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The Great Forest Fires.

WASHINGTON, SEPT. 21.—The forest fires which have just laid waste whole counties in Minnesota, Michigan, and extended into Wisconsin, destroying many towns and making thousands of persons homeless, have focused the attention of both government and state forest officers on the enormous losses of forest wealth which will be checked up to the year 1908.

In the whole northern half of the United States throughout the vast territory extending from coast to coast, the reported destruction by forest fires has been terrific and it is likely that the year will go down as one of the worst in the last quarter century. It seems that no part of the country has escaped the work of the devastating flames. The latest disasters in Minnesota, Michigan and Wisconsin are the worst of the many that have visited the Lake States this year. Other sections have also suffered from forest fires during the spring and summer months, and the people of the Pacific Coast, the Rocky Mountain and the New England states, and Canada have had a thorough, and in some cases, a continuous experience in fire fighting.

Officers in the United States Forest Service here say that it is doubtful if this year's actual losses from forest fires in all parts of the country will ever be known, but it is certain that they will run up so high in the millions that the country will be startled when a compilation of statistics at the end of the season makes it possible to give even the most conservative figures. Suffice it to say, were all the timber burned up this year in all parts of the country converted into cash, it could provide for a good sized navy of first-class battleships.

The fires have done good in one way; they have focused the people's attention on the seriousness of the forest fire problem, practical foresters say, and have started a wide spread movement in many states to check them by adopting national systems of fire protection. Among thinking people there has been awakened an intense interest in throwing a better protection around the forests, which grow more important as a natural resource as the timber supply dwindles.

The government has had a lot of work in the fire fighting line on the National Forests, but serious as the fires have been, careful patrol and the organization of a force to battle with the flames as soon as discovered has held the losses down to a point, where they are insignificant when one considers the fearful destruction which would have come about had there been no protection.

Although the fire menace has been serious in all sections, officers of the Forest Service estimate that the total cost of the forest fires on the National Forests for the season, exclusive of the salaries of forest officers, will not be more than \$30,000. This sum is small when it is remembered that it means fire protection for approximately 165,000,000 acres of National Forests less than two tenths of a mill per acre. Progressive state fire wardens and forest officers, individuals and private corporations having large timber holdings have organized fire fighting forces along much the same line as the government in many cases, and in this way they have given protection to millions of acres of timber which might have been destroyed had it been left unprotected.

Mr. Sheatz's New Bond.

Pittsburg Dispatch. State Treasurer John O. Sheatz has taken a long step in the right direction by preparing a new form of bond for state sureties. The new requirements of bondsmen put them in the way for criminal as well as financial responsibility.

The first effect of the new form will be to impress upon bondsmen the liability they are assuming. The second will be to secure State officers absolute assurance of the financial ability of offering securities. And finally the state will have recourse in criminal prosecution of any who falsely represent their financial standing.

This reform may well be regarded as of the utmost importance—as superior even to the act governing depositors and requiring payment of interest.

The plan is distinctly a credit to Treasurer Sheatz. His handling of the State funds has justified the confidence of the voters who elected him and this movement to increase the safety of public deposits marks him as a progressive Treasurer.

It is much better than the issuing of sensational statements at critical junctures during the State campaigns.

Hackenberg Agency.

FOR RENT—A good house with all modern improvements.
18th Wm. HACKENBERG

Voters Must Pay Their Own Taxes.

The Act of March 5th, 1906, makes it a misdemeanor, punishable with fine and imprisonment, for any one not a candidate or the treasurer of a political committee to pay, give or lend or to agree to pay, give or lend any money or other valuable thing whether contributed by himself or by any other person, for any election expenses whatever to any one except to a candidate or to a political committee.

The same act requires all payments by a political committee to be made through its treasurer and makes it a misdemeanor, punishable by fine and imprisonment, for a candidate or the treasurer of a political committee to pay, give or lend or agree to pay give or lend, either directly or indirectly, any money or other valuable thing for the payment of taxes to qualify any person to vote.

A man may pay his taxes to qualify him to vote through an agent, but it must be with his own money. The agency must be in writing and payment cannot be made through a candidate or a political committee.

Edison Prophecies.

