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COURT HOUSE NEWS.

What Has Occurred There Since Our Former Report.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

The following marriage licenses have been issued by Clerk W. H. Henrie, since those last published. R. K. Kishbach, of Berwick, to Miss Jennie R. Rhinard of same place. A. L. Sterner, of Light Street, to Miss Flora Eveland of same place. Henry M. Hamlin, of Centralia, to Miss Mary Catharine Baylor of Catawissa.

Bruce Hartman, of Espy, to Miss Cora A. Schloyer of Berwick. John Haley, of Catawissa, to Miss Mary Hennesy, of Bloomsburg.

Moses D. Hill, of Catawissa, to Miss Dora Hinderliter of the same place.

George O. Kline, of Rohrsburg, to Miss Margaret Lewis Freeze, of Bloomsburg.

Fred Girton, of Bloomsburg, to Miss Mary Ellen Raup, of Danville.

G. W. Remaly, of Nanticoke, to Miss Emma Hess, of Huntingdon Mills.

J. E. Billig, of Locust township, to Miss Annie Knapp, of Roaringcreek township.

Miles H. Pursel, of Orangeville, to Miss Harriet Shoemaker, of Hemlock township.

TRANSFER OF REAL ESTATE.

The following transfers of real estate have been recorded in the office of C. B. Ent, register and recorder, during the week.

Hannah A. Decker, et. al. to Jennie K. Geiger for land in Catawissa.

Alvah Smith to Laura Smith for land in Bloomsburg.

Rosemont Cemetery Company to Laura Smith, for land in Bloomsburg.

Michael Grover Sheriff to Bloomsburg, M. B. & L. A. for land in Bloomsburg.

Mary V. Hall, et. al. to William W. Trescott, for land in Berwick.

J. L. Richardson and wife, to E. E. Bittenbender for land in Bloomsburg.

Joseph Madaj to Charles Madaj for land in Roaringcreek township.

S. C. Beagle and wife to David A. Markle, for land in Berwick.

C. A. Kleim Ex. et. al. to Caroline Dennis, for land in Bloomsburg.

Locust Mountain Coal and Iron Company to Susannah Pollard for tract of land in Centralia.

C. W. Miller and wife, to L. H. Wolfe for tract of land in Bloomsburg.

J. R. Fowler and wife, to C. W. Miller for land in Bloomsburg.

Morris E. Eves Admr., to J. N. Webb, for land in Bloomsburg.

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B. Frank Zarr and wife to Cosmopolitan Building and Loan Association for land in Bloomsburg.

Abraham M. Ruch and wife, to Cosmopolitan Building and Loan Association for land in Bloomsburg.

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Reuben Roarbach to William B. Schuch, for land in Bloomsburg.

Encouraging Reports.

The meetings of the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church, at Milton last week were largely attended, and there were especially big audiences present at those held in the interest of education, foreign missions, home missions, Sunday schools and young people's societies.

The report on the minutes of classes called forth much discussion. The reports of the Sunday School Board and the Board of Publication show their affairs to be in good financial condition, and the Sunday schools greatly improved. The statistical report shows an increase over last year of eleven ministers, one congregation, 1,266 communicants, 127 confirmed, \$10,755 for benevolence and \$54,684 for congregational purposes. The whole numbers are: Ministers, 293; congregations, 525; communicants, 95,701; confirmed, 4,712; benevolence \$92,095; congregational purposes, \$435,353.

A. N. Yost Esq., is negotiating for the purchase of the lots of the D. Lowenberg estate, and W. B. Yetter's estate, on the corner of Fourth and Jefferson Streets, and intends to erect some fine dwellings thereon this winter.

Rev. H. L. Maltman of Benton, preached in the Tabernacle on Market street, Sunday night.

ANOTHER FIRE.

On Monday morning about 2 o'clock, the prolonged blowing of a steam whistle aroused the residents of town from their slumbers, and it was soon learned that a house was on fire on Eighth Street. The two fire companies were quickly on hand and a stream of water was soon put on the fire. The fire started in the southeast corner of the house and burned rapidly. Some delay in outening the blaze was caused by the Wynona boys not being able to connect to the water plug, and further delay arose from the fact that the force of water was not sufficient to carry a stream to the burning building. The house was occupied by Daniel Hall, and owned by the Loan Association. The building was nearly totally destroyed. Had the wind been blowing a conflagration could not have been averted.

GAVE FATAL ADVICE.

Terrible Havoc Wrought by Exploding Gasoline.

An explosion of gasoline wrecked three properties and fatally injured Mrs. Celia Ward, of Hazleton, Monday afternoon.

Some one had imparted the information to Mrs. Ward that gasoline was the proper thing to clean a stove. Mrs. Ward acted on the advice, and while she was engaged with the fluid a terrible explosion occurred, tearing out the side of the house and igniting the adjoining buildings. Mrs. Ward was frightfully burned about the hands, face and body. She was removed to the hospital, and the physicians state her death is only a matter of a few days.

