

Historic Forest Fires.

The terrible work of the flames which have burned over and destroyed hundreds of thousands of acres of timber and property to the value of millions in the Lake States, recalls to memory other great forest fires which have attained historic importance.

One of the earliest of these was the great Miramichi fire of 1825. It began its greatest destruction about one o'clock in the afternoon of October 7 of that year, at a place about 60 miles above the town of Newcastle, on the Miramichi River, in New Brunswick. In nine hours it had destroyed a belt of forest 80 miles long and 25 miles wide. Over more than two and one half million acres. Almost every living thing was killed. Even the fish were afterwards found dead in heaps on the river banks. Five hundred and ninety buildings were burned and a number of towns, including Newcastle, Chatham, and Douglaston were destroyed. One hundred and sixty persons perished, and nearly a thousand head of stock. The loss from the Miramichi fire is estimated at \$300,000, not including the value of the timber.

In the majority of such forest fires of this the destruction of the timber is a more serious loss, by far, than that of the cattle and buildings, for it carries with it the impoverishment of a whole region for tens or even hundreds of years afterwards. The loss of the stumpage value of the timber at the time of the fire is but a small part of the damage to the neighborhood. The wages that would have been earned in lumbering, added to the value of the produce that would have been purchased to supply the lumber camps, and the taxes that would have been devoted to roads and other public improvements, furnish a much truer measure of how much, sooner or later, it costs a region when its forest are destroyed by fire.

The Peshtigo fire of October 1871, was still more severe than the Miramichi. It covered an area of more than 2,000 square miles in Wisconsin and involved a loss in timber and other property of many millions of dollars. Between 1,200 any 1,500 persons perished, including nearly half the population of Peshtigo, at that time a town of 2,000 inhabitants. Other fires at about the same time were most destructive in Michigan. A strip about 40 miles wide and 186 miles long, extending across the central part of the state, from Lake Michigan to Lake Huron, was devastated. The estimated loss in timber was about 4,000,000,000 feet board measure, and in money over \$10,000,000. Several hundred persons perished.

In the early part of September, 1881, great fires covered more than a 1,800 square miles in various parts of Michigan. The estimated loss in property, in addition to many hundred thousand acres of valuable timber, was more than \$2,300,000. Over 5,000 persons were made destitute and the number of lives lost is variously estimated at from 150 to 500.

The most destructive fire of more recent years was that which started near Hinckley, Minnesota, September 1, 1894. While the area burned over was less than in some other great fires, the loss of life and property was very heavy. Hinckley and six other towns were destroyed, about 500 lives were lost, more than 2,000 persons were left destitute and the estimated loss in property of various kinds was \$25,000,000. Except for the heroic conduct of locomotive engineers and other railroad men the loss of life would have been much greater.

This fire was all the more deplorable because it was wholly unnecessary. For many days before the high wind came and drove it into uncontrollable fury, it was burning slowly, close to the town of Hinckley, and could have been put out.

Brought Home the Machine.

The shop force of the Emporium Machine Company was well represented at Cuba and Olean last Saturday and Sunday. Messrs. F. P. Rentz, F. P. Strayer, George Huffman and Charles Clark left on the flyer on Saturday morning for Cuba, where the auto of Mr. Rentz was side tracked for repairs, several weeks ago. In the afternoon, Mr. Floyd Hilliker, in his auto, accompanied by Messrs. Ermine Rentz and Frank Rutz, made a quick trip to the same place. They all returned Sunday evening in the automobiles, both machines working nicely.

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, Whitmore Hill. 30tf.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

[From our Regular Correspondent.]

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26, 1908.

