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LOCAL ITEMS.

More rain on Tuesday night. George W. Stover, of Penns creek, is quite ill again. London purple, the new vermin destroyer at Murray's. Quite a wet spell last week, continuing from Thursday until Sunday.

The heavy rain passed over our county on Monday night, accompanied by thunder and lightning. The heavy rain, on Monday evening, has made our streams quite high, Penns creek is bank full. Daniel Kreamer, one of Rebersburg's well-known citizens, was in town this week and gave the Reporter a call.

A cold May fills the barn with wheat and hay is an old legend, and if it prove true this year there will be heavy crops. Mrs. Rebecca Spangler, wife of grandfather Jonathan Spangler, of Miller township, died on Wednesday of last week, 23.

We are told that a new building will be put up near the station, after harvest, to be occupied as a clothing store. The finest lot of trout brought to this town so far, this season, was by fishermen Wit McCormick and Chas. Kurtz, last Saturday.

Yony Deinger is riding up his premises near the station and will soon have things around there look trim and a board walk for pedestrians. During the heavy thunder gust, Monday night, the barn of Mr. Alex. Burd, in Hartley Twp., was struck by lightning, destroying it as well as a cow and heifer. No insurance.

The recent frost was heard from in all sections. In some parts of Huntingdon county the frost of Thursday morning did considerable damage to garden vegetation. Honors have been conferred upon one of Potter townships in the west, Rev. S. L. Stiver, of Bonker Hill, Ill., has been nominated by the state prohibition convention for a trusteeship of the Illinois University.

President George W. Atherton, of the Pennsylvania State College and chairman of the Committee on Industrial Education, who is now in Europe, has been invited by Andrew Carnegie to join his coaching party on a tour through Scotland. Mr. Carnegie is a member of the Board of Trustees of the State College.

Miss Maggie Gast, daughter of Mr. J. D. S. Gast, of Millifinburg, will graduate at the Lutherville Seminary, Md., on Tuesday of next week, June 5th. Our thanks are returned Miss Maggie for a very neat program and invitation to attend this "Commencement," and, altho we cannot be present, we wish her large credit that day.

A car load of rock bass will soon be shipped from Erie to Harrisburg, and the fish be distributed to several points. Fifteen cans of California trout (hybrids) will be shipped from the Corry hatchery for distribution in Central Pennsylvania streams. Fish Commissioner McDonald will place 25,000,000 shad, from the Havre de Grace hatchery, in the Susquehanna River.

The big fire did McFarlane's hardware store no damage at all; they are in full blast selling all kinds of goods in their line faster than ever. Their fence wire is still taking the lead, going better satisfaction than ever. The greatest run on any article they sell is on the new Apollo Range which must be seen to be appreciated. It always was the King of ranges and is now still further ahead.

The most accurate method, and the one most in use by experienced railroad men, is to count the number of rail joints the train passes in twenty seconds. The rails in nearly all cases are thirty feet in length, and the number passed over in twenty seconds is the speed per hour a train is running. For instance, if a passenger sitting in a sleeper can count thirty clicks of the wheels on a rail joint in twenty seconds the train is at the speed of thirty miles an hour.

A BATTLE WITH FLAMES.

E. C. HUMES' HANDSOME BUSINESS BLOCK AT BELLEFONTE CONVERTED INTO ASHES. For the second time in the history of Bellefonte fire raged, this morning, over the northwest corner of Diamond Square.

On the ruins of a great fire which occurred there almost a score of years ago, E. C. Humes erected a stately and handsome building. It was occupied by the First National Bank, which has had the most elegant quarters of any banking institution of this place. There were six store rooms in the building, which, in the time since its erection, have been occupied by different business places.

There was also the post-office, which had been fitted up handsomely and at great expense. At the northern end of the structure was the Opera House, which, since the burning of Reynolds' Hall, has been Bellefonte's only place of amusement. The stores beneath the Opera House were occupied by the Co-operative Store Company (a K. of L. institution) and W. W. Moyer's dry goods store. Further north was Jared Harper's grocery store and Woodring's book and stationery store. A. C. Moyer & Bros. grocery store was the next, after which was the post-office and then F. C. Montgomery's gentlemen's furnishing store.

Mr. Foster Williams, who lives in the lower part of town, first discovered the fire. He came from his home at about fifteen minutes of five o'clock when he saw a thin wreath of smoke curling its way up the western end of the structure, about in the rear of the entrance to the Opera House. The fire apparently started in the upper part of the building and mounted upward to the roof very speedily. There they met a double roof, one of which was of tar and spread with great rapidity, overlapping the entire structure, and illuminating yet more brightly the increasing light of day. The fire was visible to all parts of the town.

