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Can the Trout Survive It?

Wednesday morning the oil on Spring creek was worse than we have ever seen it. In fact there was so much of it that the odor was noticeable to those who gathered on the High street bridge to speculate as to where it is coming from.

For two years those who are interested in the natural aquarium that the efforts of a few forward looking people secured to Bellefonte when they succeeded in having a portion of Spring creek closed to fishing have been concerned lest the constant contamination of the water with oil will eventually exterminate the trout.

Last season many trout that were caught below town were found to be so polluted with oil as to be inedible. Dead fish were frequently found in the stream, few of them showing any natural fungus or disease indications.

Wednesday morning Joseph Thal shipped a large one, that had been taken out of the lime kiln dam, to Fish Commissioner Buller, with the hope that it would be examined and, if found to have been killed by oil, that the Department would take whatever measures are possible to abate the menace to fish life.

As to where the oil comes from: the source is undoubtedly the Titan Metal Co. While it was thickest on the stream Wednesday morning the writer traced the sheen to the mouth of Logan's branch, then to the Titan plant. There was no oil on the water above that location and no oil on Spring creek above the mouth of Logan's branch.

Two years ago five thousand gallons of crude oil escaped from the tanks at the Titan and percolated into the porous slag banks on which they are located. The theory of some is that this oil is gradually filtering out through the slag into the stream.

Whether this theory has any substance in fact or not it ought to be determined whether it is the oil that is killing the trout.

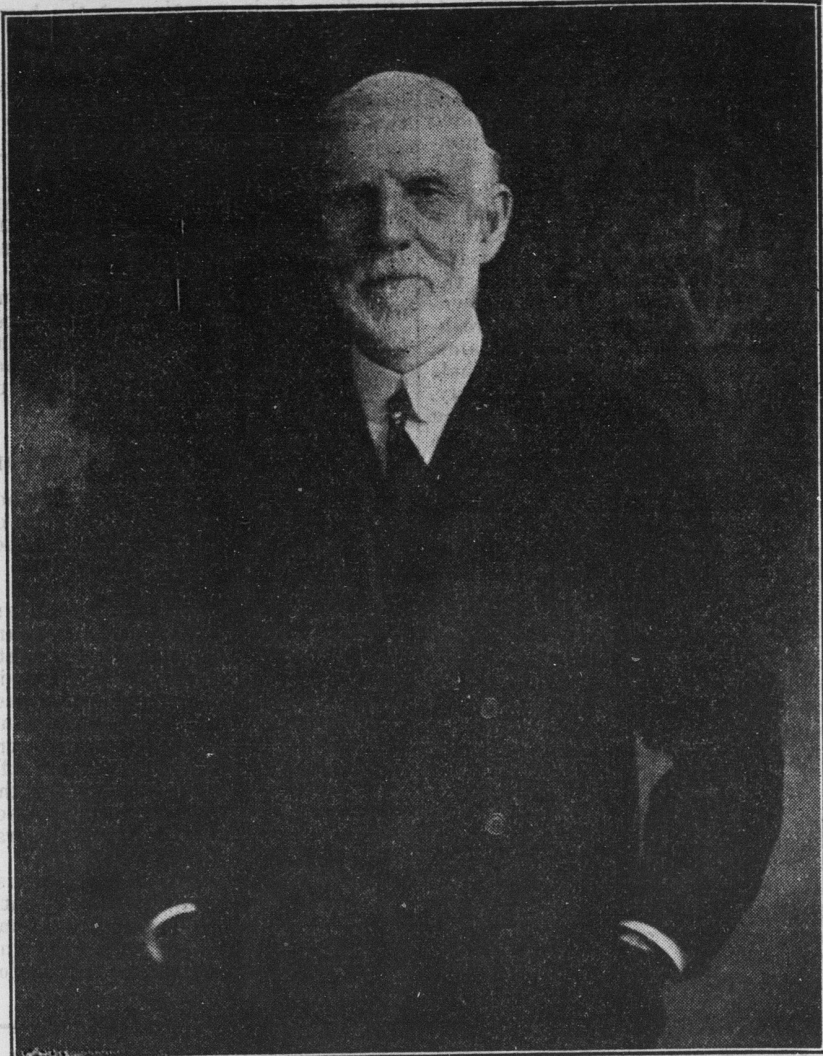
Barn Burned Near Tusseyville.

The large barn on the William F. Rockey farm at Tusseyville was completely destroyed by fire on Sunday morning. The fire broke out about 7:30 o'clock and as no one was near the barn at the time it is believed to have been the result of spontaneous combustion.

Auto Dealers to Picnic.

The automobile dealer's association of Centre county will picnic at Hecla park next Thursday, August 28th. Because of the fact that both owners and employees will go to the park all garages will close at 10:30 o'clock in the morning.

