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BURNED TO DEATH

A CHILD POURS OIL ON THE FIRE.

The Mother Has Her Clothes Burned Off in Her Efforts to Extinguish the Flames.—Her Condition Critical.

On Monday forenoon a distressing accident occurred at Rebersburg, in which the only child of Wallace Bierly was so badly burned that death resulted, and the mother received such injuries while trying to extinguish the flames that she now lies in a critical condition.

Between eight and nine o'clock in the morning, the little girl of Mr. Bierly, aged about two years, wandered into her great-grandmother's room, which was on the first floor. The little girl had been left alone in the house for a few minutes, Mrs. Bierly attending to some duties outside. A filled coal oil can was standing near the coal stove, and it is supposed the little one took the can and poured the oil on the hot coals. An explosion followed, covering the child from head to foot with burning oil.

The screams of the child brought the mother from the yard into the room. The child was a mass of flames and in the efforts to extinguish them the flames were communicated to the clothing of Mrs. Bierly. In a moment her dress was on fire, and her screams alarmed the neighbors who rushed to the scene. The first to arrive were Henry Brungart and Geo. Krumrine. They found the mother and child on the porch with the clothing almost burned off them. George Krumrine took off his coat and threw it over Mrs. Bierly and by that time other neighbors arrived and the flames were smothered, with blankets and rugs.

The clothes were completely burned off the child and she lay on the porch a charred and sickening sight, with life still in the blackened body. Mrs. Bierly had a few shreds of clothing upon her body but the flames had come in contact with her person from her head to her feet.

Medical attendance was quickly given the injured. The little girl lingered in terrible agony until in the afternoon when death ensued.

The physician in attendance has little hopes for the recovery of Mrs. Bierly. Her injuries are of such a nature that recovery is scarcely possible. She suffers terribly, and her body and limbs are a mass of blisters and chaps. The funeral of the little girl was held yesterday morning. Mrs. Wallace Bierly is a daughter of William Hafley, of Aaronsburg.

Too Small for Heads.

Shook's cider mill still keeps chawing up apples and squeezing out cider. Election, Nov. 5—vote the Democratic ticket.

Corn husking is nearly over. Accidents always did happen and always will, as one sees by reading the "Reporter."

Tuesday night's prospects for rain had vanished by Wednesday morning. Farmers can't complain of not having had favorable weather for getting in their corn.

All are on tip-toe to learn how much George Durst's big porkers will weigh when he kills 'em.

William Sholl, our worthy townsman, will go to farming again next spring, on Simon Harper's farm, one mile east of this place.

When the wild geese southward fly, you bet, winter is nigh.

No Hazing for Him.

It is reported that one of the State College students wouldn't be hazed, pointing a pistol at the fellows who intended doing the job. That was right. Hazing has meant in too many instances either death, crippling or life-long ill-health for its victims, and if anybody is to be hurt hereafter by the practice, we are heartily in favor of it being those who are responsible for it.

Traffic Too Much for Cars.

The Pennsylvania company has 41,971 cars of its own and 40,644 belonging to individuals and companies doing business over its lines, and, had the company as many more, often could not meet the requirements for cars. Today they are many thousand cars short of filling daily orders, and are obliged to select the shippers who should be first favored.

We know whereof we affirm when we state that Ayer's Pills, taken promptly, at the first symptoms of colds and fevers, arrest further progress of these disorders, and speedily restore the stomach, liver, and bowels, to their normal and regular action.

"Abraham Miller, deserter."—Bates' History.

BURGULARS DO BELLEFONTE.

Three Houses Entered—Money only Stolen—No Clues.

About a dozen burglaries were committed at Bellefonte within the last few weeks. On Saturday night three houses were entered while the inmates were in blissful slumber; these were the residences of Albert Mingle, W. H. Wilkinson and Hamilton Otto.

At Albert Mingle's when they got up Sunday morning they found his coat and pants gone from the bedroom and rifled down stairs in the kitchen of \$21. The thieves had entered by prying open a front window. Sideboards and closets were rumaged, but no other money found, the silverware was left undisturbed the burglars being after money only. They worked so quietly as not to awaken the sleepers.

At Col. Wilkinsons they ransacked the lower apartments but found no money; a large piano lamp was upset and broken, the noise of which partly awakened one of the daughters, but hearing no further noise she fell asleep again. In the morning the family found things badly mixed down stairs but nothing missing.

