

LAMP EXPLODED

AND MADISONBURG HAS A CONFLAGRATION.

The General Store of Hazel & Gramley and Mrs. L. B. Stover's Dwelling House Totally Destroyed by Fire.

Early on Friday morning last the general store of Hazel & Gramley, known as the Shaffer stand, at Madisonburg, was destroyed by fire along with the adjoining dwelling house owned and occupied by the widow of Luther B. Stover.

The cause of the fire we learn was as follows: Early on the morning of the fire, one of the proprietors of the store in company with another party, entered the store to get some goods for the funeral of Mrs. Rauehan. One of the party carried a coal oil lamp, and accidentally slipped and fell, causing the lamp to explode, which immediately communicated to the wood work and the interior of the store was soon in flames.

With such rapidity did the flames spread that the persons who entered the store became bewildered from the smoke, and it was with difficulty that they were enabled to find their way to the door, in time to make an immediate escape, and were in danger of being burned.

The store and the entire stock of goods were destroyed. The adjoining two-story dwelling, occupied by Mrs. Stover also took fire and was entirely destroyed with some of its contents. A few household goods were removed before the flames spread to the dwelling house.

The Lutheran church, standing on the opposite side of the alley, took fire several times, but by the exertions of the citizens, the church was saved.

The store building was insured for \$300, and the stock for \$1,000. On Mrs. Stover's dwelling she had an insurance of \$932 and \$270 on the furniture. The damage done the church was the breaking of the stained glass windows by the heat, which will have to be paid.

All this insurance was placed in the Farmers' Mutual of Centre Hall. In addition to the above there was \$1500 insurance on the store goods in a cash company.

The greater part of Mrs. Stover's household goods was saved.

We learn later that Mr. Hazel was in the warehouse, back of the front room, where he stumbled over some object, causing the lamp to explode near where the oil is kept and the floor saturated with waste oil. Ellis Shafer got into the store a few moments later and found Mr. Hazel lying upon the floor insensible, and carried him out, when he regained consciousness shortly afterwards.

The Stolen Turkeys Found.

Several weeks ago the Reporter noted the stealing of 14 turkeys, plump, fat, ready for the market and guilotine, from the premises of Mr. Musser, back of Penn Hall. At a shooting match held in the valley for turkeys, a short time ago, Mr. Musser identified his turkeys by weight, having weighed them the day before the birds were stolen.

What the upshot of this shooting match will be, whether a prosecution or a big turkey dinner, we have not learned—if the latter, we trust the Reporter will not be forgotten when the invitations are sent out.

Officers Elected.

On Tuesday of last week the directors of Patrons fire insurance association of Centre county held their annual meeting at the Brandt House. The election of officials for the ensuing year resulted as follows: President, James A. Keller, of Centre Hall; Vice President, I. S. Frain, of Marion twp.; Secretary, C. Dale, Jr., of Benner; Treasurer, W. A. Kerr, of Centre Hall. The above gentlemen served last year and were unanimously re-elected.

Deaths at Bellefonte.

Mrs. J. H. Sands died on Friday evening at her home on Allegheny street, Bellefonte, at the advanced age of over 73 years. She was a native of Germany, and for several years with her husband conducted a bakery at Bellefonte. She was the mother of one daughter, Mrs. John Lane, of Bellefonte, who survives her.

Little Ice Harvested.

The warm weather the past couple weeks has paralyzed all prospects for an ice crop for the next week or so at least. Ice over five inches thick was cut by Perry Breon, but with that the business quit. Fears of an open winter are beginning to worry many who have empty ice houses.

Farm at Public Sale.

J. S. Houseman, administrator of the estate of Daniel Horner, dec'd, will offer the farm of said deceased at public sale on the premises, (see bills) on Saturday, January 20th. The farm contains 139 acres and is in excellent state of cultivation.

Lewins, Bellefonte, has the most experienced cutter in these parts and at his establishment you can be suited in a manner befitting a prince, and at a reasonable price.

THE DEPUTY SHERIFF.

Power, Rights, and Privileges Vested in Him Under New Laws.

Mr. J. Calvin Weaver is the first deputy sheriff in Centre county in whom is vested all the power, rights and privileges, possessed by the sheriff himself. Heretofore the deputies were always sworn in by the prothonotary. Under a law passed and which was signed by Governor Beaver in May, 1887, the sheriff makes his appointment in writing and the deputy is sworn in by the Recorder, and then the paper is placed on record. Under this law the deputy can be discharged only by a written revocation entered for record says the Daily News.

Heretofore there was certain business in the Sheriff's office that could only be done by that functionary himself; such as the return of writs serving jury notices, etc. Now, under the new law, the same power and right is vested in the deputy to perform the same in the absence of the sheriff, or because of any other inability to personally perform the duty. To the deputy sheriff is also given the right to hang a man's pleasure they never heretofore enjoyed.

