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## More About Short Line to New York

The Pittsburgh Post tells this story of a proposed new railroad:

"From the energy with which surveying engineering corps are pushing the route of a new railroad through portions of Armstrong, Indiana, Clearfield, Cambria, Blair and Centre counties, in this state, it is plainly evident that more than a mere 'paper' railroad is to be built between Pittsburgh and New York on as near a beeline as can be had. The Post has learned that this project is no longer a contemplated move, but it has been absolutely impossible to ascertain the backers of the gigantic proposition. It is known that the promoters of the new line have driven over the route twice during the past summer.

"The proposed line is to be 73 miles shorter than the Pennsylvania between Pittsburgh and New York, and through the mountains is to be constructed on an average level 75 feet higher than the Pennsylvania.

"The surveying corps are now at work in the southern part of Centre county in the mountains below Coburn. At present the farthest point east reached is Cherry Run across the Centre county line in Union county. The route surveyed lies south of the L. and T. the entire distance. The same corps of engineers were recently engaged in surveying the line through the southern part of Clearfield and the northern part of Cambria county. Along the outlined route the trees are cut and a distinct beginning made for the new road. It will pierce through ridges and span valleys through the mountain region.

"One of the objects understood to be in view, aside from the main object of forcing through the Pennsylvania mountains a beeline route between Pittsburgh and New York, is that of reaching comparatively undeveloped sections of the state. Thus the north end of Westmoreland, the south end of Armstrong, the north end of Indiana, the line of Clearfield and Cambria, the southern portion of Centre, the north end of Blair, Union, Snyder and part of Columbia counties will be reached according to the proposition now being worked out.

"Tyrone will be one of the objective points east from where the new line follows the route of the Lewisburg and Tyrone branch of the Pennsylvania, only having a more direct line. The new road will leave the route of the Lewisburg and Tyrone at or near Pardee, Union county, following Penn's creek eastwardly and reaching Saubury. It will pass north of Shamokin, thence through Columbia county, passing the Black mountain ridge at Lehigh gap, on the line between Carbon and Lehigh counties, thence going through Northampton county to the Delaware river opposite Belvidere, N. J. It will cross Warren, Morris and Essex counties, N. J."

## Thanksgiving Proclamation

Governor Pennypacker Follows Lead of President Roosevelt and Names November 20th as Day of Thanks.

In conformity with a custom so long regarded that it has become a law of conduct and an expression of the will of the people, I, Samuel Whitaker Pennypacker, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby set apart Thursday, Nov. 26th, as a day for giving thanks and praise to the Lord for his infinite goodness and mercy.

The dearth and scarcity which afflicted our forefathers, he hath turned to plenty. He hath blessed the land so that it is fruitful and brings forth whatever is needed for the life of man. He hath saved us from the hands of our enemies and the withering pestilence which he hath permitted to plague, pestilence or famine to destroy us. In good measure, He hath delivered us from hatred, malice and uncharitableness. He hath so directed and prospered the consultations of our rulers that peace and happiness, truth and justice, are established among us.

Let us then meet in our churches and places of worship and offer up our prayers for the maintenance of our health and prosperity and the increase of our virtue and piety under His guidance and care; and let us not forget to comfort the sick, to clothe the naked and to feed those who are in hunger and want.

Given under my hand and the great seal of the state at the city of Harrisburg this 5th day of November, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and three, and of the Commonwealth the one hundred and twenty-eighth.

## Greensburg Has Another Murder

Scott Hamilton, Found in Cellar, Dies at Hospital Without Regaining Consciousness. Drunken Brandy Said to Have Taken Place.

GREENSBURG, Pa., Nov. 15.—Hidden away among rubbish in the cellar of the home of Lewis Gordon, Scott Hamilton, employed at the Heidelberg mines, of the Keystone Coal and Coke company, was found in an unconscious condition at an early hour this morning. Hamilton was suffering from the effects of a vicious blow on the head and died at the Westmoreland hospital at 1.30 this afternoon, without regaining consciousness. Two suspects were arrested this evening—Joseph Colligan, 50 years old, and his nephew, Daniel Colligan, 25 years old. Hamilton is alleged to have spent a portion of last night at the home of the older Colligan. Neighbors say that a drunken brawl took place and that Daniel Colligan and Hamilton fought.

