



## STORM TORN

### HUNDREDS OF LIVES LOST AT ST. LOUIS

Storms, Floods and Flames Devastate the City.—Steamboats Overturned.—A Crowded Factory Wrecked.

St. Louis, May 27.—Death and destruction marked the path of a tornado which passed over this city shortly after five o'clock this afternoon. The list of the dead in St. Louis cannot be estimated until alarming reports of loss of life in collapsed buildings can be confirmed. At least forty lifeless bodies have been found up to 10 o'clock. If the reports are true that 200 girls are in the ruins of a cigarette factory and that many were killed in St. Louis, the list will reach nearly 300. The city is in a state of panic. Nearly all electric wires are down and the city is in darkness.

To add to the confusion the tornado was followed by a deluge of rain, accompanied by vivid flashes of lightning which still continue.

The scene in East St. Louis is appalling. The tornado struck that city with terrible effect, and it is now estimated that 300 persons are dead in that place alone as a result of the wind flood and flames.

The tornado was followed by an outbreak of fire, caused by lightning, and before the flames were gotten under control property to the value of nearly \$3,000,000 was destroyed. The tornado passed in an easterly direction and it is reported that Vandalia and Caseyville, in Illinois, suffered severely.

At 7 p. m. the lowest estimate of fatalities in East St. Louis and this city is placed at 300.

The steamer D. H. Pike with 30 passengers on board bound for Peoria was blown bottom up in the middle of the Mississippi river and a number of persons killed.

The steamer Delaphia with a crew of 25 lady passengers on board was blown against a bridge pier and broken in two. The ladies and two of the crew clung to the bridge stonework and were rescued.

St. Patrick's church at Sixth and Biddle streets fell and the debris fill the street. The electric railway line is burned out as well as electric plant. 14 fire alarms were sounded within an hour, and three alarms sent in from the poor house, which building has 1-200 inmates. The roof of the poor house was blown off and the fatalities are great.

During the last race at the fair grounds the roof was blown off the grandstand. The crowd had gone to the open field for safety and four men were killed.

The Louisville and Nashville east-bound local passenger train had just reached East St. Louis when the storm struck the city. The train was overturned but only a few passengers were injured.

Lightning struck the Standard oil works and flames were soon pouring from a dozen buildings. The fire department was utterly powerless to cope with the conflagration and it is feared nearly the entire business and a great portion of the residence section will be destroyed by flames if not already so by the wind.

Among the principal buildings already in ruins are the National hotel, the Standard oil works, East St. Louis wire mill works, the Crescent elevator, Hessel elevator, all freight depots and stores and residences on St. Clair avenue.

At nine o'clock to-night no wire can be obtained to surrounding territory in the western and northwestern portion of Missouri, but it is feared that the loss of life in these sections will be very large. The damage to property in St. Louis is estimated at \$1,000,000 and the loss in East St. Louis is already \$2,000,000 and the fire is still ranging.

There were really two cyclones. One came from the northwest and the other from direct east. Both met on the Illinois shore of the Mississippi river and joined in a whirling cloud of death and destruction. The list of dead in St. Louis is beyond present computation.

A startling report has just reached police headquarters that two hundred girls are in the ruins of Liggett & Meyers' cigarette factory at Tower Grove Park. Alarming reports of great loss of life in the southern part of St. Louis from railroad tracks to Carondelet.

The plant flour mills and the works of the St. Louis iron and steel company were destroyed, and the big Cupples block of buildings were partially demolished.

The dead and injured are being taken from the ruins of the various buildings and manufactories.

### Miles Twp. Dots.

Several large gangs of workmen were at work this week overhauling

the main road through the valley from west to east end.

Crops in Brush valley are about as elsewhere—suffering for want of rain. Reuben Stover, of the old Narrows hotel, has a century almanac, printed in 1846, by Ludwig Kurtz. In this the year 1896 is put down as one to be noted for dry spells and slim crops. The almanac was purchased by Reuben's father over forty years ago.

Mr. DeLong, the popular teacher, has a snug and romantic residence in a sequestered spot at Lavonia, where he is happy and contented as a prince, and engages himself in "teaching the young idea how to shoot."