TRIPLETS BORN.

A Husband Presented With Two Sons and a Daughter.

The assessor of the south precinct of Potter township under a recent law is compelled to make a record of all deaths and births occurring in his district. Last Friday an event occurred in the family of Mr. Frank Treaster, living near the Red mill, a short distance from Tusseyville, which will give him a triple amount of recording of births than is necessary in such instances, in that Mrs. Treaster presented her husband with triplets, two boys and a girl.

The three babes were all living, but the mother died some hours after birth. The mother and the two sons are doing well.

Both Dumped Out.

Monday morning Captain G. M. Boal and bro. Rhone were on their way down to Centre Hall driving in a buggy, and the gentlemen were but a short distance out of town, when the king bolt in the front axle snapped off. The front wheels and the horse went ahead, letting the bottom drop out from under them almost as soon as the bottom dropped out of bro. Leonard's big boom for Granger Taggart last week at the Republican state convention. Both were summarily spilled out, and bro. Leonard was again sorely impressed as he was last week, that he "wasn't in it," and they gathered up their effects and walked into town, where the damaged buggy was repaired. The Captain came out the affray unscathed.

Hints for Superstitious Women.

Prospective brides may be interested to learn that there are thirty-two days in the year on which it is unlucky to marry. They are January 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 10, 15; February 6, 7, 8; March 1, 6, 8; April 5, 11; May 5, 5, 7; June 7, 15; July 5, 19; August 11, 19; September 6, 7; October 6; November 15, 16, and December 15, 16 and 17. To some women these and all other days are unlucky to be married to some men.

A Pointer for the Council.

We would suggest to our esteemed town council the propriety of taxing the telephone company upwards of \$25 per year for running their lines thro the boro; the telephone company has taken as much as \$400 per year out of our town. The council has a right to do this, but does not have a right to spend several hundred dollars out of the boro funds to repair the road for the pike company and our citizens pay toll for traveling over it besides.

Free Text Books a Success.

Deputy Superintendent of Public Instructions Houck regards the free text book law as greatly beneficial to schools. On account of the business depression it went into effect at an opportune time, as many parents could not have afforded to purchase books for their children. The attendance throughout the state has been increased twenty-five per cent.

Supreme Court Case.

On Monday the Supreme Court at Philadelphia issued their bulletin of business for the coming sitting in Philadelphia. Cases from Centre, Blair, Clearfield and Huntingdon will be heard during the week commencing April 16th. Cases for trial must be filled on the argument list not later than March 27th.

Died at Lewistown.

Mrs. Jane Zeigler died at Lewistown on December 27th, at the age of 72 years. She was a sister of Mr. John Slack, of Tusseyville, and Mr. Samuel Slack, of Potters Mills, and a scholar under Timothy Ladd. She afterwards taught school in this valley.

Public Sales.

The public sale season is now approaching and dates for sales can be secured ahead by having it put in the REPORTER'S sale registry free of charge.

C. P. Long & Co., Spring Mills, intend shipping a car load of dried fruits about Jan. 25th. Bring all you have for sale during this time.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

The Number Issued Since the Law Went Into Effect.

It is now eight years or more since the marriage license law went into effect and during that time there had been granted in this county a total of 2795 licenses up to January 1, 1894, an average of something over three hundred per year, says the Phillipsburg Journal. The law went into effect October 1, 1885, and the first license granted was on the 9th of October. From that time up to January 1, 1886, just 54 had been issued. The number granted by years to date is as follows:

Year ending Jan. 1, 1886 54
" " " 1887 271
" " " 1888 364
" " " 1889 345
" " " 1890 255
" " " 1891 343
" " " 1892 328
" " " 1893 355
" " " 1894 373
Total number granted 2788

From the above it will be seen that the largest number granted for any one year was during the year 1893, while the smallest number was the first year the law was in effect, 1886. During register John A. Rupp's six years' term of office, from Jan. 1, 1888 to Jan. 1, 1894 he granted 2,099 licenses, thus making 4198 souls either happy or miserable. As the fee for a license is 50 cents without the filing of a consent; \$1 when one consent is filed, or \$1.50 when the consent of both parties is filed, it is easy to see that the money paid out for just the privilege to get married is no little sum. It is safe to say that not less than \$1,500 have thus been paid over in this county alone. Imagine from this what the revenue from this source must be throughout the entire state.

The Stallion Stock Taken.