When taken into custody Daniel Colligan was told that he was wanted on a charge of assault with a battery. He is reported to have asked: "Did Hamilton sue me for hitting him?"

At the jail he admitted having struck Hamilton with his open hand. A post mortem examination revealed the fact that Hamilton's skull had been fractured for three inches, evidently with some blunt instrument.

## Hotel Men Prosecuted

Thirty-nine hotel men in Clearfield and Centre counties have been arrested on charges of selling adulterated liquors, the information having been made by the agents of the pure food department. They are charged with selling blackberry wine and brandy and port wine that was adulterated with salicylic acid, coal tar dye and other deleterious substances, many of the samples having none of the blackberry in them, being purely chemical compositions.

During the month of September more than 900 samples of blackberry brandy, wine and other liquors were collected in 28 counties of Western Pennsylvania, and of this number the chemist returned about 90 per cent. as adulterated.

## An Earnest Appeal

That the Teachers of the County be Aided and Assisted in Their Preparation for the School Room, and That the Important Subjects of Health and Hygiene be Taught from Scientific Knowledge.

Dear Friends.—W. C. T. U. and Church Members—Will you not arise in your strength and plan and carry out too a Union Thanksgiving service in your town or township? At which meeting take up a liberal collection and send *The School Physiology Journal* to every teacher in your district. Thereby enabling them to do the very best work for your girls and boys by giving them the most competent help in their methods of teaching physiology, hygiene and the nature and effects of alcoholic drinks and other narcotics on the system.

The training they have had for teaching the other branches is the result of centuries of experience, but temperance physiology is a comparatively new study, which institute and normal school instructors as yet, have not learned the art of presenting. Our teachers are obliged, usually, to take a general educational paper and often are not able to subscribe for an other one treating on one subject only.

Let us help them in this way and thus secure the good for our own families. If the Union, state, county and local will do this, then the 300,000 teachers in this country will be taught how to educate for intelligent sobriety the 22,000,000 children—our future men and women—who are now under our temperance education laws.

A single subscription for the *Journal* is 50 cts. In clubs of five 50 cts in clubs of fifty or more 40 cts. This is what we want. Small sums may be sent to me in stamps, larger amounts in some reliable man's check. Let us do our best and send amount with all names and addresses of teachers, underscoring those you most desire to receive the publication if the amount secured is not sufficient to send it to every teacher in the district. We can send help on the subject in the form of 17 leaflets for 08 cts.

Trusting in God let us go forward.  
(MRS.) N. J. TWITMIRE,  
Bellefonte, Pa.  
Co. Supt. of Scientific Temperance Instruction.

## Cancer Parasite Found

The alarming development of cancer and the many theories as to its cause and cure are so constantly agitating the public that the following will be of interest:

LONDON, Nov. 6.—A new treatment of cancer, which is believed to mark an important advance in the treatment of the dreaded growth, has been explained before a meeting of the Abernethian Society of St. Bartholomew's Hospital by Dr. Johnson, who has been examining the methods employed by Dr. Otto Schmidt, of Cologne.

"Dr. Schmidt's opinion," he said, "is that cancer is conditional on the presence in the patient of a cancer parasite which produces a structural change in the cells of the part affected. The difficulty has been to decide which, if any, of them is the cause of cancer. Dr. Schmidt believes he has isolated the specific parasite.

## Elkins Bequest Illegal

Provision for a Masonic Orphanage Ruled Out by Register. Made Within Thirty Days of Death.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 17.—The bequest of \$240,000 or, if necessary, \$250,000, for the erection of a Masonic orphanage, made by the late William L. Elkins, has been declared illegal by Register of Wills Geoff. Montgomery county.

The decision is due to the fact that the codicil providing for the gift was made within thirty days of the testator's death, and is, therefore, inoperative.

It will be necessary for the heirs to make provisions to pay over the sum stated to the Masonic Home of Pennsylvania, if the wishes of Mr. Elkins are to be carried out. George W. Elkins, son of the late William L. Elkins, stated that the heirs will meet in a few days to discuss the matter.