Mr. Williams gave the alarm. It was the time in the morning when people are difficult to awaken. Mr. Williams, with only two or three others, dragged one of the hose carriages to it. Soon all the companies were present and four or five streams were directed upon the raging flames. But the building seemed doomed. North and south, the fire spread along the roof and dropped into the interior a mass of flames—so hot as to almost prevent approach to it. We think that the firemen worked well, wisely and bravely. At imminent peril they went into the very heart of the flames and battled them.

The axes of the Coronet's were plied to good advantage. THE INSURANCE. The list of insurances given us this morning by the parties who owned the properties is as follows: On the Bank building \$15,000. "Humes' block 27,500. "A. C. Moyer & Bros. (grocery) 3,500. "Jared Harper's grocery 3,500. "Woodring's stationery store 2,500. "W. W. Moyer's dry goods store 4,000. "Co-operative store 1,000.

Total \$56,750. We have not heard Mr. Montgomery's insurance, but his losses not great. We learn that his insurance, that on Mr. Beck's barber shop and other small amounts makes the entire insurance \$63,000. In the upper rooms of the building J. C. Harper Esq., had his law office. The Sons of Veterans had their headquarters in the building and was also the place of meeting for the Republican club.

The parties who are mentioned in the list of insurance sustained almost total losses with the exception of the Co-operative store, A. C. Moyer & Brother's grocery store and F. C. Montgomery's gentlemen's furnishing store, their stocks being damaged. A very careful estimate will make the losses aggregate the figures given above—\$60,000.

The post-office is moving into a room in the Bush Arcade building and will there have comfortable and excellent quarters. Mr. Jared Harper will start his grocery store in a few days in Mrs. Piper's parlor, Allegheny street. The First National is doing business in the room in Mr. William Humes' brick dwelling house, formerly occupied by Dr. Hayes as an office. It was also occupied by the bank several years ago. One theory of the fire is that it was caused by lightning. Persons in the vicinity say they heard an explosion between four and five o'clock, at the time an electric storm was in progress.

The theory of the origin of fire from an electric storm seems more probable. The fire followed at just about the time after the electric bolt that would be expected had it struck the building and electric wires extended through the structure.—Daily News.

SCREENINGS. The wet spell has caused some of the wheat to lodge. Some farmers have replanted their corn.

The communion, last Sabbath, in the Lutheran church, had an unusually large attendance. The slaters have finished their job on the new Presbyterian church. Millheim is making preparation for its centennial celebration in July.

The Potters Mills centennial will have some local historic interest. C. D. Runkle will have his headquarters at Old Fort hotel and continue in the live stock business.

MORE PENSION AND BOUNTY. A gentleman representing Milo B. Stevens & Co., of Washington, D. C., can be seen at the Cameron House, Lewisburg, Tuesday June 12; Teller's Bush House, Bellefonte, Wednesday 13; Parker House, Philipsburgh, Thursday 14; and Fallon House, Lock Haven, Saturday 16, by persons desiring information concerning pensions, bounties, etc., or having claims which they may desire to have prosecuted by said attorneys.

DEDICATION. We have received a card of invitation to the dedication of Rev. S. G. Shannon's new and beautiful Lutheran church, at Sunbury Sabbath, June 10. This is one of the handsomest church edifices in central Pennsylvania, and great credit is due Rev. Shannon for successfully carrying it out.

NO LOAFING. Boys in the habit of loafing in the Reporter's office will please discontinue it, it is entirely out of place, and no one need consider himself privileged—this notice is meant for all.

LIVING IN A GLASS HOUSE.

"A MEAN TRICK." Last week's Gazette, alias the county robber, shows that its idiot publisher was again duped by some of his sweet gang over here, consisting of swindlers, abettors of lewdness and such as will not pay a dollar on an honest store-bill. These use the Gazette as their cesspool.

Its list of pals, over here, we set up \$100 against \$50, will be found to embrace those whom the decent class of our people look upon as low swindlers, thieves, besmirched characters, without credit or standing. Any dollars subscribed by these on the Gazette's fund, would be their first sample of liberality, but like their other debts remain unpaid. Those dollars have, for years, been anxiously looked for in other books, as we are told. How funny that these dollar chaps want to pose as the guardian of the morals, yet, common runner has it, they are not a success in this line, with the females! Better start a fund to liquidate honest debts or found an institution to protect society against lewdness you wink at. When living in very this glass houses, as all of the Gazette's pals do, it is very indiscreet for them to throw stones—by all means refrain.