The stock, \$2100, in 21 shares, at \$100 per share, for a French stallion, has now all been taken by farmers. The stallion has been in the care of Isaac Frain who had the noble animal on exhibition during picnic week at Centre Hall. The following are members of the French Stallion Company:

- Isaac Frain, Marion twp. 2 shares.
- George Gingerich, Potter.
- Sam'l Durst, Potter.
- Jacob Shearer, Potter.
- Mr. Frantz, Potter.
- Mr. Sankoy, Jr., Potter's bank.
- Gen. Beaver, Bellefonte.
- Gen. Hastings, "
- Aust. Dale, Benner twp.
- George Dale, "
- George M. Boal, Potter.
- L. Rhone, "
- Dr. Christ, College.

A Large Price Received.

Executive Commissioner Farquhar who is in Chicago, has disposed of the Pennsylvania State building and wired the following to Governor Pattison: "Have sold State building to net \$2,500. Building will be largely preserved. Lawyers at work on papers." Later the following was received: "Realized \$2,600 for building. Illinois brought but \$450, cost \$300,000. New York brought \$250. Columbian museum will accept and preserve casts on porch which Pennsylvania donates with your approval."

Judge Gordon Takes Hold.

Judge Gordon, the newly elected republican judge of Clearfield county, is now holding his first term of license court. He is handling the cases with a great deal of care and it is evident that he intends to be more conservative in the granting of licenses than his predecessor.

The vacancy caused by his election in the law firm of Murray & Gordon has been filled by Allison A. Smith, son-in-law of ex-Senator Wallace.

New Bell.

The Presbyterian congregation in this place has long done without a means of summoning their members together for worship. Last Thursday a 38-inch bell was received from a Cincinnati bell foundry and the bell weighing about 800 pounds was hung in the belfry. The bell is of steel and has a soft tone, though not voluminous.

Better With Age.

Brother Fred Kurtz's Centre Hall REPORTER has entered its 67th year. Although the REPORTER has been in existence so many years we venture to say that it looks better today than it did when it was started. The REPORTER is a good local paper and we hope it may live to reach the century mark. —Tyron Times.

Bargains in Sleighs.

Just finished a lot of Bob-sleds, two-seated Cutters, swell body and Portland sleighs. Finish and material first class. Prices to suit the times. Give me a call. Wm. W. Boob, dec28-St Centre Hall

Two Deaths.

On December 26, 1893, in Menno township, Mifflin county, Mrs. Elizabeth Witman died aged 73 years. On the day following her husband, Isaac Witman, passed away, aged 77 years.

Sold His Farm.

William K. Stover sold his farm in Haines township a few days ago to Moses Eby. Consideration unknown.

Keep it in the house and it will save you many an anxious moment during the changes of season and weather; we refer to Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup, the best remedy for cough and cold.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report.

Royal Baking Powder

ABSOLUTELY PURE

WANTS \$20,000 DAMAGES.

A Pike Company Sued for Having an Imperfect Roadway.

Isaac Raven, of York state, whose vocation is that of a lumber inspector, has sued the Millheim and Coburn turnpike company for \$20,000 damages for a crushed leg, from an accident on that pike over a year ago. The case is down for trial at Bellefonte, for week of January 29.

The particulars in the case, as related to us, are as follows: While Mr. Raven and a friend were driving in a buggy from Coburn to Millheim, they met a lumber team on the road opposite Reed Alexanders, and in their endeavor to turn out, the buggy was upset by striking a large stone sticking up in the road, and Mr. Raven was thrown under the passing lumber wagon, the wheels of which crushed one of his legs below the knee. He has remained at Woodward since under surgical care. Our informant says the pike company has offered Mr. Raven \$10,000; as this pike is only two and a half miles in length, such damages would be a serious lesson for not having it in safe condition.

Fighting a Road Tax.

The well-known Eckley B. Cox has brought suit against the supervisors and tax collectors of Foster twp., Luzerne county, for levying a tax of one mill above what the legal requirements are.

How will those of our own boro council fare who cause two entirely illegal taxes to be collected, one for repairing the road for a pike company, and the other a poor tax when there was a surplus in the poor fund with no debt and no pauper in our boro? This might be a handy way to raise funds with which to shave the paper of any of the hard-up people of the boro, at 9 to 12 p. et., if it were permitted to go on.

Short Local Items.

The ice crop, so far, has been a failure, the weather having been too mild. If we don't soon have colder weather with snow enough to make good sleighing, the manufacturers of sleighs will find no customers for their goods.

Any of our subscribers in the lumber sections wishing to pay their subscriptions in rails or posts can do so by reporting before end of the month.

The roads, last week, from the melted snow and rain, were not in fine condition for travel.

West Smith shipped a car-load of baled hay this week, which is more profitable than some other farm products. It costs \$1.40 to bale a ton of hay; the freight will be from \$2 to \$2.50 per ton and the price obtained is \$15 per ton.

Four Eclipses this Year.

