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A NARROW ESCAPE.

A Panic in the Opera House Barely Averted.

Larned's advertisement of 6000 feet of film, a quartette, and an orchestra, at the Opera House on Saturday night, drew large audiences. Every seat was occupied, and nearly all the available standing room in the aisles was filled. There were probably seven hundred people there, a very large proportion being women and children. On the pavement and in the alley were counted ten baby carriages.

At about 9 o'clock the hall was filled for the second time with such an audience that evening. The orchestra had just finished a selection and the lights were on, when some sparks were seen by Arthur Smith at an overheated fuse plug in the switch controlling the lights in the ticket office and the moving picture machine. He called the operator's attention to it, and the latter at once adjusted it, but not in time to prevent some idiot from yelling "fire." Then the rush began. A woman fainted away, some one smashed a pane of glass leading to the fire escape, and then the efforts of a few level headed men to stay the rush for the door were futile.

About this time Chief of Police Baum was standing at the corner of Main and Centre near the White House restaurant, and noticing some excitement at the Opera House entrance he ran down Centre street, and was told that the Opera House was on fire, and that he should send in an alarm. Running back to Townsend's corner he pulled the alarm, and this brought out the fire companies, and several hundred other people.

It is miraculous that no one was injured in the rush while coming out of the hall. Had anyone fallen down they would have been trampled to death. It was an unfortunate occurrence for which the person who first yelled "fire" is largely responsible. No fire could have occurred from the sparks at the plug. The time will probably never come when everybody in a crowd will understand that a panic is as bad as a fire, and the way to do good at such a place is to allay excitement instead of creating it.

KILLED BY SHOT GUN.

On Sunday afternoon Edward Thatcher saw a crane in the bog below town, and secured a shot gun, hoping to shoot the bird. While sitting on a hayrack with the gun at half-cock, he somehow caught the trigger on the machine, and it was discharged, the load striking his wrist, then entering the body at the lower part of the chest. He was accompanied by John Ward and Geo. Yohe, who called assistance, and the boy was taken to his home with his grandmother on West Sixth Street. Dr. Bierman was called, and had him removed to the hospital, where his wounds were dressed, but he died in a short time. He was 16 years old, and is survived by his grandmother, Mrs. Lavina Thatcher, and a sister, Mrs. Clark Raber.

RETIREES FROM COMMONER.

William J. Bryan has retired as editor of his newspaper, the *Commoner*, a signed letter in the paper announcing that his candidacy for the Presidency makes it necessary for him to take such action. Coupled with it is the interesting statement that as a personal campaign contribution, the profits of the *Commoner*, over and above actual expenses, will be turned over to the Democratic national committee.

BARN BURNED BY BOYS.

Considerable excitement was caused on Tuesday afternoon by an alarm being turned in from box 41. The fire was in a barn on East Seventh street belonging to John P. Jones. Being an old building, it was soon a mass of flames, and beyond any hope of saving. When the fire companies arrived on the scene, they turned their attention to protecting surrounding buildings. Everything of value in the building was saved. There was no insurance. The cause is variously ascribed to "boys roasting potatoes," and "boys smoking." Whatever the indirect cause may have been, the immediate responsibility seems to rest upon boys. The affair has proved that the new fire alarm system works well; it gave the fire companies a bit of practice just to keep them in trim; it furnished excitement for those fortunate individuals who have nothing to do but loaf around the streets; and it probably taught a few youngsters a lesson, not to play with fire around an old building, or anywhere else, for that matter.

PATRIOTISM IN SCHOOLS.

At the Northern Columbia County district convention of the P. O. S. of A. held at Lime Ridge on Saturday it was resolved that a committee of three persons from each camp be appointed whose duty it will be to visit each public school in their respective districts to ascertain if patriotism is being taught and to find out to what extent the children who will soon become citizens are allowed to participate in the actual government of the school in their preparations for citizenship.