At Otto's nothing was stolen but a small lot of change.

We are inclined to think this is the same set that robbed some Centre Hall houses a few weeks ago.

Water Famine Notes.

Elk and Pine creeks are dry in some parts and where there is water it is lower than ever. Penns creek never before was as low as now.

Cedar run up in Harris township is pretty nearly holding its own, and the Bellefonte spring has not yet fallen to any extent.

From all sections of the land, out as far as the Rocky mountains, streams are drying up and water is scarce.

Altoona is still having water hauled in oil tanks from Hollidaysburg.

The Pennsylvania railroad company is hauling water from Conemaugh to Gallitzin.

Bedford has cases of typhoid and scarlet fever caused by bad water.

The oldest inhabitant's recollection can't cover a drought season like this in the central part of the state.

Because of low water not one tow of coal has left Pittsburg for more than six months the longest time on record.

Death of Mrs. Fiedler.

On Monday morning grandmother Fiedler died at the home of her son Henry, near Madisonburg. She was the oldest person in the community, being 87 years old. She was a faithful member of the Evangelical church.

Deceased had been ailing for several weeks, with dropsy, and other diseases. Mrs. J. P. Gephart, of Zion, is the only daughter. She was the grandmother of James A. Fiedler, formerly editor of the Gazette. The funeral occurred on Wednesday morning.

Rabbits Plentiful.

The rabbit season will open November 1 and will continue until January 1. Hunters who have been looking about the country say that rabbits are unusually plentiful this year and they are, therefore, looking for a successful season. The clear weather has been very favorable for the young cotton tails, and they are now almost fully grown.

For the Ladies.

Have you seen the nice hats and bonnets at Mrs. Boob's Millinery store? If not, come and see them; lowest prices to all. All the ladies are invited to come and see them. Saxony, Germantown, Zephyr, and all kind of yarns; will be sold cheap to close them out.

OUR farmers know the satisfaction there is in having a prothonotary who speaks German, as they always have business to transact there, and Wm. Smith speaks German and English. Abe Miller, on the other hand, can't speak German, and, besides is a poor English scholar.

Smith is the man you want to vote for.

THERE should be no stay-at-home voters this year. Every man should go to the polls, after first having carefully considered the present situation of public affairs. He will find it well worthy of study, and if he is a just and patriotic citizen he will vote for the straight Democratic ticket and thus aid in abolishing the corrupt practices of the party now in power.

NEW and useless offices, raised salaries, a new and useless court, Standard Oil Company robbery and monopoly legislation, appropriating the public funds for the benefit of party pets, these are some of the crying inequities of last winter's legislature that should drive every honest voter into the Democratic ranks and vote the Democratic ticket on Tuesday, Nov. 5.

OLD MAN MISSING.

THE COUNTRY AND MOUNTAINS SEARCHED.

Henry Fry Missing from his Home Near Potters Mills Since Tuesday of last Week.—No Trace Discovered.

Henry Fry, an old citizen of near Potters Mills, a tinner by trade, disappeared from his home, on Tuesday, at noon, and as nothing was heard of his whereabouts up to last Saturday afternoon, grave fears were felt by his wife and neighbors that the old man may have committed a rash act with himself, he having been somewhat unbalanced mentally of late years.

Soon after his disappearance on day aforesaid, he took some papers and a small sum of money from his chest and laid them upon a shelf where his wife would be sure to find them, and it was also found that his gun was missing, altho he had not taken his gun, to go hunting, for many years—this created suspicion that he might have committed suicide in some out-of-the-way place. Our informant, Samuel McClinton, said the citizens of that vicinity had resolved to turn out on Sunday last to search the mountains and other parts for the missing man.

On Sunday some 35 persons from the vicinity of Potter's bank spent the day searching for Mr. Fry. The mountain section which the missing man was in the habit of visiting on his hunting trips, was scoured as closely as possible, but the searchers returned at the close of the day without being able to report any trace of him; other parts outside of the mountains were gone over with no better results.

At different times since Sunday smaller parties have been on the search, but got no trace to unravel the mystery. The last time he was seen was near Allison's factory and this led to suspicion he might have drowned himself in the factory dam, but this was dispelled by the low stage of the water enabling his body to be readily found, and a suggested letting off of the dam was deemed useless.