Wetzler's band of Milesburg, carrying thirty-six pieces, is at Patton, Pa., this week. The band went over on Wednesday to play a three day engagement for the Patton Fire Co., which is host for the Central Pennsylvania Firemen's Association convention.



HON. A. G. MORRIS. From his latest photograph taken at the McGarvey Studio.

ALEXANDER GILCHRIST MORRIS

Hon. A. G. Morris, who five weeks ago took his bed as the result of an attack of exhaustion, passed away at his home on East Linn street at nine o'clock yesterday morning.

Ninety years of age his long and active life came to an end in utmost peace and tranquility. His entire family was at his bedside when he passed away.

Funeral services will be held at the family home on Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock and interment will be made in Grandview cemetery, Tyrone.

Alexander Gilchrist Morris was a native of Pennsylvania, having been born at Freeport, Armstrong county, November 5th, 1834. His parents were natives of Scotland.

The son, Alexander, was educated in the public schools at Freeport, and subsequently attended the Academy at that place.

His school days over, he received a thorough training as a carpenter. This was the sturdy father's idea of fitting the son for the more practical phases of life. At eighteen years of age Alexander launched out for himself as a contractor and builder, following in the footsteps of his father, and quickly manifested the ability to master the things he undertook to do.

Through his long, active career, which was so richly blessed with success, he adhered to the soundest of business principles and conservative methods, with every now and then some fearless, brilliant stroke that commanded admiration and invariably was attended with gratifying results.

It is a matter of record in the oil fields of western Pennsylvania that he was not only a pioneer but that he bored the tenth oil well to be sunk in that section, a venture that rewarded him far beyond his fondest hopes.

Banking, manufacturing, countless things, it seemed, were to come within the range of his activities, but it was limestone that commanded his greatest interest from early life until the end of his years.

side, and always able to vision the brighter things when those about him could see only the darkest of the clouds, it was but natural that his companionship was so pleasing to a wide circle of friends who came from all walks of life.

On November 29th, 1864, Mr. Morris married Mary Elizabeth Swartz, the ceremony being performed in Pittsburgh. For him, he often remarked, that marked his master stroke in life.

They lived to see and pass their golden wedding day. Theirs was a home life that excited the envy and admiration of friends privileged to know them intimately. It was the passing away of Mrs. Morris a few years ago that was to bring to her bereaved husband the first faltering step.

Seven children had blessed their union, five of whom are living. They are Eliza Egbert Morris, at home; Robert and Alexander Jr., also of Bellefonte, and Thomas K. and Charles A., of Macon, Georgia. Harry F. and Mary Bell Morris are deceased. There are five grandchildren.

The earlier years of the married life of Mr. and Mrs. Morris were spent in Freeport. Subsequently they resided in Apollo, Leechburg, and several other places in western Pennsylvania and Virginia. In 1870 they moved to Birmingham, near Tyrone. Three years later they established their residence in the latter place.

With the exception of a few years spent in Philadelphia, and at Columbia, South Carolina, they continued to reside at Tyrone until they came to Bellefonte about fifteen years ago. It was during this latter period of his life that he operated numerous limestone plants, for many years being classed as one of the largest individual operators in that industry in the country.

Revealing in striking manner the personal side of the man was the interest displayed by Mr. Morris in the development and welfare of the Huntingdon reformatory for boys.

Twenty-eight years ago, on May 15th, 1896, to be exact, he was appointed manager of that institution. How to master the problem of caring for the wayward boy so appealed to him that it held a commanding place in his heart ever afterward.

Mr. Morris was for many years an active member of the Presbyterian church. He was also a member of the Union League, of Philadelphia, and an ardent Republican.

—If you want the latest and best news, read the "Watchman."

MONTGOMERY.—The distressing news was received in Bellefonte on Tuesday evening of the very sudden and unexpected death of Mrs. Joseph L. Montgomery, which occurred that morning at the home of her sister, Mrs. Oliver Hamm, at Peoria, Ill., whither she had gone a month ago.

She was a daughter of James and Sarah Taylor Watt, early settlers in Ferguson township, where she was born on October 16th, 1850. Her preliminary education was obtained in the public school after which she attended college and became expert in designing and drawing.

As a girl she joined the Presbyterian church and her entire christian life was emblematic of her faith in its doctrines. Her survivors include one brother, M. J. Watt, of Tyrone; a step-daughter at Monmouth, Ill.; two nephews and four nieces, namely: George B. Miller, of Hollidaysburg; J. Sumner Miller and Mrs. Sarah Lemoore, of State College; Mrs. Frank Wieland, of Linden Hall; Misses Gertrude and Maude Miller, in the Glades.