The committee appointed from the different camps were:

Camp No. 17, A. C. Keim, H. E. Hippensteel, Emory Keller.
Camp No. 105, R. H. Kishbach, J. W. Kechnier, A. E. Lasher.
Camp No. 123, H. Laubach, Alexander Peterman, Chas. Keeler.
Camp No. 319, Prof. L. P. Sterner, J. W. Sands, Jacob Stiner.
Camp No. 397, C. H. Heinzelman, Lloyd Gensil, Chas. Pressler.
Camp No. 503, A. M. Hughes, A. T. Chapin, W. E. Eveland.
Camp No. 517, Harvey Stiner, C. B. Remley, H. W. Bower.
Camp No. 527, Doyle Pennington, B. P. Smith.

HOSPITAL BURNED.

The Lock Haven Hospital was destroyed by fire on Tuesday afternoon, causing a loss of \$60,000. There were 31 patients in the building, all of whom were removed.

The hospital was a two-story brick building located on a hill west of Lock Haven proper, a short distance from the Normal school building. The fire originated on the attic and spread rapidly. As soon as the alarm was given the hospital attaches began to remove the patients, the work being carried out under the direction of the superintendent and nurses, who displayed great coolness in the face of the impending catastrophe.

MOVED TO BLOOMSBURG.

Joseph Gross has purchased the Hennessy Bottling Works, and has moved with his family from Lock Haven. They occupy the house formerly occupied by Thos. Hennessy, corner of Main and Leonard streets.

Harry Rinker's new room in the Titman building will be one of the finest places of the kind in this section. He is fitting it up elaborately.

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TOO MUCH HEADLIGHT.

Modern inventions are great enlighteners. They have thrown light upon many things which would otherwise have remained in darkness. Among these are the headlights of an automobile. The other night while coming down from Wilkes-Barre with a party, the headlights cast their bright rays on four pairs of lovers who were wandering along the roadside in supposedly dark places, at different points. The young men had their arms entwined about the willing waists of the maidens, and they didn't have time to get untangled before they were discovered.

However, the swains did not seem to be disturbed by the sudden publicity given them, apparently being unwilling to let go their grip for fear they couldn't get it again.

Since the automobile has come to stay, and is liable to turn up at an unexpected moment, we would advise all lovers who wander out on country roads in the night time to seek some secluded bypaths where automobiles are not likely to be wandering around loose.

STANDARD OIL FINE RESCINDED.

The United States Court at Chicago has reversed Judge Landis who imposed a fine of \$29,000,000 on the Standard Oil Company for violations of the law. The following statement from President Roosevelt was given out on Saturday.

"The President has directed the Attorney-General to immediately take steps for the retrial of the Standard Oil case. The reversal of the decision of the lower court does not in any shape or way touch the merits of the case, excepting so far as the size of the fine is concerned.

"There is absolutely no question of the guilt of the defendants or of the exceptionally grave character of the offenses. The President would regard it as a gross miscarriage of justice if through any technicality of any kind the defendant escaped the punishment which would have unquestionably been meted out to any weaker defendant who had been guilty of such offense.

"The President will do everything in his power to avert or prevent such miscarriage of justice. With this purpose in view the President has directed the Attorney-General to bring into consultation Frank B. Kellogg in the matter, he to do everything possible to bring the offenders to justice."

MERCANTILE LICENSES.

The number of mercantile licenses issued by County Treasurer Rhodes this year is 655. Not a single suit was necessary in order to collect these. They are made up as follows:

Retail	624
Wholesale	11
Broker	1
Billiards and Pool	13
Cafes	6

The total amount received was \$5426.86. The state gets all of this except \$501.75, which is for the fees of the Mercantile Appraiser and the Treasurer's commission. County Treasurer Rhodes has paid over to the state the amount due it.

TAKING PASTEUR TREATMENT.

A fund was raised on Friday and Saturday of last week which enabled Foster Kelly to go to Baltimore for treatment at the Pasteur Institute. Kelly's hand had become infected while cutting off the head of the dog afflicted with rabies which bit Fred Veits. The fund was started by a number of his friends, and they met with great success, the response being exceedingly liberal. Dr. J. E. Shuman acted as treasurer of the fund. Kelly left for Baltimore on Saturday. He and Fred Veits are at the same institution.