The President had scarcely gotten back to the White House before he placed himself at the van of the Taft campaign, charged up San Juan Hill and bearded the Democrats in their entrenchments. It is probable that by the time this letter reaches you the Treasurer of the campaign Committee Governor Haskell, of Oklahoma, will have resigned from the impetuosity and effectiveness of the President's charges. Chicago may be the base of the Republican campaign committee but the White House has in the last week become the headquarters in the field. There is much criticism of the President's strenuousness and activity in the campaign. His course is said to be undignified, without precedent and in fact, a scandal in the eyes of the onlooking courts and cabinets of Europe. But this view of the situation no matter how loudly proclaimed and emphasized will not effect the President who is *sui generis*, a man "without a model and without a shadow."

Washington has with the return of the President and the Cabinet resumed its normal importance as the seat of Government, the most important in this hemisphere and not even the political field over which the embattled Democratic and Republican armies are marching and countermarching led by the respective candidates themselves will possess the interest of the Capital.

One of the most unexpected developments of the campaign is the apparent enmities between President Roosevelt and Mr. Hearst the leader of the Independent party as a result of Mr. Hearst's scoring of the Republican candidate and his most prominent supporters.

The Tuberculosis Congress is now in session in Washington and the habituee of the streets and hotels notice a sprinkling of serious looking men evidently non-American and talking strange lingo, or when they attempt to ask a direction or other question in English using an accent that betrays them as French, German, Italian, Russian, Spanish or Scandinavian as the case may be. These are the physicians who have come across the sea by scores by delegates to the Congress now sitting in session in the New National museum. This great building is the setting for numerous exhibits such as are used in the United States and foreign countries in an effort to eradicate tuberculosis or to cure those affected with the scourge. Statistics show that until recently one death in every ten was caused by it; now it is said that not more than one in fifteen die from consumption and medical specialists are many of them so sanguine as to hold out the hope that in fifteen or twenty years the disease will be eradicated in the United States and Europe.

Charles Wilson, a patient at the Tuberculosis hospital here has offered himself as a subject for the test to be made early next week by Dr. Detrie of Buda Pesth to demonstrate whether it is possible to determine the type, degree and stage of the infection. The test consists of the inoculation of the deadly tubercle bacilli and is of course attended by grave danger. It may not seem an important or a very courageous act on the part of the man but greater love and greater heroism hath no man than that he give his life for another, the thing that Wilson is offering to do with this difference that if he should die and the experiment succeed he would be a sacrifice for the good of many thousands of sufferers. Only those associated with consumptives and knowing the tenacity with which they cling to life can fully appreciate the real heroism of a man who after having held out to him the hope of regained health is still willing to submit himself for the test for the advancement of the war against the deadly disease.

There is now in Washington another large convention called the Fisheries Congress. This one also largely composed of delegates from foreign countries. They are met here for the purpose of considering questions relating to the propagation and preservation of food fishes and it may be mentioned *en passant* that it is universally conceded that the United States has done more than any other country in this direction.

Big Fish.

Hon. Geo. J. LaBar and Mr. H. O. Haupt put in a couple of days fishing at Lime Lake last week and returned home with a big catch. They were fine fish and we know it for we enjoyed a feast of some of them on Monday. We are smacking our chops yet.

Fine Broilers.

Ye editor and family are under obligations to Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Peterson, of Cameron, for a basket of delicious fruit and two fine chickens that were fit for a King. We thank our esteemed friends for their kind remembrance, which we highly appreciate.

To Purchase Christmas Goods.

H. S. Lloyd and wife are in New York City, on a ten days' trip, where they will purchase an up-to-date line of Holiday Goods for this coming season, for their popular store, in the Keystone Block. Both Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd are experienced buyers in this line and their selections this year will be the best the market affords.

Freight Train Wreck.

On Monday, passenger train No. 61, due here at 6:30 p. m., was five hours late, arriving at 11:30 p. m., caused by a wreck of freight train at Ritchie, a town situated between Renovo and Look Haven. Both tracks were blocked for several hours, needing the services of two train crews to clear the tracks.

Eye Specialist.