Thomas A. Edison, inventor, in the course of a talk on aerial navigation, declared that within five years airships would carry passengers across the ocean in eighteen hours, at the rate of two hundred miles per hour. He said the north pole would be reached in a forty-hour trip and that a perfected heliocepl would circle the globe in a week. He said neither Wright brothers aeroplane nor any airship built on that principle nor along the idea of the dirigible balloon would ever be practical for use or a success commercially. He asserted the proper idea had not yet been worked out, but would be within five years.

Pay Your Taxes and Vote.

Saturday, October 3d, is the last day to pay taxes in order to qualify for the November election.

Failure to pay taxes on or before this date means that your vote is lost. Duty demands that every citizen make sure that he can cast his ballot. Carelessness or neglect should not prevent any man from exercising his privilege as a citizen to vote. Remember the date.

Hi Henry Dead.

Hi Henry, the popular Band and Minstrel man, well known in this section, died at Boise, Idaho, a week ago. He was a wealthy mine owner. Many years ago he made his home at Renovo, being instructor of the band at that place.

[Translated from German.]

A Problem to be Figured Out by High School Pupils—Figures Do Not Lie.

The manager of a farm one day sent two of his servants to market with a number of chickens to sell. Each one received 30, with instructions to sell at best possible price. In order that in case one should sell for more than the other, and the one getting less for her number would possibly get a calling down from the manager, they agreed to put the whole sum received together and then divide it by one-half, so that they could both show the same result. One servant sold, (as this happened in Germany we give the price in marks) her chickens for the price of five marks for each two chickens. She received therefore, for her 30 chickens 15 x 5 marks equals 75 marks. The other only received five marks for each three chickens, a total of 10 x 5 marks equals 50 marks. Together they have therefore received 75 and 50 marks, is 125 marks. The servants being rather weak in arithmetic, they therefore decided to go to the village merchant and have him make the division. The merchant figures this way: One part of the lot of chickens sold for five marks for each two the other for five marks for each three, together for each five chickens 10 marks. They had 60 chickens, therefore 60 divided by five results 12 x 10 equals 120 marks. The servants have 125 marks in their pockets, because one received 75 marks and the other 50 marks. Then who is right? The merchant who evidently figured right at 120 marks or the servants who have 125 marks to show. XX

For Sale.

1000 strawberry plants, pedigree stock, grown from R. M. Kellogg, Co., thoroughbred, for variety and price call on Herbert Day, at Tannery Office. 29-31.

For Rent.

Furnished rooms for light house keeping. Apply to Arthur Frappier, corner Fifth and Cherry streets,

Last Days of the Fair.

Thursday was the banner day of the Cameron County Fair. The largest crowd ever assembled on the Keystone grounds was there on that day. Our fire department in full force, headed by the popular Fisk's Juvenile Band marched to the fair grounds and made a good showing. The races and pie-eating contest were especially good and enjoyed by all the participants, as well as spectators. Master Horton Simmons, the bright little son of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Simmons, of East Allegheny Ave., captured first prize for the best looking two year old child and he well deserved it as he is a most beautiful child. The ball game on Thursday between Emporium and Renovo, was interesting from start to finish and resulted in a score of six to two in favor of the home team. The game was well played. The people having stands were more than busy all day and a lively interest was manifested in everything. Friday, the closing day, passed off with the same general interest that was displayed throughout the entire Fair and thus closed the best Fair ever held in Cameron county.

Von Yonson Coming.

Amusement lovers are now awaiting the coming of our old and tried Swedish friend "Von Yonson" at the Emporium Opera House, Friday evening, Oct. 2. Ben Hendricks is advertised as the actor that will make millions laugh and in the character of "Yon" he is destined to make those same millions laugh again and also shed a few tears, as there are many pathetic touches in this big good natured lovable Swede. "Von Yonson" is a comedy drama of the polite kind containing nothing in the least suggestive. Mr. Hendricks' singing specialties are original and will doubtless prove an especially enjoyable feature.

Interesting Relic.