The matter printed in the cesspool sheet, so far as it alludes to us, is utterly false, and the parties interested have since called upon us to say that they labored under a mistake; but that matters nothing with the idiot and his sweet gang. What we did was perfectly right and proper: simply asked the P. O. Department to have the mail carrier instructed not to leave any issues of the Reporter lie here over the proper time. This request is on file in the Department at Washington and can be certified to at our home post-office. If the names at the close of the Gazette's article, Feidler and Shoup, are the authors of it, we pronounce them villainous liars, until they show that our statement above is incorrect, and will put up \$200 to their \$100 that we give the truth. The Gazette was simply duped by its pals who are sorely in need of something to draw attention from their own rottenness—they strive to hold their heads high while in character they actually stand the lowest.

Never mind the mails the Reporter will look after that, while the dollar chaps see that the females are properly guarded. We would despair of such a dollar hero ever rising above the dignity of captain over a squad of degraded darkies, far away from danger, where a coward would skulk, and then, when the war is over, claim to have bled and died for his country—stuff to make a veteran frand mixing in with true vets, and not worth any further of our powder. The co. 's list, according to the list held in 1867, when he retired to private life with his health irretrievably shattered. After his resignation as Secretary of the Commonwealth Mr. Siffer passed nearly a year in Europe, having taken passage on a Government vessel by invitation of the national authorities. Since that time he has lived in partial retirement upon his farm adjoining the town. At the time of his death he was president of the Lewisburg National Bank, president of the Lewisburg Bridge Company, president of the Lewisburg Cemetery Association and a director of the Lewisburg and Tyrone Railroad.

DECORATION DAY. EVERY GRAVE HONORED. Decoration day was observed in every section of our county. Citizens patriotically turned out to do honor to our dead heroes.

Spring Mills in the evening had a large turnout and fine display. The G. A. R. Post formed in line and was joined by the Sabbath school. The knights of the Golden Eagle were present in their fine regalia and made a handsome appearance. The citizens also joined in the parade, and altogether the column was imposing. The Spring Mills and Farmers Mills bands were present and furnished sweet strains of music. At the cemetery there was prayer, music by the choir, decoration of the graves and an address. Spring Mills will long remember its Decoration ceremonies.

DEATH OF AN AGED LADY. Mary Riebel Shaffer, the subject of this sketch, was born in Spring township, Centre county, Pa., November 18th 1811. Died recently, in Jefferson county, Pa. In 1834 her father removed his family to near Puzostown, Jefferson county. While a girl she visited her friends near Luthersburg, in Brady township, this county, where she met her future husband, Michael Shaffer, one of the early pioneers. In 1836 she married Mr. Shaffer and moved with him to his home in the then wilderness of what is now known as the Brooks farm, at "Stuffer's siding." This was the farthest settlement north of Luthersburg at the time. Their nearest neighbor was Frederick Shaffer, who lived half a mile up the creek from them.

DOTS. Will Conley and lady were over on a visit, Sunday. They are catching many eels in the Stone mill dam—wouldn't care to have a mess of 'em wriggle into the Reporter's office.

When Simon Harper goes flying then the speckled beauties will be landed. We hear of another 19 inch trout being hooked in Penns creek—it sets us wild to hear it. Hoyet will set his sawmill in operation on a tract of woodland near Penn Hall. The big hotel at Spring Mills is likely to remain closed for this season. Spring Mills had four bands, a fine parade, good address by Rev. Piper, and a grand time. The committee deserve credit. J. W. Cornelius, Lewisburg's Photographer, will locate a Photograph Gallery in Centre Hall for a short time, as a branch from his well-known gallery in Lewisburg. The Gallery will be in operation by the 8 or 9 of June. This will be a fine opportunity for all desiring first class photographic work. The time will be short, and all wanting work should call early during his stay in our midst.

WAR. Now is the time to start the war against the caterpillar, before he makes himself too numerous, and then has his tents to whiten every branch of your trees. An easy and simple way to rout him, horse, foot and dragons, is one we have practiced for over twenty years: Take an old gun, put in a good charge of powder, hold the muzzle to within ten inches of the nest of the pest, pull the trigger, and quicker than you can say, "General Jackson," the castle, "pillars, big and little fry, will be found sent to h—balfax, and not the least harm done to the branch of the tree. And it is amusing, too, to see the perfect clean-out.

BURIAL OF A WILSON NORRIS.