Prof. W. H. Budine, the well known Eye Specialist, of Binghamton, N. Y., will be at R. H. Hirsch's jewelry store, Emporium, Pa., Oct. 10th. If you can't see well or have headache don't fail to call and see Prof. Budine, as he guarantees to cure all such cases. Lenses ground and fitted in old frames. Eyes tested and examined free. All work guaranteed.

After That Prize.

The following Emporium ladies are after the Williamsport Bermuda free tickets, offered by the Williamsport Bulletin, their names having been entered by their friends: Misses Nina Bryan, Edna Auchu, Marion Rentz, Grace Lloyd, Verna Hertig, Lillian Heilman, Kate Lechner, Helen Blumle, Theresa Blumle, Lena E. McDonald, Agnes M. Blumle. All are estimable and deserving young ladies, yet we fear too many have entered the contest. It would be better if they pooled their issues and pulled for two of their number. In unity there is strength.

Yon Yonson Coming.

Amusement lovers are now awaiting the coming of our old and tried Swedish friend "Yon 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. "Yon 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.

Teacher's Institute.

The forty-second annual Teachers' Institute which will be held in Emporium, Oct. 27-30th promises to be one of the most successful institutes ever held in the county. The day instructors are the strongest and most popular talent available. The evening entertainments which will be held in the Emporium Opera house, will be a treat to the people of Cameron county. Monday evening, Hon. Emerson Collins will deliver his lecture on Alexander Hamilton. Mr. Collins needs no introduction to our people of Cameron county. Tuesday evening, The Katherine Ridgeway Company will give a pleasing entertainment. Miss Ridgeway is without doubt the best known reader of the present generation. Wednesday evening, The Alton Packard Sketch Lectures. This lecture and entertainment is humorous and instructive. Thursday evening, The Lotus Glee Club. This will be the most pleasing and most popular concert ever held in Emporium.

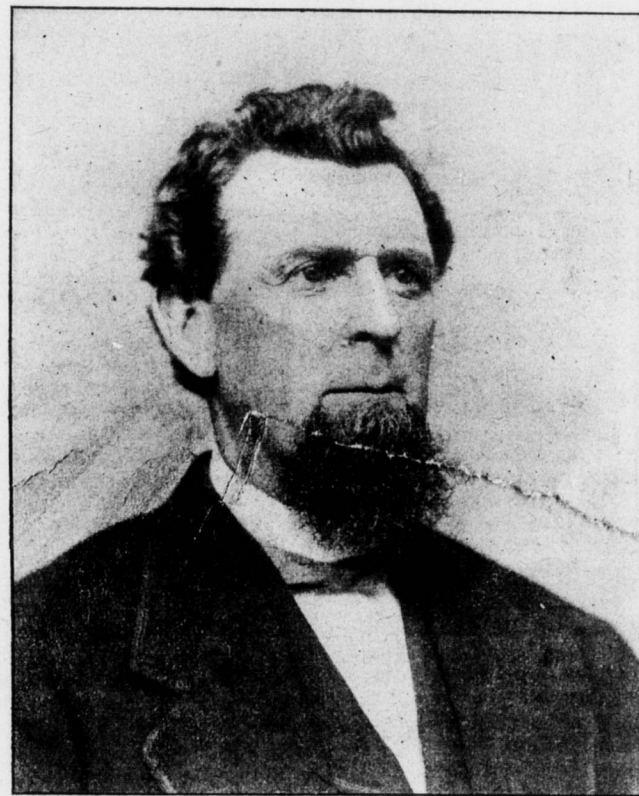
Banquet the Powder Men.

Messrs. Crum Bro's of Sinnamonahoning, who are hustlers for the powder plant at that place, as well as great friends of the "powder boys"—in fact all who are acquainted with them—gave the "boys" a good lunch last Saturday evening. Of course the occasion was one of good-fellowship. Before the festivities closed a party of ladies, many of whom were wives of the guests, serenaded the party. The pleasing incident was hugely enjoyed by all hands and the ladies were invited to partake of ice cream and cake.