## Ten Thousand Starve

Cape Verde Islands Famine Killing Off the Inhabitants of the Cape Verde Islands.

Letters received from the Cape Verde Islands dated September 20 tell of a frightful loss of life in the islands as a result of the famine.

Since last March, when the famine began, 10,000 deaths have occurred in the island of Santiago alone, and the present death rate is given as from thirty to thirty-five a day.

The Portuguese government has taken no steps for the relief of the stricken population, and all outside aid has come from the Board of Trade of Lisbon.

## To Punish Bank-Run Talkers

A run was started on the First National bank at Duquesne, which resulted in \$40,000 being taken out by foreigners in half a day last Tuesday.

One Polish woman rushed to the bank, leaving her child alone, and when she returned she found her baby drowned in a wash tub.

Detectives are getting evidence against the people who started the run by malicious talk. The run has been stopped.

## Crazed Nursing Her Mother

Mrs. Mary Norton, of Hazleton, who is lying at the point of death at her home, was attacked by her daughter, Julia, who went suddenly insane, on Friday.

The girl's mind became unbalanced through constant attendance at the bedside of her mother.

## Shut Down at Phoenixville

PHOENIXVILLE, Pa., Nov. 17.—About 800 men have been rendered idle by the closing of the steel plant and several other departments operated by the Phoenix Iron company. It is thought the shutdown will be of short duration. Those remaining at work suffered a reduction in wages of five per cent.

## The "Sleeping Girl" is Dead

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, November 9.—Bessie Kuecht, the "Sleeping Girl," is dead. Miss Kuecht was taken to a hospital last February in an unconscious condition. After forty-seven days she partially revived, but soon sank into a comatose condition again and never fully regained consciousness.

## The Pension List

The Spanish war is responsible for a considerable number of new pensions, says the New York World. Spanish war veterans have already drawn \$5,500,000 in pensions, and their applications are pouring into the pension office in increasing volume and will do so for many a year to come.

From the commissioner of pensions' latest report (for 1903) the following figures, which show the rate at which "new business" is coming in, are taken:

Applications disposed of this year..... 252,106  
Applications for increased pensions this year..... 144,082  
Applications for increased pensions granted this year..... 58,120  
Applications for original pensions..... 52,325  
Applications for original pensions granted..... 40,138  
Applications awaiting adjudication..... 304,809

The army, navy and pension expenditures of the United States added together already amount to \$318,000,000 per year, stated in round figures. Secretary Moody's recent naval estimate calls for \$35,000,000 per year more for the navy, and the Grand Army's twelve dollar a month service pension would doubtless call for \$35,000,000 more. If congress yields to both demands our total expenditure for army, navy and pensions will very soon be close to \$400,000,000 a year.

That amount will far exceed the present peace footing expenditure for military and naval purposes of any other nation, excepting only Great Britain, whose estimates still include provision for a standing army of 450,000 men, where prior to the Boer war only 100,000 were provided for. On the peace footing (1898) the British expenditure for both army and navy was about \$255,000,000. It is proposed to spend nearly as much on the United States army and navy and as much more besides for pensions as would give us a second navy larger than Great Britain's.

## ADDITIONAL LOCALS

A Bible class for men is held every Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in the Y. M. C. A. rooms.

Mrs. Frank Davis, of East Logan street, who has been dangerously ill with pneumonia for the past two weeks, is slowly recovering.

County Treasurer Phil Foster is up in the vicinity of the Bear Meadows hunting deer and has left his office in charge of ex-Treasurer William T. Speer.

The Direct Supply Co. has moved across the street from the Bush Arcade and now have their goods in the room formerly occupied by Samuel Williams' paper store.

Our prospects for a Thanksgiving turkey seem so slim that if any of our "indebted" have one of those cold storage ones from last year—that are now being marketed—we might find something to be thankful for in that it would be very tender.

Through the kindness of the Penn Forest company at Mauch Chunk, 8,500 yearling trout have been added to the new hatchery at Pleasant Gap. The first large shipment of trout eggs, 300,000 in number, come from the Allentown hatchery last Tuesday night.

