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FLAMES PLAY HAVOC.

A Large Barn, the Property of John K. Bittenbender Destroyed Friday Night.

Just as the tenant, William Baylor and his family were preparing to retire about ten o'clock Friday night, Mr. Baylor glanced out of the upstairs window and was horrified to see the large barn enveloped in flames. Without taking time to put on all his clothes he rushed out of the house, and lone handed tried to save the stock, consisting of horses and cows, but before he had succeeded the fire overtook him and he was compelled to abandon the task and as a result two cows and a calf perished while six other cows were badly burned. The other contents of the building, hay, grain, farming implements, wagons, harness, etc., were totally destroyed.

The old bell in the Town Hall was used to give the alarm, this was followed by an alarm sent in from box 41, located at the corner of East and Sixth street. The response from those most needed in such an emergency was prompt, but owing to the out of the way location of the burning structure, succor from the firemen was impossible and all that could be done was to confine it to the building already doomed.

The origin of the fire is a deep mystery. Mr. Baylor had been into town and returned home about eight o'clock, at which time everything was alright. It appears to be the general opinion that it was the work of an incendiary, but of this there is a lack of evidence to substantiate the belief, unless from a basis of pure malice and such a motive is hardly conceivable.

The loss will be quite heavy but the insurance will probably cover everything.

At the Opera House a fair sized audience had assembled to witness the performance of "Kidnapped in New York." The curtain had just gone down on the second act when some one, observing the reflection in the sky, caused by the burning barn, thoughtlessly and without any consideration for the liability of casualties, in such a case, yelled "fire" at the top of his voice. In an instant the audience was rushing for the doors and not until the location of the fire was known, could order be restored. Any person who displays such a lack of sense by yelling fire in any building and thus endangers the lives of the people there congregated, deserves to be severely dealt with, but luckily for him he was not known.

Called to Her Long Home.

Again it becomes our sad duty to chronicle the sad intelligence of the death of one of Catawissa's beloved residents, Mrs. George S. Gilbert, which occurred last Sunday night. Mrs. Gilbert retired in her usual good health, about nine o'clock in the evening. Shortly after midnight Mr. Gilbert was awakened by a voice, and getting up, found his wife suffering from asthma. Inasmuch as she had been subject to spells of this kind, it was thought it would soon pass away. But alas, it was her last struggle for breath on earth, and before anything could be done to relieve her suffering, her spirit took its flight to the great beyond.

The deceased was a daughter of the late John Sharpless, was highly respected by all who knew her, and her death is deeply mourned by the entire community. She leaves a husband and four children, namely: John, of Philadelphia, Mrs. Dr. Reynolds, of Danville, Mrs. Frank Maloy, of Scranton, and Laura, at home.

A Home Wedding.

Mr. Carlton A. Caswell and Miss Edith M. Reber, only daughter of Dr. and Mrs. W. M. Reber, were united in the holy bonds of wedlock by Rev. M. E. McLinn, pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, at the home of the bride's parents, North Market street, this town, at 10 o'clock a. m. Tuesday. Only the families of the contracting parties, and a few intimate friends, were present.

The couple entered the parlor to the strains of a beautiful wedding march, rendered by Miss Elizabeth Kuhn. The bride was very tastefully gowned in a dark blue traveling suit. After the ceremony a dainty repast was served.

The happy couple departed on an extended wedding tour, after which they will return and begin married life in Bloomsburg.

COURT PROCEEDINGS.

When court convened Monday afternoon, Hon. E. M. Dunham was presiding.

Charles Frantz, Charles Charles H. Fritz, P. W. Gorden, O. H. Hemingway, J. R. McAnall, John Payne and C. Z. Schlicher were excused from serving as jurymen.

In the case of Wm. Krickbaum vs. John W. Hoffman, certiorari, the Court, in an opinion filed, reversed the judgment of the Justice for the reason that the return of the Justice failed to show in the inquisition of facts found, that a certain rent or agreement was reserved by Wm. Krickbaum from Jno. Hoffman.

Road in Greenwood township and borough of Millville. Proceedings set aside.

Overseers of Poor of Cleveland township vs. Overseers of Poor of Middle Creek, Snyder Co. Order of removal reversed and proceedings vacated and Overseers of Cleveland township to pay all costs of proceedings.