While standing in front of our office, one evening last week, talking to two of our friends and subscribers, we noticed Mr. J. H. Beck was holding a plain oak cane. "What is that?" we asked. Holding it up, he remarked: "This cane is made from a piece of oak plank that I and a Bohemian sailor fished out of Gen'l Perry's vessel 'Niagara,' about twenty-five years ago. The boat was sunk in the Bay about two miles from Erie. The Bohemian sailor knew the exact location of the boat and one evening rowed me out. We finally succeeded in fishing out a plank from the boat, which lies in a sand bed, covered by about twelve feet of water. It has always been a mystery to me why the boat has not been raised before this." Mr. Beck highly prizes the cane, which he had on exhibition at the Fair.

Chance for an Ostrich Plume.

Office of Richard Kuehne. EMPORIUM, PA., SEPT. 17, 1908. Contest Editor, Gazette and Bulletin, Williamsport, Pa.

DEAR SIR: Your great contest where in you make it possible for seven of the most popular ladies living in Emporium, St. Marys, Ridgway, Johnsonburg or Kane, to visit the Island of Bermuda as guest of your valuable paper, and as my pride and interest centers in our own town, Emporium, I wish you would say through the columns of your paper, the following:

To the contestant who receives the first, second or third highest number of votes and is a contestant making our town, Emporium, her home, I will give to her one magnificent colored ostrich plume, valued at \$15.00. In case more than one should be among the winners from Emporium, the one receiving the highest number of votes will receive the plume. Hoping our own girls will head the list, we are,

Yours truly,

RICHARD KUEHNE, Emporium's Leading Dry Goods House.

Still More Room Needed.

No one supposed a few years ago when the Hon. Josiah Howard put up the first building for the County Fair, that it would ever amount to anything but now with two extra buildings we are still short of room and we all realize that Cameron county is as good as any other county and that we can accomplish many good things if we only pull together.

U. S. Powder Demonstrations.

Demonstrations by the U. S. Government, of the workings of dynamite, was held in Pittsburg during the past week. Members of the Cameron County Fraternity who attended were: Messrs. Henry Auchu, A. C. Blum, H. A. Cox, G. M. Smutz and Chas. W. Shaffer. The experiments were very interesting and the gentlemen were royally entertained.

New Home.

Dr. and Mrs. L. R. Felt, we learn will occupy the J. P. Felt residence. The dental rooms will remain in the Rockwell block.

Opening of Rink.

The roller skating rink will open on Saturday afternoon at 3:30 to 5:30 and also in the evening and hereafter every evening until further notice.

Another Druggist in Town.

Another young druggist has put in its appearance in Emporium, at the residence of George Taggart. Mother and son doing nicely. Grand-pa L. Taggart is now grand-pa four times.

Has Joined the Clan.

Judge George J. LaBar has at last, after looking over the field for some time, purchased an auto-carriage. With the assistance of Geo. Huffman he is busy "getting the hang of the creature." Emporium now boasts of fifteen autos.

Frank T. Beers Improving.

Mr. H. C. Olmsted has received a telegram from his daughter, at Barksdale, Wis., with the pleasing information that "Mr. Frank T. Beers' condition is in no way dangerous and he is steadily improving." This is pleasing to his Emporium friends.

Coppersmith's Fall Opening.

The attractions at Coppersmith's Fall Opening, Thursday and Friday, Oct. 1st and 2nd. Latest novelties not only in Pattern Hats but we show a fine line of ladies suits, ranging in prices from \$13.50 to \$30.00. Remember the dates.

Jumped the Track.

The Erie Flyer coming east on Tuesday met with a slight accident just outside of St. Marys, when the engine and tender left the rails. The train was not going fast, having slowed down to pass mail going west and it was stopped after it had gone about the length of the engine. The cars remained on the rails. The train was delayed about 50 minutes.

Cameron County Represented.

This county was represented at the opening of the Republican campaign at Wilkes Barre, last week, by the Republican State League Clubs. Congressman C. F. Barclay, Representative Josiah Howard, Judge Geo. J. LaBar and Hon. H. H. Mullie represented this county. The monster meeting in the armory building, at which Vice Presidential candidate Sherman, Senator Penrose, Congressman Longworth and others spoke. It was the largest political meeting ever held in Wilkes Barre. Grand meeting.

An Oregon Visitor.