While Mrs. J. P. Rishel, of Tyersville, Clinton county, was visiting her daughter, Mrs. C. H. Crebs, at Matsonburg, she entertained her grandchildren on her eighty-second birthday by spinning flax into thread on a spinning-wheel she used fifty years ago.

Mr. Ira D. Garman, jeweler, 101 South Eleventh St. Philadelphia, is sending to his friends a very neat little souvenir in the form of a pocket calendar and stamp case for 1904-1905. Mr. Garman was always wide enough awake to be several months ahead of time.

Two thousand, three hundred bushels of corn from twenty acres of land is a good yield. This bountiful crop, the Sugar Valley Journal says, is reported from the farm of E. M. De-Long, which is occupied and cultivated by Samuel Moyer. He found one exceptionally large ear that measured 14 inches and contained more than 1,000 grains of corn.

Of the several critical cases mentioned in our last issue we are glad to note the fact of a favorable change in all. Mrs. Shortlidge is slightly better, the heart action being more nearly normal and hopes of her recovery are entertained.

The improvement in Mrs. Isaac Mitchell's condition is not marked but even though slight is encouraging.

Charlie Larimer is taking as much fresh air as possible doing his utmost to regain the pounds he lost in his severe illness.

The Mill Hall axe plant that has been in the control of the American Axe & Tool Co. for the past 13 years has been transferred to the Mann Edge Tool Co., of Lewisport. This brings it back to the families of the original owners who are known to be the best axe manufacturers in the United States if not in the world and the pioneer axe makers in America. The plant gives employment to about 200 men.

At the meeting of the four different zinc companies—Blue Jacket, Prairie, Clinton, Republic—which have their general offices at this place, on Monday, the stockholders unanimously voted to merge their properties in Missouri under one organization that in the future will be known as the "Pennsylvania Mining and Smelting Co." Quite a number of stockholders from adjoining towns were present. Application will be made at once for the incorporation of the new company.

All of the Union stores of the town are to be closed on Thanksgiving.

A sharp little thunder storm visited this locality Monday morning, accompanied by heavy rain, lasting all day. According to the weatherwise, thunder and lightning out of season foretells cold weather.

A WEDDING OF INTEREST.—The betrothal of Miss Edith Holtz to Dr. Louis Friedman, of New York city, was announced in the early summer. The wedding will take place next Wednesday morning, November 25th, at ten o'clock at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Holtz on Allegheny street. It will be a quiet one, only the family and a few friends being present. Dr. Friedman will have his brother as best man and Miss Holtz will be attended by her cousin Miss Fannie Lehost of New York. Rev. Dr. Kline of Altoona will perform the ceremony.

The groom is one of the rising young specialists of New York, is visiting surgeon for three hospitals and this week performed an unusually interesting and difficult operation before the students of Columbia College. The bride is a most attractive and accomplished girl and will be one of the season's loveliest brides. A large reception will be given them in New York on the 20th of December.

Dr. Friedman is certainly making sure that this Thanksgiving season will be one of pleasure and bliss for him.

A CALL TO THE PATRIOTIC.—General James A. Beaver, President of the Centre County Soldiers' Memorial Association, has called a meeting of all the committees of the association, of the Veteran Club, of the Daughters of the Revolution and any other patriotic organizations interested, to be held in the Court House in Bellefonte on Friday, November 27th, 1903, at 10 o'clock a. m. This meeting is to perfect arrangements for the erection of a Centre County monument or memorial building.

Let us hope it will be a memorial building! The beautiful monument planned by George Gray Barnard is one that any county would be very proud to possess. Mr. Barnard is the most talented of American sculptors and the fact alone of having his design would make a monument worth while, but we will never be able to erect triumphal arches, or monuments for purely artistic purposes. Would that we might! A Y. M. C. A., hospital or library and museum with historic rooms, would give abundant opportunity for ornament to any county, incalculable benefit to its citizens and yet seem a most appropriate memorial to men who sacrificed their lives for the best good of their country.