Up to Tuesday evening last, a week since the old man disappeared, there was no clue as to his whereabouts. In the extensive mountain territory with its gullies, hollows and thickets, if dead, his body might never be discovered.

Centre Hall's Water Supply.

The springs which supply this town with pure mountain water, are lower than ever known to be, but owing to the vigilance of the water managers in gathering every possible supply and endeavoring to prevent wastage from many hydrants which has caused trouble and inconvenience, our people have had enough of pure and fresh water for all proper uses; seeming failures of the supply have thus far been caused by carelessness, and in some instances by purposely allowing water to run to waste. By careful usage of water none will suffer just yet, and it is to be hoped our citizens will bear this in mind and not cause inconvenience to those who are not careless.

Cure for Headache.

As a remedy for all forms of headache Electric Bitters has proved to be the very best. It effects a permanent cure and the most dreaded habitual sick headaches yield to its influence. We urge all who are afflicted to procure a bottle, and give this remedy a fair trial. In cases of habitual constipation Electric Bitters cures by giving the needed tone to the bowels, and few cases long resist the use of this medicine. Try it once. Large bottles only fifty cents at J. D. Murray's Drug Store.

Has Had Good Luck.

Charley Arney, our noted nimrod has killed more game than any one else hereabouts. Since the season opened he has helped kill about forty-five squirrels, about two-thirds of which he says he brought down himself. They are plenty, and good and fat.

Change in Firm.

The interests of Miller Goodhart in the firm of Dauberman & Goodhart, furniture and undertaking, have been purchased by John Dauberman. Miller has retired and is now in the job printing business.

New Porch.

Ex-sheriff Spangler has improved his residence by the addition of a fine new porch where he can take his ease this winter while the rest of folks are sleighing and hauling ice.

THE office of prothonotary is an important one. Wm. F. Smith has been faithful and efficient, hence it would be a serious blunder to elect Abe Miller who does not possess the needed qualifications.

PASS THROUGH CENTRE HALL.

Off With a Livery Rig—Would Like to See Him at Lewistown.

A man giving his name as C. Burbank and claiming New York city as his residence, registered a few days ago at the National hotel, Lewistown, saying he was expecting to meet some men concerning legal matters. He remained until Wednesday, when he gave landlord Clover his individual check for \$50. He then hired a double team from liveryman W. H. Felix to go to McClure, Snyder county, to meet his men. Since then nothing has been heard of man or team and Mr. Felix is hunting for him. Mr. Clover would also like to see him as he left a board bill unpaid. To make things better Saturday the check for \$50 came back with the endorsement that it was no good. He is a sleek fellow and others had better watch for him. He drove from there to Bellefonte, where he registered as Dr. S. G. Hendron, Lewistown. He is described as being a man of about five feet eight inches high, weighing 160 pounds with bushy hair and closely trimmed English beard and mustache, probably about 30 years of age, and wore a light pair of trousers, white vest, black coat and black slouch hat.

The parties were tracked to Bellefonte, left there, came to Centre Hall, and from here went to Brush valley.

SOMETHING FOR THE FARMER.

This year \$95,000 will be expended on the State Department of agriculture. It will be for the farmer to judge whether he is getting such an enormous draught on the public funds. He will certainly acknowledge that his taxes are no lighter. What does he say to a salary of \$7000 for the Secretary and \$9000 for the Deputy Secretary? The economic zoologist is certainly a very expensive official at \$5000 a year. The Commissioner of Forestry, the Dairy and Food Commissioner, and the State Veterinarian don't have to worry themselves about crops and rain and blight and interest and mortgage on farms, with \$5000 salary each a year. The chief clerkship is an enviable job at \$3200, while the clerks to the economic zoologist and the Commissioner of Forestry live high at \$3000 each a year.

Officials of the Agricultural Department travel in state and luxury at a cost of \$10,000 a year, while the expenses of the Dairy and Food Commissioners are expected to foot up \$25,000. There is a stenographer in this department and he gets \$1600 a year, while the messenger worries along at \$1,200 a year.

Of all this big expenditure, the farmer only catches a glimpse of the result of the appropriation of \$15,000 a year for farmers' institutes. Farmers are you going to continue to help keep such an expensive political party in power?

Will Put in Engines.