Three double dwellings were destroyed by fire and six families rendered homeless without a stitch of clothing. The loss amounts to \$15,000.

Election Ballots Stolen.

Judge of election Anthony Gallagher, of Freeland, reported on Monday morning that the contents of the ballot box, containing the ballots for the last spring election, had been stolen from his residence. He had no suspicion of the ballots and tally-sheets being missing until a member of the family found them in a parcel in the coal house on Sunday morning. There was a note wrapped around the package which read: "We borrowed these from you about two weeks ago. Keep quiet about it and you will be rewarded." The above is Mr. Gallagher's version of the affair, but what was he doing with the ballot box in his house? The law requires the depositing of the ballot boxes with the nearest justice of the peace after the vote has been counted, and it was illegal and wrong for Judge of Election Gallagher to have it in his possession.—*Mt. Carmel Item.*

Court Proceedings.

Court convened at nine o'clock, Monday, with Judge Ikeler on the bench.

Mary Delay vs. Emanuel Delay, subpoena in divorce awarded.

Bond and sureties of Catharine A. Rarig, guardian of Howard R., Emory W. and Lester G. Rarig, minor children of Lloyd Rarig, with Charles Mensch and John Rarig as sureties, approved.

R. J. Davis was appointed Judge of Election in Benton Borough to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Elwood Knouse, who was appointed constable.

OVER AN EMBANKMENT.

Fireman Badly Scalded in a Collision Near Wapwollopen.

Engine No. 473 collided with an eastbound coal train on a short curve on the Sunbury division of the Pennsylvania Railroad, near Wapwollopen Saturday morning, both locomotives and eight gondola cars being badly wrecked and thrown down the embankment. George W. Moore, a fireman of Sunbury, was scalded so badly that he now lies in a critical condition and Joseph Ray, of Sunbury and James Derr, of Nescopeck, were seriously injured.

As a result of Judge Craig's opinion in the matter of the appointment of a jail keeper, Frank C. Dieterick who was given the position last spring will now be in charge at the jail. It will be remembered that Harry Kline was serving under the Sheriff, the latter claiming that the commissioners had no right to appoint a janitor for the jail.

RUNNING WATER IS NEVER STALE.

Our stock is like a river—always moving—that's why the store is always progressive, moving onward and upward—not content with "as good" as yesterday but ready to improve it. The taking in of the Jones & Walter store and stock the first of January is another move to better store keeping. We're going to give you the best and finest shopping place in central Pennsylvania. The annexing of the Jones & Walter building to ours by breaking through the walls and putting in arches will necessitate considerable dirt and considerable room will be needed for the carpenters, masons, etc. To get this we must reduce our stock to its lowest point, therefore look to this store for exceptional bargains in suits and overcoats for yourself or boys. It means dollars and cents to you; it means clean savings on honest, reliable merchandise and that right in the face of rising market where goods are advancing everywhere. Although our stock is very large, it might be good advice not to put off the coming.

A Word About Overcoats.

There are plenty of features by which anyone can judge the worth of over garments. Our line will bear the closest examination as regards either style, fit, finish and workmanship, and (quality considered) our prices are not equaled by any establishment in this city.

Genuine black and blue beaver, lined with a pure Italian cloth, pure velvet collar, all sizes for men, 34 to 42—\$5.00. Some stores will ask you \$7.00 for no better.

Genuine black and blue Kerseys, guaranteed pure wool and fast color, lined with a double warp Italian cloth, has a pure silk velvet collar, is sewed throughout with silk, will give \$10 worth of service to anyone—on sale here at \$7.50.

Genuine imported Kersey and Melton cloth, blue and black, lined half with pure satin around shoulders, (so's to slip on easy), bottom half with double warp Italian cloth, has a pure silk velvet collar, is made up equal to any merchant tailored coat at \$20, and could be retailed at any clothing store at 12 to \$15—on sale here at \$10.

All satin lined, black and blue Kersey coats, of fine Kersey cloth, \$12.

Our finest grade of overcoats are 12, 15, 18 and \$20.

Young Men's Overcoats.

Ages 15 to 19, elegant blue and blacks, in very stylish cut, \$5.00. Swell overcoat in blue and black, of finest Kersey cloth, \$7.50.

All silk lined or half silk lined young men's overcoats, very stylish, raw edges, merchant tailored throughout, 9, 10 and \$12.

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Two doors below Post Office.



5000 feet of floor space entirely devoted to the furnishing of men and boys.

EIGHT KILLED.

Fatal Fire in the Von Storch Mine at Scranton.

The Von Storch mine, in the Providence section of Scranton, was the scene of a disastrous fire early Sunday morning in which eight workmen lost their lives and several others had a thrilling escape from the flaming depths. The men who were suffocated in the burning colliery are as follows: Thomas Hill, fire boss married, leaves a wife and several children. John J. Farrell, married. John J. McDonald, single. John Walsh, single. Thomas Padden, single. Two Poles, whose names could not be learned.