No Services.

There will not be services at Presbyterian Church next Sunday. The following Sunday services will be held.

THE SUDDEN DEATH OF CHARLES C. FAY.



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Our citizens were shocked last evening to learn that our old and esteemed townsman, Mr. Chas. C. Fay, had suddenly passed away at his home, at this place, aged 83 years, Nov. 6th, 1908. Mr. Fay came to Emporium in 1859 and has resided here continuously

until the time of his death, always respected by all who knew him. His wife died several years ago. Deceased leaves one daughter, Mrs. Thos. H. Norris. The funeral takes place Sunday afternoon, at 2:30. We hold our paper to make this brief announcement.

Congressman Barclay in Town.—Congressman Chas. F. Barclay stopped in Emporium Tuesday night, after a very satisfactory visit to several portions of his district. His reception in all sections was very cordial and his election is only a matter of majority—all pipe dreams of Mr. Walker, and a few guys, to the contrary, notwithstanding. His election need worry none of his friends, who are expected not to place or take any stock in the yarns told in some places for effect. Just keep at work and saw wood.

Mr. Barclay's acquaintance in Washington and his close attention to the wants of his constituents, Democrats as well as Republicans, will bring him very many new votes, and some more to follow. His second term will make him still more useful to the district as well as the Nation.

Frank G. Judd for Sheriff.

Mr. F. G. Judd, Republican nominee for Sheriff, is quietly soliciting the support of the voters and not making any noise about it. In fact the people know his excellent business ability and will elect him. Mr. Judd is a Cameron county product, being born in Emporium, April 18th 1862; is a son of the late J. M. Judd, who served as postmaster under President Cleveland, in 1885-88. Frank G. Judd and wife ably conducted the clerical part of the work for the elder Mr. Judd. Our nominee has served faithfully in every capacity the people have called him and if elected Sheriff the duties of the office will be creditably served. As an agent for fire insurance companies, in which capacity he has been engaged for many years he has met most of our citizens, who appreciate his eminent ability for the important position. While never an active partisan, Mr. Judd has been identified with the Republican party for twelve or fourteen years. If you do not know him ask any one. You will be satisfied.

Returned to Emporium.

Rev. F. B. Shriner of the Emporium and Truman charge of the Free Methodist Church was returned for another year to the same charge by the annual conference of said church held at Oil City, Pa., Sept. 23-27. The unanimous wish of the circuit was that Rev. Shriner should be returned. After a brief visit to their parents at Mercer and New Castle, Rev. and Mrs. Shriner will be home to take charge of their conference appointment. Services as usual Sabbath, Oct. 4th.

Colson-Tilton.

Miss Jennie Colson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Colson, of this place and Mr. Dave Tilton, an employee of the Emporium Powder Co., were quietly married last Monday evening, at the court house, Prothonotary W. J. Leavitt performed the ceremony.

A Pleasant Drive.

A party of jolly young fellows, consisting of Jas. Uilmer, Dorr Spencer, Herkie Jones and William Schweikart enjoyed a very pleasant drive to the Schweikart farm on Sizer Run, last Sunday, where they were brisk partakers in a very elaborate dinner. A vote of thanks was given to the kind friends for the day's pleasure. On returning home the boys stopped at Sizerville and filled up with mineral water. The boys report a good time.

Rev. Johnston Leaves Emporium.

Rev. G. H. Johnston preached his last sermon in the Presbyterian church last Sunday evening. The Doctor left on Monday morning, to attend the meeting of the Northumberland Presbytery that is being held at Benton, Pa. After the meeting the Rev. Johnston will take charge of the church at Duncannon. Mrs. Johnston and daughter Ruth departed for their new home last Saturday.

Notice of Withdrawal.

To the Electors of Cameron County:— I hereby give notice that I have withdrawn my name as an Independent candidate for Sheriff. Thanking all of my friends for their support, I remain, Very respectfully, ALBERT MURRAY, Emporium, Pa., Sept. 29th, 1908.

