewal of all the old ones to do this.

Dr. Colfelt's address was based on the text, Matthew, 4:17th, "What Shall I do to be Saved," and the answer, "Repent Ye!" It was truly a masterful sermon, fraught with the most convicting argument of repentance as the only means of salvation and earnest appealing for such regeneration of man. Dr. Colfelt's every appearance in Bellefonte reveals some new force of the wonderful divine.

## All Through Brush Valley.

Clarence Long, of Rockville, is convalescing.

Our expert squirrel hunters had more than usual success last Friday.

The United Evangelical church at Wolfe's Store, was dedicated on Sunday.

Dentist Scott Burd, of Bellwood, visited his old friends in our valley over Sunday.

Wm. McKibbens and his daughter Kate, of Paron, were with their Rebersburg relations on Saturday.

Mrs. Rose Mackey, of Williamsport and one of her city friends spent Sunday with her parents here.

Charles Diehl, who spent Sunday at his home at Centre Mills, returned to his work at Zion Monday.

Miss Minnie Diehl and Mrs. Kate Miller, of Centre Mills, visited their Nittany relatives last Saturday.

Cyrus Erhard, of Rebersburg, moved his family into his new house at the park end of the burg on Tuesday.

Mrs. Flora Burd, of near Rebersburg, while cutting corn for the chickens accidentally cut one of her fingers off.

Our supervisor Andrew Ocker, of Madisonburg, has been making repairs on the road from Kreameville to Centre Mills.

Dr. Edward Burd and his wife, of Snow Shoe, visited their old friends at Rebersburg and Kreameville over Sunday.

Adam Winters, of Aaronsburg, had a number of hearty hand shakes with his many old friends in and around Rebersburg on Saturday evening.

Most of our morning farmers will finish their corn husking this week and the afternoon farmers will, of course, be obliged to husk one week longer.

Miss Mary Corman, of Rebersburg and Harry Musser, who is teaching school near Milesburg, were married at the bride's home on Sunday noon by Rev. Moses George, the Reformed pastor of Rebersburg.

A plucky and promising young gentleman, who is a candidate for the Baptist ministry in the person of Amos N. Jaquemin, of Bucknell University, delivered a good lecture on the subject of "Hidden Treasures," on Sunday evening in the Kreameville M. E. church.

Centre Hall.

D. J. Meyer has a right to boast as a big potato grower. He relates that he selected forty-three bushels that made a bushel by weight.

Isiah Fleisher, of Philadelphia, is in town paying his father, Daniel Fleisher, a visit. Mr. Fleisher is a wholesale dealer in wood and willow ware.

Miss Lillie Shoop, daughter of W. P. Shoop formerly of this place, was married, Wednesday, at her home in Scranton, and arrived here on Thursday, where she and her husband will remain for a few days among relatives.