DICKINSON DEFEATS STATE WITH A SCORE OF 6-0.—If enthusiasm, brass bands, hundreds of rosters and much betting could have won a foot ball game then State College would have come out of the game with Dickinson College at Williamsport on Saturday with flying colors. Their colors did float strenuously all day and even through the score was not entirely to their expectations they gallantly hid their woes with a waving sea of the blue and white banners of State.

The team accompanied by two hundred and fifty students went down on Friday afternoon while the rank and file of the regiment waited until Saturday morning. Then Bellefonte has seldom seen so inspiring a sight as the parade that morning. Between three and four hundred enthusiastic boys all in the best of humor and carrying State College banners spent some of their surplus energy in marching around the town while waiting for the train. Headed by the cadet band they made such a good showing that all the old sports warmed up and were willing to bet all sorts of odds on State. 477 people went down from here and fully 4000 spectators saw the game. To say that it was a lively game expresses it mildly and yet there was not a bit of rough playing. State lost because of errors and yet—there were extenuating circumstances too—for several of the best players were incapacitated early in the game and Dickinson showed unusual strength.

The result of the game furnished a surprise to the local football fans. While a stiff battle was expected State was looked upon as a winner by a comfortable margin, but before many minutes of play it was seen that a battle of giants was on and it was to be any body's game. As play after play was developed by both teams even the opposing rosters were forced to admire the skill shown.

| State.  | Positions.           | Dickinson. |
|---|----------------------|------------|
| Portz.....  | Left end.....        | Gramer     |
| Arbuthnot.....  | Left tackle.....     | Sealey     |
| White.....  | Left guard.....      | Messner    |
| Dunn.....   | Centre.....          | Ammerman   |
| Woodward.....   | Right guard.....     | Harry      |
| Moscrip.....  | Right tackle.....    | Davis      |
| Yeckley.....  | Right end.....       | Williams   |
| Elder.....  | Quarter-back.....    | Curtis     |
| McEivane.....   | Left half-back.....  | Rich       |
| Whitworth.....  | Right half-back..... | Robinson   |
| Forkum.....   | Full-back.....       | Sadler     |
| Referee—Young, Cornell, Umpire—Sharpe, Yale, Linesman—Ehman, Lafayette, Timers—West and Smith, Touchdown—Sealey, Goal from touchdown—Sadler, Time of halves—25 minutes. |                      |            |

State will play W. and J., at Pittsburg on Thanksgiving day. This is anticipated as one of the interesting games of the season as no too friendly a feeling has existed between the two teams for several seasons and W. and J. will put up the best game possible. Mr. Tuit, manager of W. and J. says:

"We are going to give the people of Pittsburg the best game of football ever seen there. Once 2,600 people came from Washington to see a game here. We purpose to double this if possible, and we hope to play to 10,000 people."

SUDDEN DEATH OF REV. SHAVER.—Rev. J. B. Shaver, pastor of Trinity M. E. church of Look Haven and one of the best known ministers of Central Pennsylvania conference, died Tuesday morning at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Smith, in Hazleton. He had been in poor health for several months and was away on a leave of absence granted by the official board of his church in order that his health might be regained. No one, though, had any idea that he would die, as it had been announced that he was very much better.

He was a native of Perry county and a graduate of Dickinson seminary. He entered the ministry in 1868 and among the thirteen appointments that he successfully filled were Milesburg, Curwensville and six years at the Pine street church in Williamsport. When conference met in Bellefonte in 1902 he was sent to Look Haven where he was very much liked. He is survived by his wife and two daughters.

A VERY SUDDEN DEATH.—John Riley, a well known and honored citizen of Tyrone, was stricken with apoplexy on Wednesday morning, while at his work as chief clerk in the office of the superintendent of the Tyrone division of the Pennsylvania railroad, and died in less than fifteen minutes. Mr. Riley was a man of sterling characteristics and most courteous manners. He was a great church man and a general favorite with the railroad people with which he had been employed for thirty years. He was sixty years of age and is survived by his wife and five children.