Estate of Peter Appleman. Exceptions to report of Auditor, Order of Court made is hereby vacated and rights of parties to be as they were before said order was made. Hearing of above case, November 28, 1899.

John Michael vs. Harriet Michael, divorce decreed.

John M. Fauchild vs. A. F. Martz et al. Petition of E. A. Wilson for rule to show cause why he should not be subrogated to rights of plaintiff. Rule granted.

Consigned to the Grave.

The funeral of the late Jeremiah Wintersteen which took place in this city, Saturday last, was quite largely attended. Rev. Dr. Shindel officiated. The pall bearers were Messrs. D. R. Williams, M. D. L. Sechler, William Rishel, O. B. Sweitzer, Joseph H. Johnson and Abram Burger. Interment was made at Straub's church. Among those who attended the funeral from out of town were the following:

Mrs. Parvine Swisher, Miss Mary Whipple, Milton; George Sandel, Lewisburg; Frank Sandle, Winfield; Mrs. Benson Lyons, Mrs. Milton Hess, Mrs. Richard Angell, Howard Watts and wife, Elmer Lyons, Mrs. William Wintersteen, Charles Wintersteen and wife, Mrs. Calvin Kressler, Miss Martha Sidler, and William E. Knorr, Bloomsburg; Chandlee Eves and Thomas Wilson, Millville; Elias Watts and wife and Phineas Whitmoyer and wife, Pine Summit.—Danville American.

Veteran Editor's Sudden Death.

While showing his wife a newly bound book of memories pertaining to the golden wedding, celebrated by the couple on October 25th, John F. Meginnis, of Williamsport, one of the best known newspaper men of the state, fell to the floor dead. He went to Harrisburg Saturday morning, returning home in the evening. Immediately after reaching the house he opened the volume which he had in his hand. As he was pointing to the title page, it fell from his hand and he tottered over and expired, without uttering a word. He was seventy-six years of age. He was an editor for upwards of thirty-five years and quite frequently during that time has written articles pertaining to the history of Columbia County, always writing over the signature of John of Lancaster. His last narrative, in which he described a trip through this county appeared in many of the papers hereabouts only a few months ago.

A Correction.

Some evil disposed person is circulating the report that we are selling milk from cows that were burned or injured by the recent fire. At no time have we used milk from any cow injured. All cows severely burned have been killed, and those less injured taken to comfortable places for care. We are purchasing milk from parties having good cows to supply our customers until we can rebuild a barn and obtain other cows. We thank our patrons for their forbearance with us and assure them that we will furnish only the best at our usual price of 5 cents a quart.

J. K. BITTENBENDER.

Heart disease caused the death of Mrs. Frank Giger, at her home, in Montour township, Monday night. The deceased was 24 years old, a daughter of the late Daniel Reedy, and a daughter-in-law of Josiah Giger, of this town. The funeral will take place from the house this afternoon at two o'clock.

STRAY PARAGRAPHS.

—The merry jingle of sleigh bells will be heard ere long.

—The elevator boy usually has a pull, but he also has his ups and downs.

—Too much beef, explains High School's defeat at Berwick Saturday afternoon.

—We believe that a great many political speeches are literally parricides, that is they kill their fathers. We've seen it illustrated.

—It seems so strange that church edifices not unfrequently give way; they generally contain more sleepers than any other sort of building.

—There are a great many people who say more than the truth on some occasions and balance the account with their consciences by saying less on others.

—Before the election a certain candidate said he felt victory in his bones. He was unmercifully thrashed at the polls and now he is boning everybody trying to find out how it all happened.

"I'm not afraid of a barrel of cider," said one of our street corner ornaments to a chum as the writer was passing up the street yesterday. Undoubtedly correct. A barrel of cider would run at his approach.

One + \$1 = N. Y. -11-21-99-5.

This means that for one fare plus one dollar the Lackawanna Railroad will sell on November 21, 1899, from Mt. Morris, Ithaca, Oswego, Utica, and all intermediate points, tickets to New York and return, permitting the holder to spend five full days in the metropolis.

This week of November 21 will be one of the gayest and most interesting of the entire winter. One of the greatest football games of the year, that between Columbia College and the Carlisle Indians, will be played at Manhattan Field on November 25. Columbia College recently defeated Yale on the gridiron. It's eleven is the only aggregation of football players outside of the "Big Four" that ever scored against Yale. The Carlisle Indians have defeated some of the best college football teams in the United States.