Mrs. Frank W. Ayers and two children, of Portland, Oregon, after visiting in Emporium for three weeks, guest of Jos. Lechner and family on third street leave to-day for Jamestown, N. Y., where they will visit until latter part of Oct., at which time they start for their western home. The eastern visit has been very pleasant to Mrs. A., who met scores of old friends and relatives in Emporium, Buffalo and other points on the route. The Press was honored by a visit from this lady and we were glad to learn they are prosperous and contented in their western home; also that Ray White, formerly employed in this office, holds down a first-class position in Oregon. Always glad to hear of former Cameronites being prosperous. Of course the Press will be a weekly letter to them.

Active in Virginia.

We are pleased to note, in the Covington, Va., Sentinel, that our old friend and former citizen, Mr. Geo. W. Huntley, Jr., is in the harness for the Republican candidates. Mr. Huntley is an able gentleman; truthful, honest and very progressive. Had he remained in the North no doubt his fine legal attainments would have pushed him to the front ere this. Virginia gains an excellent gentleman.

Mr. G. W. Hunley, Jr., was elected president who made an excellent address paying in the course of his remarks the highest compliment to the south. He said that he was born in the north, had lived in the west and expected to die in the south, that it was the most favored section under the canopy of heaven, that in addition to its great mineral wealth, you can raise anything that grows in any other sections of the country and a great many other things, and that the only thing needed to make it blossom as the rose was more liberal views on political matters. He said that if there was any section in the United States that needed Republican principles applied to make the country and people prosperous it was the south.

DeWitt's Carbolic Witch Hazel Salve is the best thing to use for piles. Sold by R. C. Dodson.

Convention of Sunday School Workers.

Next Tuesday evening, Sept. 29th, at the Presbyterian Church will be held the opening session of the Convention of Sunday School Workers of Cameron County, and the attendance and co-operation of all church people is earnestly invited.

"Stop, Look and Listen" all you church people, and other people, who wish to grow and help others grow a little also. Don't you think the people of this county are worth bothering with? Do you Methodists and Baptists think that the Presbyterians, Episcopalians and Free Methodists are not worth meeting with, or do you Episcopalians and Evangelicals think you can not see any good in meeting with the Romanists and the Methodists? Supposing that you are so orthodox or that your standard of principles are so high, don't you know them well enough to half-way tell them and help the other fellow a little bit?

If you are bashful or unlearned in speech making, then give us your good-will and gracious presence.

The Committee on entertainment will provide rooms and meals for all attending delegates.

THE COMMITTEE.

Gone to Conference.

The Rev. and Mrs. F. B. Schriener left on Wednesday for Oil City to attend the annual conference. It is the unanimous wish of the Free Methodist congregation here that the Rev. Schriener be returned to Emporium. He is an energetic worker in the field of the Lord and has accomplished much good here. We hope he will be returned to this charge, which we learn is almost positive.

Fine Residence.

The residence of John T. Howard, on West Fourth street, is now completed on the inside and Mr. and Mrs. Howard are now nicely domiciled in their new home. A new flag stone walk has been laid in front of the home and when all the improvement on the exterior have been completed and everything of the most modern improvements within the home, it will be one of the finest residences in the borough.

Successful Farmer.

Mr. Wm. McElvane, who conducts the "Robert Lord farm" at Cameron, now owned by L. K. Huntington, was in town on Tuesday and visited the Press office, on business. He is making a success of his work and supplies our citizens with an abundance of fruit and vegetables, nice and fresh.

Announcement.

During our opening, September 30th and Oct. 1st, Miss Fisher, of Olean, will be with us and will have a complete line of Hair Goods.

Pompedours, pompedour rolls, pin curls, cluster curls, transformations, curly switches and all of the new novelties that are used this season.

LUDDLAMS.

Large Tomato.

Mrs. P. R. Beattie, of Sixth street, has the record of raising the largest tomato this season, weighing two pounds, eight and one-half ounces. Her modesty prevented her from having it on exhibition at the fair last week, where it certainly should have been, as it would surely have captured a prize.

NEW TO-DAY.

R. Kuehne—New Adv.
Humphrey Med Co.—New adv.
Mrs. Coppersmith—New adv.
Jasper Harris—New adv.
Misses Ludlam—New adv.
Geo. J. LaBar—New adv.
J. H. Day—New adv.
First National Bank—New adv.
Doan's Kidney Pills.—Local.
Pennsylvania Railroad—New adv.
Rexall Remedies—New adv.
Adam, Meldrum & Anderson Co.—new adv.