MRS. JOHN HORNER.—Mary A. Horner, widow of John Horner, died at the family home on Nittany mountain above Pleasant Gap, on Tuesday of last week. Her death was caused by a stroke of paralysis which she had had the Friday previous. She was Mary A. Young before her marriage and she was seventy one years of age. She is survived by one daughter and two sons, Mrs. J. G. McKinley, of Milesburg; Ellis, of this place, and George, with whom she made her home. Interment was made at Pleasant Gap, on Thursday morning with Rev. A. B. Salter officiating.

MISS JEMIMA R. SPERRING.—The funeral of Miss Jemima R. Sperring, who died Thursday at the home of her brother in law, Dr. G. A. Beck, in Flemington, was held at Howard on Saturday morning at 10 o'clock in the Christian church. Miss Sperring was 53 years of age and had been an invalid for the past eight years as a result of a paralytic stroke. She is survived by three sisters—Mrs. G. A. Beck and Mrs. W. R. Shaffer, of Flemington and Mrs. J. S. Robinson of New York City.

Katharine Mildred, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ira From, died on Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock of pneumonia, aged 7 months and 8 days. Funeral services were held at the family home on north Water street on Sunday afternoon by Rev. John A. Wood and interment was made in the Union cemetery.

The strike among the Snow Shoe coal miners which began last June and has paralyzed business in that section since, is nearing its end, it is sincerely hoped. At a meeting of the Lehigh Valley Coal Co. in Wilkesbarre Tuesday last, liberal concessions to the miners were made by that company. President Gildea, of the Clearfield soft coal district, with Board members William Pokall and George Parks, held a conference with the Superintendents Warriner, Chase and Snyder, of the Lehigh Valley Coal company, in that city, and went home satisfied that the men would accept the concessions and return to work on December 1st.

The miners went out last June because the Lehigh Valley company let some work at fifty-six cents a ton straight. The union mine workers demanded sixty-six cents a ton.

At the conference Tuesday the company offered sixty-six cents a ton for low coal and sixty cents a ton for high coal, and promised to increase the latter price to sixty-six cents next April.

A meeting of the strikers will be held at once and the concessions will be discussed. President Gildea says there is only one other strike in his district, at Summerville, at collieries owned by an individual company, and that there is no immediate prospect of its settlement.

It is hoped by the time this issue of the WATCHMAN reaches its readers at Snow Shoe, that the troubles at that place will have been satisfactorily adjusted.

## SMALL POX IN GEORGE'S VALLEY

There is still need to exercise most rigid board of health laws relative to the spread of small pox. There is, too little diminution in the number of cases in Philadelphia where public schools having an enrollment of 4500 pupils were closed this week for disinfection. In Allegheny, Sharsburg and East End there are many cases. There is a new case in George's Valley. Last Friday Frank Herman of Altoona went to visit his father-in-law in George's Valley where he became quite ill. On Saturday evening Dr. Braucht of Spring Mills pronounced it a severe case of small pox. Tuesday Dr. C. S. Musser of Aaronsburg was called in consultation and on Wednesday Dr. Harris, an officer of the State Board of Health, went over to see that proper quarantine regulations were established.

The passenger train Wednesday evening on the Bald Eagle Valley R. R. was delayed until two o'clock Thursday morning by a freight wreck at Hannah.

A PIONEER LUMBERMAN.—John Nestlerode, one of the oldest residents of Beech Creek died Monday after a brief illness of pneumonia. He was aged 87 years and 6 months and all his active life had been engaged in the lumber business. He is survived by one son John of Pittsburg and seven daughters. Funeral services were held yesterday morning in the Disciple church at Beech Creek and interment was made in the burying ground near by.

At the adjourned meeting of the Huntingdon Presbytery in Tyrone Tuesday afternoon, Rev. George T. Gunter was received into the presbytery, and arrangements made for his installation as pastor of the Tyrone church on December 1st. The change of Rev. Walter K. Harnish from the Lower Tuscarora church to the pastorate of churches in the Lemont district was approved, as was the application of Rev. W. G. Finney to be transferred from the Orbesonia and Shirleyburg churches to the Shade Gap church. Arrangements in both cases for installation being made. It was determined to hold the spring meeting of presbytery in Tyrone on the second Tuesday of April next.