A Lasting Success.

That always successful Swedish-American play "Yon Yonson" like Tennyson's babbling brook, seems destined to go on for ever. It has been played steadily for ten years, and the interest in it to-day is just as great as it was during the first year of its existence, when, on account of the newness of the Swedish dialect character to American playgoers and the genuine merit of the play, it was so enthusiastically received. During the ten years that is has been presented throughout the United States and Canada, and in many places it has been seen every season, always to the same large business. Now comes the announcement that "Yon" is to be continued next season, and will be given a more pretentious production than it has ever yet received. New scenery is being painted for every act, new properties and effects are being built, which when completed, will require a sixty-foot baggage car for its transportation. Ben Hendricks will of course play the title role, and his support will be thoroughly capable. At Emporium Opera House, Friday evening, October 2nd.

Fall Openings.

Fall openings of millinery are being conducted by the Misses Ludlum and Mrs. E. S. Coppersmith, respectively. The window displays are very neat and attractive at both places. The former on Wednesday and Thursday, the latter Thursday and Friday. Our hat is a peach.

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

ASSETS
First National Bank,
EMPORIUM, PA.
At the close of business Sept. 30, 1908,
\$800,109.03

DEPOSITORS SECURITY.
In addition to its excellent facilities, this bank has the advantage of abundant
Capital..... \$100,000
Surplus and Profits..... 103,632
Additional liability of its 46 stockholders \$100,000

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, W. S. Walker 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.

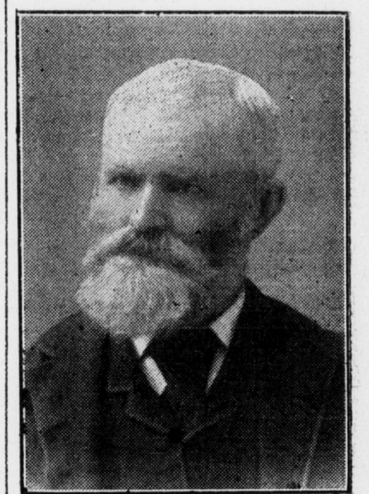
3% INTEREST PAID ON CERTIFICATES
3% OF DEPOSIT.

DR. LEON REX FELT,
DENTIST.
Rockwell Block, Emporium, Pa.
DR. H. W. MITCHELL,
DENTIST,
(Successor to Dr. B. B. Mead.)
Office over A. F. Vogel's Shoe Store, Emporium, Pa. 12y

At Emporium Opera House,
FRIDAY, OCT. 2

TWO OLD FAVORITES
Ben Hendricks
AND
YON YONSON
NEW SONGS:
The Lumber Yack
Yennie and Yennie
Ay Baaa a Swoop
What the Meaning
Means
Strawberries (The Old favorite Yodel)
New Company
New Laughs
New Features
New Scenery
"Yon New Yonson"
Prices: 75, 50, 35 and 25 Cents.

FARMER WYKOFF



Republican Nominee for Associate Judge.—He's a Winner.

Sixteenth Anniversary.
October 1st, (to-night) the Lady Maccabees, of this place, celebrate the Sixteenth Anniversary of their order. The entertainment will be held in the Court House and will consist of vocal and instrumental music, recitations and music by Fisk's Juvenile Band. Mrs. Elizabeth E. Brown, of Bradford, Past Great Commander will be present and address the meeting. An organ will be given away. An admission 25 cents will be charged Mrs. B. Mrs. Woodley, Miss Ida Seger, Edna Auchu, Miss Dora Nelson several others of our musicians play.

Against Borough.
Judge Hall yesterday decided Emporium paving question against Borough. Will publish his next issue. We note that this course with regret.

For Light Housekeeping.
Four good unfurnished rooms, use of bath and kitchen join present tenant. Apply at PRS