Merry-Go-Round.

Mr. Frank Aten, who operated the merry-go-round on the fair grounds, has decided to remain in Emporium all this week, south Broad street, every evening. Mattinee Saturday afternoon. Tickets 5c; six for 25c.

Cattle for Sale.

One cow giving milk and two calves born June and July. Just suited for butchering. Also ten ton of hay. Inquire at this office or Chas. Edgar, Whittier Hill. 30tf.

For Light Housekeeping.

Four good unfurnished rooms, with use of bath and kitchen jointly with present tenant. Apply at Press office. 32tr

THE WEATHER.
FRIDAY Fair.
SATURDAY Fair.
SUNDAY Fair.

First National Bank,

EMPORIUM, PA.

At the close of business Sept. 23, 1908.

\$785,182.06

DEPOSITORS SECURITY.

In addition to its excellent facilities, this bank has the advantage of abundant
Capital..... \$140,000
Surplus and Profits..... 763,022
Additional liability of its 26 stockholders \$100,000

\$303,022

A good board of directors, as follows: Hon. B. W. Green, W. L. Sykes, Hon. Josiah Howard, N. Seger, J. Pitt Felt, Joseph Kaye, John E. Smith and T. B. Lloyd, and strong body of 46 stockholders and with 24 years experience in banking convince us that conservative methods are always best—best for the bank and best for the people.

INTEREST PAID ON CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT.

DR. LEON REX FELT,
DENTIST.

Rockwell Block, Emporium, Pa.

DR. H. W. MITCHELL,
DENTIST.

(Successor to Dr. A. B. Mead.)
Office over A. F. Vogt's Shoe Store,
Emporium, Pa 12y

The County Sunday School Convention.

The Annual County Sunday School Convention will be held in the Presbyterian Church, this place, beginning on next Tuesday evening, Sept. 29th, and extending through morning, afternoon and evening sessions on Wednesday, the 30th. The program outlined in last week's PRESS will be followed.

Mr. W. D. Reel, and Miss Ermina C. Lincoln, Philadelphia will represent the State organization.

Each Sunday school in the county is entitled to two delegates. Each superintendent should see that delegates are appointed or elected. All delegates are asked to report on their arrival to the committee on entertainment at the First Presbyterian Church.

Notice to Water Consumers.

To Water Consumers of the Emporium Water Company:

Owing to the unusual continued drought, the water in the reservoirs has reached the danger point and in order to keep the supply for domestic use and fire protection, we are compelled to order the disconnection of all lawn, garden and porch sprinklers, vegetable sprays, automobile washers in garages, buggy washers in livery and private barns until further notice.

If our inspectors find any violation of the ordinance governing the water department, particularly the wasting of water through leaky fixtures or otherwise, the supply will be shut off from such premises without further notice and a penalty imposed for such violation.

J. F. PARSONS,

President Emporium Water Co.

J. D. LOGAN, Sec'y.

T. F. MOORE, Supt. 32-3t

Emmanuel Church Notice.

Sept. 27th, 15th Sunday after Trinity: 10:30 a. m., Morning Prayer, Litany and Sermon; 12 m., Sunday school; 7:30 p. m., Evening Prayer and Sermon.

DEATHS DOINGS

WEISENFLUH.

ARNOLD WEISENFLUH, only son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Weisenfluh, died last Tuesday morning at the family residence on West Sixth street at 8 o'clock. Deceased was born in Emporium, November 12, 1899, and was in his ninth year. Arnold was a very bright child and a general favorite with all and will be greatly missed especially in the family circle as he was an only son and brother. Although never a very healthy or rugged child yet he never complained and about six weeks ago was stricken with inflammation of bowels and he gradually failed and in spite of all that loving hands could do, as he was constantly administered to by a devoted mother and father and faithful sisters, death claimed him and the spirit of the little sufferer was wadded to the great beyond. Deceased is survived by his parents and five sisters, Mrs. George Neidinger, of Ridgway, and the Misses Kate, Anna, Margaret and Clara at home. The funeral will be held this (Thursday) afternoon, at two o'clock, from the residence, Rev. G. H. Johnston to officiate four; sisters of the deceased will be the bearers. The bereaved family have the sympathy of the PRESS and a large circle of friends.