Mr. Montgomery died in January, 1920, but surviving her are two sons, Gordon L., of Philadelphia, and John Wendell, of Portland, Oregon. She also leaves her sister, Mrs. Hamm, of Peoria, Ill. The body will be brought to Bellefonte either Sunday or Monday and taken direct from the train to the Union cemetery for burial.

SMOYER.—Mrs. Sarah M. Smoyer, wife of James M. Smoyer, passed away last Friday, at her home in Bellefonte, following a lingering illness with chronic endocarditis.

She was a daughter of David and Rachel Hugg Cartwright and was born in Union township on November 7th, 1864, hence had reached the age of 59 years, 9 months and 8 days. On November 24th, 1887, she married James Smoyer and their early married life was spent in Boggs township.

In addition to her husband she is survived by the following children: Mrs. Orey Conaway, of Snow Shoe; Mrs. Arthur Boob, of Bellefonte; Robert, of New Hope; Clarence, Celia, Blanche, Lloyd, Fount and Claude, at home. She also leaves several sisters.

Among those from a distance here for the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smoyer, of Sharon; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Spicer, of Altoona; Mr. and Mrs. Karl Garbrick, Lynn Mitchell and Mrs. Fern Minnemyer, of Tyrone; Mrs. Jennie Davidson, of Phillipsburg; Mrs. Alice Yeager and son Leo, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Yeager, Mrs. Sarah Poorman and Clyde Heaton, of Jersey Shore; Mrs. John Whiteleather, of Lock Haven; Mrs. Samuel Shank, Lloyd Shank, Blaine Rockey and wife and Fedell Rockey, of Avis; Mrs. Mary Shank, of Mt. Eagle; Mr. and Mrs. Saul Lohr and Mrs. Charles Hoover, of Snow Shoe.

KLING.—Mrs. Eliza Jane Kling, widow of William Kling, died at her home at Vall on Monday evening following an illness which kept her confined to bed the past ten years. She was almost eighty-four years old and was a native of Centre county.

SULLIVAN.—Miss Ida Sullivan, for many years a resident of Bellefonte, died at Detroit, Mich., on Monday following an illness of some months with dropsy and other complications. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Kling and was born at Bald Eagle on March 22nd, 1864, hence was in her sixty-first year.

Just forty-five degrees above zero on Tuesday morning, within seven degrees of the frost line, was pretty cool weather for the 19th day of August.

Wednesday afternoon and taken to the United Evangelical church where funeral services were held at three o'clock yesterday afternoon by the pastor, Rev. Reed O. Stealy. Burial was made in the Curtin cemetery.

PORTER.—Mrs. Margaret Watt Porter, a brief notice of whose death appeared in last week's "Watchman," passed away on the last day of July, at the Miller home in the Glades, following nine week's suffering with Hotchkins disease.

She was a daughter of James and Sarah Taylor Watt, early settlers in Ferguson township, where she was born on October 16th, 1850. Her preliminary education was obtained in the public school after which she attended college and became expert in designing and drawing.

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Rev. H. D. Fleming had charge of the funeral services which were held on August 2nd, at 2:30 p. m., burial being made in the Graysville cemetery.

NOLL.—Charles M. Noll, a regular army soldier attached to the Headquarters division and stationed in Washington, died in that city on Wednesday of last week following an illness with heart trouble. He was a son of William Reuben and Elizabeth Noll and was born near Bellefonte on March 15th, 1896, hence was in his twenty-ninth year.

The remains were brought to Bellefonte on Saturday night and taken to the home of the young soldier's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Noll, on east Howard street, where funeral services were held at 2:30 o'clock on Sunday afternoon by Rev. Wilson Potter Ard, of the Lutheran church. A squad of Troop B attended the funeral and full military honors were accorded the dead soldier at the burial in the Pleasant Gap cemetery.

Carload of Berkshires to be Fed at State College.

Pennsylvania Berkshire breeders are out to capture the "bacon" again at the International Livestock show at Chicago this fall, and have sent a carload of Berkshire barrows to the Pennsylvania State College to be fed for the car-lot classes.

The carload collected last year from sixty farms in all sections of the State and fitted by the swine department of the College, captured second place in a large class of choice barrows at the 1923 International. The barrows sold for \$10.25 per hundred following the judging.

Seventy-three carefully selected pigs have been sent to the college this year from forty-nine different breeders in fifteen counties. The college swine men state that the pigs this year are more uniform and typey than those fed last year.

Jefferson county heads the list of counties sending barrows with twenty-two breeders represented. Sixteen from Berks county sent pigs; four from Lancaster and Adams; three from Bucks, and one each from Mifflin, Cumberland, Chester, Montgomery, Clarion, York, Columbia, Centre, Elk and Lebanon.

Gen. Albert J. Logan, of Pittsburgh, inspector for the National Guard, was in Bellefonte on Tuesday looking over the local armory and intimated that he might recommend an entire remodeling of the structure.