The streams in this county being lower than ever before known, water mills can not be run on full time, consequently some of the mills will be furnished with engines to be used in emergencies. Among those having this in contemplation are E. H. Auman in Joseph Moyer's mill at Centre Mills; Mr. Hockman at the brick mill, Millheim, and Ed. Meyer, at Linden Hall.

Baywindows Come Down.

Judge Brubaker, of Lancaster, decides that bay windows bulging out on second floor fronts of residences are illegal and must come down. This decision is of far reaching consequence, as there is scarcely a city or town anywhere that doesn't have some of those upper story bay windows.

Had Been Ill.

Major Robert H. Forster, of the internal affairs department, who has been seriously ill for several days, is gradually growing stronger. The Major was formerly a citizen of this county and served in the Mexican war and the war of the rebellion.

Sale of Farm Stock, &c.

On Nov. 7, at 9 a. m., at the residence of Philip Auman, on the Brockenhoff farm, about 2 1/2 miles east of Centre Hall, Samuel Harter will offer at public sale live stock, farm implements and other personal property. The entire stock is a large one.

Married this Evening.

This Thursday evening, Miss Ada Kreamer and Mr. Harry Chester Brown will be married in St. Peter's Reformed church, at Rebersburg. The couple will make Calchester, Ill., their future home.

Good Home at Private Sale.

A good home is offered at private sale, situated three miles west of Centre Hall. Good dwelling house and outbuildings. Inquire of oct10-4t A. W. GARVER.

NEWS AT CAPITOL

PRESIDENT AND HIS CABINET GO TO ATLANTA.

The Presidential Party to Take in the Expedition in Georgia.—The British Greed in Venezuela.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21.—On to Atlanta! The distinguished party, including the President, his entire cabinet and most of the ladies of the cabinet families, which left here tonight on a special train for Atlanta, carried no banners, brass bands or other implements of war, but their arrival will be hailed with much more delight by the citizens of Georgia's metropolis than was another party which visited the same city something like thirty-one years ago, amid the roar of cannons, the rattling of drums, the blare of trumpets and waving of flags. Mrs. Cleveland did not go. She was too good a mother to leave the baby, and it was deemed injudicious for so young a miss to make such a long railroad journey. Secretary Olney had a long conference today with the wife of Ex-Consul Waller, who was sentenced to twenty years in prison by a French Court-martial for his alleged interference with French military operations in Madagascar.

Mrs. Waller, who only reached Washington this morning, from Madagascar, via France, told the Secretary the whole story from her side. After the interview she expressed herself as being perfectly satisfied that the administration was doing, and would continue to do everything that it could properly do for the relief of her husband.

It is really amusing to hear the fears expressed by some of the Republican Senators, that they will be compelled when Congress meets to reorganize the Senate and take charge of the committees, thus becoming responsible for legislation without the majority to pass it. Pray, who is going to compel them to assume such responsibility? Surely not the Democrats, who are probably willing, although not anxious, to allow things to remain as they are; nor the Populists, unless they can make a deal for their own benefit. If there is any compelling it will be done by Republicans.

In order to keep the fine gun-making plant at the Washington Navy Yard in operation, it has been decided to make the three-inch field guns, which are needed for the Navy there. About one hundred of these guns will be made. The Navy department had authority to have them made by contract, but when the bids were received it was found that they could be made by the government just as cheap or cheaper, and the keeping together of the skilled force of mechanics which are employed in the Government Gun shop turned the scales in favor of having the work done there.

While I do not know that Senator Sherman has chosen this time for the publication of his recollections during forty years in office with the special idea of injuring one Benj. Harrison, there are reasons that quint that way. For instance, Mr. Sherman charges in his book, without any ifs, ands, or buts, that Mr. Harrison's nomination for the Presidency in 1888 was brought about by a corrupt bargain with one man who controlled the New York delegation. Although no names are used, it is perfectly plain that Mr. Sherman refers to the promise made by Steve Elkins, now a member of the Senate from West Virginia, on behalf of Mr. Harrison, to Boss Tom Platt, who was the man in control of the New York delegation, that if Harrison was nominated and elected, he (Platt) should be Secretary of the Treasury. The breaking of that promise made Platt the bitter enemy of Harrison that he has been ever since. Mr. Sherman also has a fling at all the prominent Republicans, and he leaves the impression that with the exception of Hayes—who made Sherman Secretary of the Treasury, and allowed his whole administration to be used to push his Presidential boom—they were a bad and tricky lot, an impression, barring the exception, doubtless shared by lots of people.