During the year 1894 there will be four eclipses, two of the sun and two of the moon. An annual eclipse of the sun will occur April 5th, and a total eclipse September 28th, but both will be invisible in any part of America. A partial eclipse of the moon will occur March 21st, but will not be generally visible in the United States. Another partial eclipse of the moon will take place on September 14th and 15th and will be visible in all parts of America.

An Attempt to Burn a Church.

An outrageous attempt at incendiarism is reported from Locke's Mills, in Mifflin Co. where some fiend applied a torch made of shavings and binder's twine to the Presbyterian church, a frame structure, destroying part of one side from foundation to roof before the flames were extinguished.

Two of a Kind.

Last week the estimable wife of Mr. Will Neff, living on a farm near Pine Grove Mills, presented her husband with twins, and the mother and family are doing well. The REPORTER extends congratulations and wishes him a two-fold prosperity in other affairs in accord with his family.

Services Continued.

Rev. Boal will continue his evening services in the Presbyterian church during all of next week. There will be no services next Sabbath owing to the absence of the pastor.

Reduction Sale.

Until February 1st '94, I will clear out stock at big reduction. Must make room for spring goods. Wonderful bargains.

MEYERS CASH BAZAAR, Bellefonte.

Gum boots and rubber shoes in great variety, and at prices in accord with the times, at Mingles, Bellefonte.

School Report.

Report of the Centre Hill school, Potter township, for the third month ending January fourth. Number belonging month, boys 21, girls 19, total 40. Average attendance during month, boys 19, girls 17; total 36. Per cent. of attendance during month, boys 90, girls 91; total 92. Number of visitors 3. The following pupils attended every day: John Burkholder, Ammon Burkholder, Harry Burkholder, Thomas Hosterman, Bruce Goodhart, Bruce Ripka, James Goodhart, Jennie Beaver, Annie Beaver, Lizzie Alexander, Lidle Smith, and Gertrude Burkholder. R. S. KERR, Teacher.

Report of the Plum Grove school, in Potter township, Centre county, for the third month ending Friday, Jan. 5th, 1894. Number of pupils enrolled: male 19, female 10; total 29. Average attendance during the month; male 17, female 9, total 26. Average during term until date, male 13, female 8, total 21. Per cent. of attendance during the month; male, 96, female, 96, total, 96. Per cent. of attendance during term until date, male, 97, female 96, total 97. Messrs. William Keller, John Foreman, George Sharer, Maurice Breon, Harry Durst, Edwin Smith, Christ Keller, Samuel Koch, Jeremiah Albright, Misses Mary Koch, Elsie Foreman, Mary Foreman, and Blanche Durst were present every day during the month. Those who missed one day during the month were, William Weaver, Cleveland Weaver, Sylvester Sharer, Maurice Decker and Mary Yearick. Visitors during the month were ten, who are always welcome. D. K. KELLER, Teacher.

Must Lick Columbians.

The pesky Columbian stamps have all been sent out by the Postoffice Department and it remains now for the public to use them up before they can get any other kind. The people do not like to use them but the Department says you must use these before you can get any others, and the only way out of the middle is to use them up and have done with it.

SALE REGISTRY.

January 18.—At Tusseyville, personal property of Jacob Miss, dec'd, household furniture, stoves, lot lumber, grain, etc. Sale at one o'clock.
January 20.—Real estate of Daniel Horner, dec'd, in Potter township. See adv. in another column.
February 1.—Wm. P. Ribbell, 2 1/2 miles southwest of Spring Mills, 3 head horses, 4 cows, 4 head young cattle, farm implements, household furniture, etc. Sale at 1 o'clock.
March 20.—E. M. Hayett, 2 miles south of Linden Hall, 12 head horses and mules, 40 head horn cattle, which consist of Alderlys, Jerseys, Durham stock and 12 yearling Bulls, which are thoroughbred short-horn stock, 40 head of sheep, 1 and 2 year old ewes, a complete and new line of farm implements, 20 head hogs and pigs, harness, and other articles.

GRAIN MARKET.

Wheat	60
Rye	45
Corn	40
Oats	30
Barley	45
Buckwheat	45

PRODUCE AT STORES.

Butter	52
Eggs	19
Lard	19
Shoulders	12
Ham	14
Tallow	4
Potatoes	50
Sides	6

Your efforts this year will be to show a larger and more varied stock suitable for the season and at much lower prices than goods of like character can be bought elsewhere.

In Handkerchiefs from the one for the baby in silk to the one for the man, have been selected with great care. A Ladies' or Children's Initial Handkerchief at 5c, and 3 doz. lines of more expensive ones in nearly all letters.

In Aprons we have about 8 styles at 25c. each that are certainly beautiful. Some few at a lower price and others a little higher in embroidered goods.

Coats—a lot of Ladies' Chev-iotts at \$3.50 each. A great bargain.

You must come to see us and you will not wonder that we are busy, when you see our elegant stock.

Garmans.