At the theatres the week will be a particularly brilliant one. Among their attractions will be the following: May Irwin in "Sister Mary"; Julia Arthur in "More than Queen"; the Alice Nielson Opera Company in "The Singing Girl"; Julia Marlow in "Barbara Freitchie"; Virginia Harned in "The Song of the Sword"; John Drew in "The Tyranny of Tears"; Mrs. Fiske in "Becky Sharp"; Richard Mansfield, William Gillette, the Kennells, Annie Russell, Anna Held, William H. Crane and others.

The city itself will be an attraction as it has already donned its holiday dress.

The tickets at one fare plus one dollar for the round trip will be sold on November 21, and must be used for the going journey at or before midnight of that date. They may be used for the return journey on any train leaving New York before midnight on November 26.

Stillwater's New Officers.

The following officers were elected to the new offices created by the Borough of Stillwater:

BURGESS—Daniel McHenry.
COUNCILMEN—Chas. Wesley, B. F. Pealer, W. L. McHenry, Moses McHenry, T. H. Edgar, J. B. Karns, J. N. McHenry.

SCHOOL DIRECTORS—Chas. Wesley, I. W. Edgar, T. H. Edgar, E. P. Bender, A. B. McHenry, E. E. Wagner.

AUDITORS—P. D. Wesley, O. D. McHenry, M. W. McHenry.

JUSTICE OF PEACE—Moses McHenry, E. B. Beishline.

HIGH CONSTABLE—J. F. McHenry.
CONSTABLE—J. V. McHenry.

POOR OVERSEERS—Wm. Girton, D. N. McHenry.
ASSESSOR—C. O. Stauffer.

JUDGE OF ELECTION—J. B. Karns.
INSPECTORS—H. A. McHenry, B. F. Pealer.

George Ahleman, a clerk in James H. Mercer's Drug and Book Store, met with an accident on Saturday, which might have resulted in the loss of an eye. He was liquidizing carbolic acid, when the accumulation of gas exploded. He has been obliged to wear a bandage over his left eye ever since.

The shower of stars and meteors did not occur Monday night as was anticipated. Tuesday and Wednesday nights the sky was overspread with dark clouds.

TEACHER'S INSTITUTE.

Superb Course of Evening Entertainments.

County Superintendent J. K. Miller is busily engaged making arrangements for the Annual Teacher's Institute to be held here November 27 to December 1, inclusive. He has secured a brilliant corps of instructors, and the course of evening entertainment is equal if not superior to any that he has ever had the pleasure of presenting to the teachers of Columbia county. They are as follows:

MONDAY EVENING.

The opening entertainment of the week will be the International Grand Operatic Company, the personnel of which is as follows: Miss Clara Douglas Carroll, Miss Grace Lee Carroll, sopranos; Miss Ethel Houston Du Fre, contralto; Signor Agostino Montegriffo, tenor; Mr. Arthur Randolph Seaton, baritone; Sig. Comincio Gnarrow, musical director and pianist. The program will be in three parts. The first part will consist of solos, duets, trios and quartettes. For the second part, the second act of Flotow's Grand Opera "Martha" will be given, to be followed by the performance of Cavalleria Rusticana, as part three. The company comes with the endorsement of press and public wherever it has appeared.

TUESDAY EVENING.

Dr. Frank Bristol will lecture. Subject "Brains." The Michigan City Evening Dispatch says of him: "Rev. Frank Bristol appeared at the Army last night, under the Epworth League Lecture Course, in his lecture on 'Brains.' The speaker captured his audience from the start. He is a very rapid talker and he opened his speech by a few minutes of exceptionally rapid speaking, which commanded the closest of attention from the beginning. From that time on the people were grasping each word as it was uttered, and Rev. Bristol was carrying them along by his oratory as completely as if they had been a part of his own interested and scholarly intellect. For nearly two hours he gave to the audience a stream overflowing with wit, pathos and inspiring words of patriotism, which one must have heard to appreciate it."