A rescuing party came upon six of the victims at 10:30 o'clock Sunday night. Five were dead and the sixth, Joseph Yankowsky, a Pole, showed signs of life. They hastened out with Yankowsky, and it is thought his life will be saved. His rescue is one of the most heroic in the history of mining.

It is said by the mine officials that it may be a week before the victims' bodies are all recovered, as the roof is collapsing rapidly in the track of the burning timbers which supported it.

A New Racket.

Swindlers in some parts have been working a new racket on the farmer. A well-dressed and glib-tongued stranger drives up to the door and states that he will pay \$1 per bushel for the full crop of wheat, which is to be delivered at the nearest railroad point at a specified time. The farmer is requested to sign an agreement to that effect. The agreement afterwards turns up in bank as a note. The swindle was worked to no little extent in some parts of the state.

TWO YOUNG MEN MISSING.

Mystery of the Fate of Emmett C. Lowry and R. S. Reamer.

The relatives and friends of Emmett Charles Lowry and R. S. Reamer, of Pittsburg, are very much exercised concerning them. They left August 20; their destination was unknown, but Lowry, when parting from his brother, promised to advise him of his whereabouts. They were last seen together on a train near Youngstown, O. Their prolonged silence excites apprehensions of foul play or some unexplained misfortune. All practical means of ascertaining their whereabouts have been resorted to. Lowry is 20 years old, slender, 5 feet 6 inches, weighs about 125 pounds; has dark, straight hair, dark eyelashes and gray eyes; is thin-faced; dressed in dark clothes; was attending college. Reamer is also well educated; dressed in dark clothes; is about 25 years old and about 5 feet 10 inches high. They are young men of good habits, rather quiet and reserved. Anybody possessing information concerning either will confer a favor by communicating with David Lowry, No. 312 Fourth avenue, Pittsburg, Pa.

John Kenyon of the Telephone Exchange, caught a sucker while fishing out at the Shaffer bridge on Tuesday that measured about eighteen inches, while four other persons who were with him could not get a single bite. They all wondered why it was that the fish, apparently the only one in the creek at that time, should swim along and bite fast to Kenyon's hook, but they only needed to look into the eyes of the lonely sucker to get the answer, "because I had no other place to go."

Fred M. Kelley of Parsons, West Virginia visited his mother and sister in town last week.

Branching Out.

We are pleased to inform our readers of a transaction that has just been consummated between Gidding & Co. the clothier and Jones & Walter the shoe dealer by which Gidding & Co. will on January 1st, take possession of the Jones & Walter store and stock—giving them the largest establishment in central Pennsylvania. We are pleased to chronicle this event from many standpoints; it shows us that Gidding & Co. have confidence in the growth and prosperity of our town and that their new venture will be a success, that there is very little doubt as their reputation as live and progressive merchants is well known. It is their intention to break through the two walls which adjoin one another and put in an archway—the improvements to be commenced after January 1st. This popular firm will then come before the public with the largest store in this section of the State and one that our people can well be proud of. The stock in the new department will be, as in the other departments, up to date in every particular and surpassed by none in central Pennsylvania.

The only original George H. Adams troupe will present a high class comedy, vaudeville and pantomime entertainment at the Opera House Friday evening. The performance will conclude with the grand fairy trick pantomime, Protecto, in seven scenes, introducing trick scenery and a grand transformation scene, Home of the Fairies.

At a recent meeting of the Ashland School Board it was decided to enforce the compulsory school law in that town. This will have a wholesome effect, and keep many youngsters at school who would otherwise roam the streets.

THE RESULT OF FIRE.

Fire broke out Saturday evening, at the Methodist parsonage on Market Street. The blaze started in an inclosed porch on the back part of the house and burned so rapidly that it was feared the whole building would be destroyed. But the prompt appearance of the Wynona Fire Company allayed the fears of the large crowd of people who had gathered on the scene, and it was but a few minutes until the fire was under control. The fire is supposed to have been caused by burning of the soot in the chimney, and some of the fire dropping down on the floor of the porch through a stove pipe hole in the outside wall. A can of oil on the back porch was exploded by the flame, and caused the rapid spread of the fire. Neighbors discovered the flames and gave the alarm, but it was some time before any one got there. Mrs. Worthington drove up town with Dr. Willits' horse, and gave the alarm after the telephone had failed to find some one to ring the bell. When people reached there many of them lost their heads, and began moving out furniture, tearing up carpets, and doing more damage than the fire did.

The damage caused by fire and water together will probably amount to \$350 to \$400. The only thing that prevented more damage was the fact that the house was built of brick, for had it been a frame structure it would have been totally demolished.

Stephen W. Alvord, one of Bradford County's best newspaper men, and proprietor of the *Local Item* of Towanda, died at his home at that place last week. He learned the printing trade when quite young, and with the exception of 18 years during which time he was the postmaster of Towanda, he has been connected with the newspaper business all his life.