THE REMAINS OF THE LATE AUDITOR GENERAL INTERRED AT HIS BIRTHPLACE. Lewisport, May 25.—The remains of Auditor General A. Wilson Norris were brought to this place at 1 P. M. to-day, and at 12 P. M., by special train, were conveyed to their last resting place at Reedsville, his former home. The funeral was in charge of the Colonel Hulings Grand Army of the Republic Post of this place. The remains were buried with the honors of war. Lewisport Lodge, No. 2031 Free and Accepted Masons, were in attendance and paid its last and tribute to his memory. The funeral was largely attended by people in this vicinity and the remains were accompanied to this place by several of the distinguished friends of the late Auditor General. Among them were: Ev-Governor Hoyt, State Treasurer Hart, William Livey, Samuel G. Thompson, Rev. S. W. Sayer, Senator M. S. Quay, William E. Leeds, Congressman H. H. Bingham, William E. Littleton, B. Frank Eschelman, Thos. McCann, George Handy Smith, Gen. James W. Latta, Colonel C. S. Greene, Colonel R. L. Orr, John A. Glenn, Post 19, Representatives R. C. Brown and William H. Shemire.

HON. ELI SIFFER DIES FROM INTERNAL INJURIES RECEIVED LAST THURSDAY. Lewisburg, May 27.—Hon. Eli Siffer, who was thrown from his carriage on last Thursday, sustained internal injuries from which he died this morning. His funeral will take place next Thursday afternoon at half past 1 o'clock. Mr. Siffer did not speak after he was picked up from the roadside, altho' it is thought that he afterwards was conscious from his seeming to understand what was said after he was carried to his home. He was highly esteemed in Union county and was one of the best citizens of this commonwealth. During the war and for a number of years Mr. Siffer was actively interested in the affairs of the State, having been elected to the Legislature in 1850 and to the State Senate in 1852. In 1855 he was elected State treasurer, and afterwards twice reelected to the same office. Four months prior to the close of his term, in January, 1861, he resigned his office to accept that of Secretary of the Commonwealth under Governor Lincoln, which position he held until 1867, when he retired to private life with his health irretrievably shattered. After his resignation as Secretary of the Commonwealth Mr. Siffer passed nearly a year in Europe, having taken passage on a Government vessel by invitation of the national authorities. Since that time he has lived in partial retirement upon his farm adjoining the town. At the time of his death he was president of the Lewisburg National Bank, president of the Lewisburg Bridge Company, president of the Lewisburg Cemetery Association and a director of the Lewisburg and Tyrone Railroad.

DECORATION AT CENTRE HALL. The Centre Hall band, G. A. R. Post and Sabbath schools organized in line at the lower end of town, at 10 a. m., and marched to the cemetery where the decoration ceremony of some twenty graves was performed. An eloquent and deeply interesting address was on delivered by Rev. Woodcock, of Bellefonte, when the Post, proceeded to Sprucetown, Georges valley, and Spring Mills to participate in similar exercises.

Yesterday, Wednesday the boys of this place went to Spring Mills to cross bats with the team at that place, and added another scalp to their belt. At the end of seventh inning the game was called when the score stood 13 5 in favor of Centre Hall. The principal features of game were the work of the battery, Murray and Harpeter, who puzzled the Spring Mills boys very much, and the base running and batting of our boys. Murray struck out 14 men.

SPRING GOODS. We would respectfully announce to our many patrons in Centre co. that we have received an immense line of spring and summer goods. We were in the market in time to select a fine stock and have opened up the same for your inspection. We have an unusually large and complete line of suitings for our merchant tailoring department. Altogether new styles in cloth will be worn for spring and summer and can be seen at our store. Remember that if you want a fine spring suit. You can get it much cheaper now than when there is a rush. Our line of ready made clothing complete and lower in price than ever. Come and see the new styles just received at PHILAD. BRANCH.

Paris green, Murray's Drug Store. London purple in large and small quantities at Murray's. Don't fail to visit Pearlstone's new store when in Bellefonte. Fresh bread and yeast constantly on hand at Murray's bakery. Fauble's Bellefonte for cheap clothing. A visit to Bushman & Kreamer's jewelry store, Centre Hall, will convince you that they keep as complete a line of goods as can be found in the county. Special attention given to repair work; terms reasonable. Stop in at Flemings, fashionable tailoring establishment, Bellefonte, and see the new styles in gents clothing for spring and summer. A large and well selected line of trusses of all the latest and most approved designs and finish for sale at Murray's Drug Store. London purple and Paris green, the great potato bug destroyer, for sale at Murray's Drug Store. A full assortment of spectacles and glasses can be found at Bushman & Kreamer's jewelry store, Centre Hall. Trusses and shoulder braces, popular makes and designs, at Murray's Drug Store. Rochester Clothing house in Reynolds new building Bellefonte, M. Fauble proprietor. Ice cream at Murray's every Saturday evening. Building lots for sale, 1 mile east of the station, at Mikecondoville, \$45 to \$75 per lot. Apply to F. Kurtz.