It is the impression among diplomats and officials in Washington that Great Britain is making an attempt to bluff the Venezuelan government out of its boots, in ordering that fortifications be erected upon the disputed territory, lying between Venezuela and British Guiana, and that it was to gain time to see the effect of the bluff, and not make a European combination against the Monroe doctrine, as has been sensationally reported, that the British government requested further time to consider Secretary Olney's last communication, which states the position of the United States as to the maintenance of the Monroe doctrine. John Bull is a wise old chap in spite of his occasional bluster. He would

much rather accomplish his purpose by scaring Venezuela than by trying the dangerous experiment of ignoring the Monroe doctrine. If the Venezuelans only display a little backbone now that boundary line dispute will be submitted to arbitration, in accordance with the original suggestions of President Cleveland.

Who Owns the Sidewalk.

Judge Clayton, of Delaware county, in recently charging a jury in a case in which the rights of a sidewalk were the bone of contention, laid down the law in reference to pavements in such a manner as to clear up some of the points as to which there has been much apprehension. He said: "The owner of real estate also owns the sidewalk in front of his property, subject to the rights of pedestrians to use it for traveling back and forward, but outside of this he owns the sidewalk as much as any other part of his property. It cannot be used for roller skating or a play ground for children or other purposes without his consent. If it is, he should first order them to leave, and if they refuse he may lay hands gently upon them, and if they resist, he may use as much force as necessary to remove them, but no more."

STATE NEWS.

A tragic scene took place at the home of Henry Diamond in Hollidaysburg on Wednesday of last week. As the funeral of Miss Maggie Diamond was leaving the house, the mother dropped dead beside her daughter's coffin. Heart trouble is supposed to have been the cause.

Joseph Culp, of Milton, was held up and robbed by three tramps on the outskirts of Lewisburg recently. He surrendered his watch and some money at the point of a revolver and was then relieved of his hat, coat and vest. The tramps boarded a passing freight train and escaped.

School Report.

Report of the Plum Grove school, in Potter township, for the month ending Oct. 18, 1895: Number of pupils enrolled, male, 9, female 17, total 26; per cent of attendance, male 99, female 98, total 99; pupils who were present every day, Messrs. Bruce Crozier, Cleve Weaver, Harry Durst, Geo. Sharer and Maurice Breon; Misses Anna Durst, Edna Crozier, Bessie Breon, Lena Poorman, Estie Snyder, Mary Durst, Mabel Crozier, Mary Weaver, and Clair Durst; number of visitors four, among whom was Supt. Granley. D. K. KELLER, Teacher.

The Discovery Saved His Life.

Mr. C. Caillonette, Druggist, Beaversville, Ill., says: "To Dr. King's New Discovery I owe my life. Was taken with La Grippe and tried all the physicians for miles about, but of no avail and was given up and told I could not live. Having Dr. King's New Discovery in my store I sent for a bottle and began its use and from the first dose began to get better, and after using three bottles was up and about again. It is worth its weight in gold. We won't keep store without it." Get a free trial bottle at J. D. Murray's Drug Store.

Forest Fires in Mifflin County.

Parties in the woods after nuts on Monday started fires among the dry leaves on Shade mountain, two miles from Lewistown, and it spread like a flash, and is burning over a district covering the mountain for more than a mile. All the burned district is heavily set with trees and a great deal of valuable timber has been burned.

EVERY day brings new and more sensational and startling details of the corruption and fraud of the city government of Pittsburg. The City Attorney and his assistant have now been arrested on criminal charges of official misconduct in appropriating an enormous sum that should have found its way into the City Treasury, and more arrests are likely to follow, with a consequent increase in disclosures in corruption and dishonesty on the part of men who enjoyed the emoluments of office by reason of the preference of the Republican party. It is certainly time for the people of the state to take warning by the recent disclosures of Republican official corruption, and they have the opportunity this year of placing their disapproval on frauds in public office by voting for the Democratic state and county tickets.

It is a duty you owe the Commonwealth as a citizen and a true man to go to the polls on the 5th of November and assert yourself for honest government. Let us excuse keep you away from the polls, and let no petty party boss persuade you that Quay and misrule can give to the people of Pennsylvania a respectable and honest administration of its affairs.

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