HEROISM OF LIEUTENANT CURTIN.—At Norfolk, Virginia, last Thursday during a fire on the torpedo boat Lawrence, on which he is now one of the commanding officers, Lieut. Roland Curtin, son of Gen. J. I. Curtin, of this place, more than distinguished himself, and demonstrated that he is of the material that heroes are made. The following account of the affair was published in the city papers on Friday.

NORFOLK, Va., Nov. 12.—The heroism of Lieut. Curtin and several seamen on board the torpedo boat destroyer Lawrence to-day saved that craft from destruction and probably prevented the entire flotilla being blown to atoms. The carelessness of a workman, who left a lighted candle on a wooden box in the vessel's forward compartment caused a fire that destroyed much of the Lawrence's woodwork before it was extinguished by Lieut. Curtin and some seamen just before the flames reached the magazine in which a great quantity of dynamite was stored. In their desperate battle with the flames Lieut. Curtin and his men were so overcome by the smoke that they lost consciousness after the fight was won, and were hurried on board the cruiser Olympia for treatment. Their condition is not serious.

The fire occurred in a stowage compartment, directly adjoining the magazine, and had gained considerable headway when it was discovered. The place was filled with a dense smoke that baffled the efforts of the crew and caused them to fall helpless to the steel floor. Time and again Lieut. Curtin plunged into the fire chamber and emerged with the unconscious form of a seaman in his grasp. After a hurried resuscitation the seaman and his officer would return to the fight, only to again succumb to the smoke.

Finally the flames were extinguished and then the lieutenant was missed. A sailor plunged into the compartment and a second later darted out with the limp body of the officer in his arms. Five seamen in a similar condition were stretched out on deck. All were hurried aboard the Olympia in dry dock, and the yard surgeon soon brought them to consciousness.

The damage to the Lawrence was trifling, but had the flames reached the magazine the result would have been appalling.

## Lemont

Monday brought us thunder and rain. Boalsburg entertained an Indian show this week.

Frank Smith is a great sufferer from lumbago of late.

The farmers have finished husking corn and hauling in fodder.

William Fry called on his Oak Hall friends the latter part of last week.

Clayton Ethers and family visited at the home of Ira Corman Sunday.

Adam Blazer, of Oak Hall, has been suffering with quinsy this week.

Dr. J. Y. Dale vaccinated the scholars of the Branch school this week.

John Peters is here for his annual outing with the Markle crowd of hunters.

William Bishel has been on the sick list this week with an attack of lumbago.

B. F. Homan and Wm. Bressler, of Oak Hall, transacted business in Bellefonte Tuesday.

Mrs. Wallace Karstetter and three sons, of State College, Sundayed at the home of M. A. Williams.

James C. Williams went Monday to Garman's Mills, Cambria county, where he will work at his trade.

Huston Shuey, a son of John H. Shuey, is confined to the house from an attack of catarrh of the lungs.

Mrs. Chas. Hoy and Miss Eigher, both of Michigan, are visiting at the home of the former's father-in-law, Benjamin Hoy.

The Methodist protracted meeting will open Sunday evening, the 29th inst., and every person is cordially invited to attend.

A large Normal Sunday school class has been organized in this place under the auspices of the State Sunday school association.

John Jackson moved Wednesday into part of Mrs. Maggie Armstrong's house, and as he has always been an industrious young man, we wish him much success in his matrimonial venture.

Mary J. Holderman, the little granddaughter of Abram Holderman, who has been such a great sufferer from lung trouble for a long while, is reported resting much easier at this writing.

James Gilliland, of Oak Hall, shipped a car of fine cattle Monday to be used on a vaccine farm. The State first sent a man, Dr. Samuel Gilliland, to examine each one to see that they were perfectly healthy.

Peter Shuey came Saturday to visit his father, Jacob Shuey, and to enjoy a hunt with the Markle hunting crowd which he does each year. The above crowd took to the wilds of the Seven mountains Monday in good spirits and hopes of success.

Oak Hall grammar school opened Monday with four pupils while the primary, which has been open for a week, had fifteen in attendance showing that the small-pox fright is about over. Mrs. Samuel Bible is regaining her health as well as can be expected.