Bellefonte friends of Miss Grace Marvin, who is now located at Culver City, Cal., will be interested in learning that she was married on August 6th to Donald J. Hays, a well known resident of that city.

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NEWS PURELY PERSONAL.

—Mrs. Claude Cook is at Warren, having gone there Tuesday for a visit with her sister.

—Mrs. Robert Walker, with her two sons, and Mrs. Workheiser, of Philadelphia, will occupy a cottage at Ocean City for the two first weeks of September.

—Miss Sara Love, one of the operators of the United Telephone, returned home Wednesday from a week's visit with relatives in Altoona, a part of her summer vacation.

—Miss LaRue Schaeffer was hostess at a party of the younger set given Tuesday at the Schaeffer bungalow up Spring creek, at which Maragret Rees, of Franklin, Pa., was guest of honor.

—Included in Mr. and Mrs. John M. Hartswick's guests the past week, were Mr. and Mrs. C. E. McCalmont and their son, of Philadelphia, and Martin L. Hartswick, of Baden, Pa.

—Former sheriff Cyrus Brungard and David K. Keller, president of the Pennsylvania Banking Co., are prominent Centre Hall citizens who were in Bellefonte for an hour or so on Tuesday morning.

—Mr. and Mrs. John McCoy, who have been occupying their new house on Curtin street, for the past six weeks, have been entertaining Mrs. McCoy's sister and brother, Mrs. John Van Pelt, of Johnstown, and George D. Harris, of Baltimore. —Miss Katherine McGowan and Miss Agnes Shields left yesterday to spend their vacation in New York State and Canada, expecting to divide the time between Toronto, Niagara Falls and Rochester. Miss McGowan has for a number of years gone to Canada for her vacation at this season.

Granger's Picnic Date Drawing Near.

Two weeks more of earnest work to make of the 51st annual Grange encampment and fair the biggest and best in its history.

The tent list is about completed and tents will soon be erected, but it is the desire of the committee not to admit campers until Thursday, August 28. Tent rents remain \$6.00 and \$7.00, according to size. Campers are urged to bring oil stoves. Oil can be purchased on the ground; also straw for those desiring it. At camper's request, electric light is placed in tents.

The concession department promises to fill more space than ever with clean amusements and wholesome supplies of all kinds of food. All shows of questionable character, and gambling devices will be refused entrance to Grange park, in accordance with recent rules governing agricultural fairs.

The machinery and automobile exhibit will be of wider scope and more diversified type than usual. Many kinds of farm machinery and makes of automobiles and tractors will be on exhibition. Heating and lighting plants for farm homes will be shown. Water systems and many improvements and conveniences to homes and farms will be found on the park.

The breeders of pure bred stock are planning to fill the stables with the biggest and finest exhibit of stock ever shown in Centre county. A poultry show is being arranged for by those interested in and familiar with the various features of this industry.

Two wings of the exhibit building will be filled with products of farm, garden and orchard and, while the payment of 10 cents for each meritorious article has been discontinued, premiums have been increased in number and amounts paid. In many classes 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th prizes being given.

The west wing reserved for home economics and modern needlework. The antique exhibit will be discontinued for this year. Ten cents will be paid for each article of modern needlework not before exhibited, as in past years.

The east wing is reserved for vocational school and extension department. Pennsylvania State College will again have an exhibit of plants and flowers.

Speakers of State and National prominence will be heard on Wednesday and Thursday. Wednesday, as the day the Centre County Veterans' club hold their reunion, and an educational program, beginning at 3:30 in the afternoon. Thursday, as Grange day, will bring many noted Grange leaders.

Bands will be present Wednesday and Thursday and furnish plenty of music. All trains stop at Grange park the entire week. Special trains on Thursday, September 4th, 50 cents admission, good for week. Under 14 years, admission free. 50 cents for auto parking, good for the week.

Late Wednesday afternoon as sheriff E. R. Taylor was returning from a trip down Nittany valley he noticed a young man in the road beyond the aviation field who acted rather suspiciously.

The sheriff gave chase and had no trouble in catching him. When a search of the young man's clothing was made at the jail the sheriff found seven checks, all on the Columbia bank, New York, drawn to the order of Rudolph Bowen and signed by Max Bernstein. They ranged in amounts from \$5.00 to \$15.95.

The youth maintained that he was Bowen and that Bernstein had given him the checks in payment for work done. The checks, however, all bore earmarks of having been forged by the young man, but if so, he didn't get an opportunity to attempt to pass any of them in Bellefonte.

Harry Slegle, seventeen year old son of Mr. and Mrs. William Slegle, of Madisonburg, was brought to the Bellefonte hospital last Friday suffering with gunshot wounds in both legs as the result of being shot by nineteen year old Andrew Rishel, a son of Mrs. Emma Rishel, while the boys were out hunting groundhogs.