WILL COMPETE FOR PRIZE.

The drill team of the K. G. E. Commandery will attend the district convention of the order at Jersey Shore in August, and will compete for the prize in the drilling contest. Our boys make a fine appearance, and their manoeuvres are executed with perfect accuracy. If any other corps beats them, they will have to hustle.

132nd REGIMENT.

William H. Gilmore, vice President of the 132nd Regimental Association, has called a meeting of the surviving members of the association to be held in Gilmore's Hall this evening, for the purpose of making arrangements for holding a reunion in Bloomsburg on September 17th.

TOWNSEND

A FEW OF THOSE
TWO PIECE SUITS
ARE STILL HERE

You will miss it if you
are in need of a Summer
Suit, and pass
them.

TOWNSEND'S
CORNER.

OUR CREEKS.

The second geological survey of Susquehanna in speaking of the waters, says: Fishingcreek with its tributaries, Huntington, Green, and Little Fishingcreek, drains practically all of Columbia county north of the river.

The main branch of Fishingcreek takes its rise on the summit of North Mountain, in Sullivan county at an elevation of nearly 2,200 feet above the sea. Its general course is southward directly across the rocks to its mouth at Rupert.

Huntington creek drains the north western portion of Luzerne southward to Huntington Mountain, along the base of which it flows westward, until it empties into Fishingcreek in Col. Co.

At this season of the year, from its mouth at Rupert, to and above Jamison City, there are camps and parks and almost daily excursions; and at several points are cottages for the accommodation of pleasure seekers and outings; and also hotels constantly open for the traveling public. So whether you go up the creek by railroad or by public road, everywhere it is rich in scenery and in woods and waters and cool and limpid springs. How it would surprise Mr. Hurley if he could now spend a week along its banks, and drink from the spring still called his.

SHOOTING STARS.

On the 10th and 11th of August now next, the old stream of star showers will be visible here; and we advise everybody who is curious to sit up and watch for them. After you see them you can better understand what the newspapers say about them, and their history. Don't miss them—and have your sweetheart with you.

ON LECTURING TOUR.

Prof. C. H. Albert of the Normal School, is one of the most popular instructors at teachers' institutes in the country. He left on Monday for a trip of five weeks through West Virginia, Indiana and Ohio, where he will instruct at summer school institutes.

Rain is predicted today by the Weather Bureau.

Farm Buildings Burned.

The farm of E. H. Sloan, about two miles northwest of Orangeville suffered heavy loss from fire Monday night, when the large bank barn, a straw shed, two wagon sheds, and some smaller buildings went up in smoke. It was discovered in time to permit the salvage of the live stock and farming implements, but, with no fire-fighting facilities at hand, it was impossible to save the buildings. The tearing down of a corn crib between the house and the burning barn prevented the flames from spreading to the house. The cause of the fire is thought to have been spontaneous combustion in the hay. Insurance will partly cover the loss.

Toppled Over Embankment.

An ugly accident was that which befell Hervey Harman and Miss Lydia Shelhammer, of Centre township as they were driving home from Fowlerville Saturday night. While passing another horse and buggy Harman, who had the outside of the road, drove too near the edge, with the result that horse, buggy and occupants toppled over the embankment to the bottom, fifty feet below, the horse was killed by breaking its neck, and the vehicle was demolished. Fortunately Harman and his companion escaped with a few bruises.

Deeds Recorded.

The following deeds have recently been entered of record by Recorder of Deeds Frank W. Miller:

Mary Kistler et al. to Asher F. Fuimer for a lot of ground in the Borough of Millville.

Howard Greenly and wife to Isahai Mausteller for a lot of ground in the village of Jerseytown.

Lucretia Hower estate to Roman Smoozyaski for 181 acres and 47 perches of land in Franklin township.

Ida E. Cole et al to Estelle Kimble for three tracts of land in Franklin township.

The oldest and largest exclusively furniture store in town, W. J. Corell & Co.'s, is being improved by repainting the interior. This store carries a very large stock of everything in the furniture line.