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

The concluding number of the Course will be Mr. Alton Packard in his celebrated art entertainment and chalk talks. As a guarantee of his ability to please an audience we take from the Kinton, Ohio, News-Republican the following: "Mr. Packard is an artist who makes his fingers do what tongue cannot do. From the time he took up his situation before the easels till the very close he held his audience intently watching every move and wondering what those few strokes of the crayon would bring forth. In his pictures he not only entertains, but instructs by showing how the pencil is made to portray character, not only in people, but in the landscape. His story of a hat was a clever way of portraying various types of men we meet. As an entertainment, the affair was a great success. Mr. Packard is beyond a doubt, a star in his line of work, and a worthy follower in the footsteps of the great Nast."

Reserved seats at S. R. Bidleman's book store. Course tickets \$1.00. Single admission 50c.

Ladies, Beware of This Man.

A Wellsboro exchange says: A number of ladies of this borough were swindled last week out of \$5.00 each by a smooth-tongued young gentleman. The swindler stopped at the Sandbach House and claimed to represent a ladies' tailoring establishment, located somewhere in Massachusetts. He solicited orders for tailor-made suits at the remarkable low price of \$6 per suit, in order to advertise the house which he represented. The number of orders was limited to fifteen. That is the substance of the story the swindler told. He displayed samples of the goods, from which the ladies were to make selections, and when an order was taken he exacted \$5 in advance, the balance to be paid to a lady, who would call at the house and make the suit.

For Rent.

Proctor Inn, well furnished, from Feb. 1st 1900. Rent cheap. Apply to G. E. Eilwell or A. L. Fritz, Bloomsburg, Pa.

Snow, the first of the season, fell to the extent of about an inch in Bloomsburg on Tuesday. C. B. Ent and John Watson were the first to take advantage of it.

BEN. GIDDING.

One Tells Another

And you witness every day the power of that influence. You never read an advertisement for poor clothes. Strange, too, for there's more than good. Each advertiser represents his own as being the better, and cheaper than others. Not so here. Ours is as good as our best energies, ability, knowledge, experience, carefulness and watchfulness, can get. It may not be so good, it may be better than others. Only one way for you to know—come and see. One thing sure, business is growing here.

Yesterday's best is to-day's starting point.

Good storekeeping means progress.

We are ten years ahead of our imitators. They can't reach us. You'd do well to keep track of what is going on here. What a man or boy needs we offer here.

Every Part of the Store

Was grandly active all last week. Why not? No store never had greater inducements to activity. The stocks are largely in place. The varieties are such as you would want. The prices are less than you suspect.

Our Men's Department, our Boys' Department, our Children's Department, our Furnishing Department, our Hat Department, are all teeming with new, bright, fresh goods.

We want your trade. May we have it?

☞ We'll treat you right.

Ben Gidding,

White Front, Bloomsburg, Pa.

The Leader Department Store.

Furniture Repairing & Upholstering.

We have re-opened our repair department, under experienced management, and are prepared to do all kinds of repair and upholstering work at short notice. Goods called for and delivered.

Red Flannel Underwear.

We are closing out a line of these goods at 25c. They are honestly all wool and we have sold a great many of them at \$1, but to get rid of the balance we cut the price 25c.

Ladies' Waists.

We have a new line of these goods, in flannel and mercerized cotton, neat fitting and tasty in appearance. A good one for 50c., the best for \$2.00.

Ladies' Suits and Jackets.

Look at our \$8.00 Suits. We have them up to \$18.00. These are silk lined throughout.

Carpets! Carpets!

We are cleaning up a lot of remnants and slow sellers. If we have enough to cover your room we can give you a decided bargain. All carpets will be higher in price for spring, but with us, you'll always find us lower in price, and with a larger assortment, than anywhere in the town.

We have one or two rolls, suitable for chamber carpets. The price has been right along 30c. To close out the dropped patterns we make the price 20c. We have also a few rolls which we sold for 45c. We'll make the price 25c. to close. Kindly bear in mind that no one can sell you so cheaply as we. You are dealing with first hands.

FREE.—We have a lot of carpets, suitable for buggies. Come and buy \$1.00 worth of anything, and put a fresh carpet in your carriage.

Galvanized Buckets.

We have eight dozen heavy buckets to sell. Extra well made for a special purpose. We intended ordering eight, but by mistake the eight dozen were shipped, and so we want to sell them quickly. They would be good value anywhere at 50c. Give us 65c. for two of them and we'll let them go.

The Leader Store Co., Ltd.

Fourth and Market Streets.