NEW MILLINER SHOP. The undersigned has opened a milliner or shop in Jacob Lee's house near the depot at Centre Hall. The patronage of the public is solicited. All are invited. S. 19th. SADIE E. GROVE.

LINDEN HALL.

Some farmers are not yet done planting corn. More acres will be put out in potatoes than ever before. George, son of Cyrus Durst, met with quite a serious accident on Monday of this week, which might have been fatal. Mr. Durst sent the hired hand, John Showalter, and George to the field with a mule and sled to bring a plow to the barn. George was riding the mule and in some way fell or slipped off; his one foot becoming entangled in the gears, when the mule started on a run towards the barn, dragging the boy with his head upon the ground. He ran about 150 yds when the mule was stopped by Mr. Durst, who picked the boy up badly bruised and face cut. At last account he was getting along as well as can be expected.

Miss Tamer Shirk, who is living with J. and I. Leech, came very near being seriously hurt, if not fatally, on Tuesday evening, while going about her evening duties at the barn. She was attacked by a cross bull, which gored her and knocked her down and was about to repeat the attack, when the timely arrival of J. S. Boal and the Leech men prevented any further harm to the young lady. Fortunately she was not seriously injured. If there is another man in this township who can take as many duckings as P. H. Meyer has the last two weeks and look as pleasant as he does, I would like to see him; what caused the smile? Philip says it is a girl, and all that spites him is that he cannot call it Cleveland. Henry Swab lost a valuable cow by bloating from clover grass this week. D. Hess shipped two car loads of baled hay to Osceola this week. C. C. Meyer will ship two car loads of baled hay this week to Houtzdale. DIED.

At the residence of his daughter, Mrs M. J. Becker, near Fort Scott, Kas., May 19th, 1888, Mr. William Peters, from heart disease, in the 73d year of his age. He was a devoted member of the Presbyterian church. Wm. Peters was a son of Lawrence Peters, near Unionville, Centre county, Pa. In early life he was engaged in teaching school among the well-known families of Greys and the Meeks, also, at Jacksonville and other places. He was married to Miss Isabel Swaney, of Centre county, Pa. In early life they emigrated westward and finally located near Precept, Ill. During the years 1871-2 the family circle was broken, a daughter and his wife were called hence. Some years later he bid adieu to old friends and neighbors and made his home in Bourbon county, Kas., where his children had located. Less than two months previous to his death, he followed the remains of his youngest daughter, Elgie H. Howard to her last resting place.

London purple will knock bugs—Murray's Drug Store. Spring suits at the Rochester Clothing House Bellefonte.

FRESH BREAD AND YEAST. AT MURRAY'S BAKERY, Centre Hall. First class fresh bread and yeast constantly on hand, at most reasonable prices. Your patronage is solicited.

NOTICE TO TRESPASSERS. Notice is hereby given to all persons using the path leading through my fields, from Tusseyville to Zion Evangelical church, that any deviation from said path or forming of paths, will be prosecuted as trespass to the full extent of the law. W. W. BEHRE, prop. JOHN LEE, tenant.

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A GREAT STORM.

WHEELING, May 28.—The storm which swept over Eastern Ohio, West Virginia and Western Pennsylvania to-day was of a very destructive character, and the aggregate loss to buildings, crops, and railroads and telegraph lines will foot up many thousand dollars. Several lives were also sacrificed. About Point Pleasant and Huntington, in this State, the storm was particularly severe, the hail falling in torrents, while the wind was very violent. At New Cumberland the roof of the Presbyterian church was blown off. Specials from many points represent the hail falling as large as hens' eggs. In the section of Beaver, Pa., churches and dwellings were unroofed and chimneys blown down. In Fayette county hailstones fell as large as walnuts. At Canton, O., several buildings were blown down, and many persons hurt. In the oil regions considerable damage was done. Similar reports from other counties in western Penn'a and Ohio.

Fleming the tailor, Bellefonte, has opened up his new stock for suitings, for spring and summer wear. New styles will be worn this year and he has them in stock. Johnstown, with a population of 25,000, has no telephones. Somerset, the county seat, has no apparatus to extinguish fire, although the town has been severely visited by fires half a dozen times, and once was almost entirely destroyed.

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