The east end boasts one of the finest residences in the county—that of Mr. Hawk—new and modern in style.

Daniel Brungart, one of our esteemed Rebersburg citizens, is slightly under the weather.

Fred Kurtz, the old-time Democratic war horse, was calling on friends and looking up support for Treasurer, this week. He is a "true blue," and should get there.

### Knights Templar.

The 43d Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandary of Pa., met in Scranton this week. About thirty Commandaries were present in a body, while nearly all the others were represented by individual members. Constant Commandary of Bellefonte was represented by Sir Knight A. C. Mingle, their eminent commander, and Sir Knights C. P. Hughes, S. M. Buck W. A. Krise and W. I. Fleming, the Division Commander.

Those Sir Knights whose commandaries did not attend in a body were the guests of other commandaries. The Bellefonte Sir Knights were the guests of the Lock Haven commandary except Sir K. Krise, who was a guest of Dr. Moloy, Commandary No. 9, of Reading.

The parade on Tuesday was one of the largest that the commandaries have had for many years; over 1500 were in line.

### Two Deaths at Axemann.

Mrs. J. C. Williams died very suddenly at her home at Axemann last Thursday evening. Her death was unexpected and a great shock to her many friends. She was a daughter of John M. Wagner, of Milesburg, and was the mother of three children, who with her husband survive her. She was interred on Saturday morning, and the funeral cortege was very large over 62 vehicles being in line.

The five year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob A. Moyer died at Axemann, after an illness of about two weeks from brain fever. The interment was made in a cemetery near Fillmore.

### It May do as Much for You.

Mr. Fred Miller, of Irving, Ill., writes that he had a severe Kidney trouble for many years, with severe pains in his back and also that his bladder was affected. He tried many so-called Kidney cures but without any good result. About a year ago he began the use of Electric Bitters and found relief at once. Electric Bitters is especially adapted to the cure of all Kidney and Liver troubles and often gives almost instant relief. One trial will prove our statement. Price only 50c. for large bottle. At J. D. Murray's Drug Store.

### Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses have been granted the past week:

Edward I. Swiler, of Spring twp., and Harriet McCafferty, of Bellefonte.

O. M. Bowersox, of Rock Spring, Ferguson twp., and Linnie B. Ewing, of Fair Brook.

Frederick J. Gross and Louise Maurer, of South Phillipsburg.

### Democratic Primaries.

The Democratic primary election will be held on Saturday, June 6. The place of election in Centre Hall will be at the hotel. Chairman Dauberman has not selected his board for holding the election. The convention will be held at Bellefonte on the following Tuesday.

### Married.

On Saturday May 10th, at Tylersville, Clinton county, Jesse Klineletter, of Tusseyville, was married to Susan A. Rhine, of Logan township, Clinton county, by Benjamin Greninger, justice of the peace.

For every quarter in a man's pocket there are a dozen uses; and to use each one in such a way as to derive the greatest benefit is a question every one must solve for himself. We believe, however, that no better use could be made of one of these quarters than to exchange it for a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, a medicine that every family should be provided with. For sale by Wm. Pealer, Spring Mills, S. M. Swartz, Tusseyville, R. E. Bartholomew, Centre Hall.

### NO FENCES NEEDED.

State Secretary Edge Defines the Law on the Subject.

Secretary Edge, of the State Board of Agriculture, has prepared the following exposition of the fence laws:

The fact is that the repeal of the general laws of 1700 and 1784 has completely reversed things so far as outside or road fences are concerned. Under these acts the owner was required to protect it against stock passing along the road or suffer damages. Since the repeal of these laws it has become the duty of the owners of live stock on public roads to prevent them from trespassing, and if trespass takes place the owner of the stock is personally responsible to the owner of the land for any damages done to crops or other property. Under the old law the crops had to be fenced to protect them from stock, and now the stock must be restrained and the land owner is not compelled to maintain fences unless he chooses.

The consideration of the fence question usually brings up other questions closely relating to it, and among them the right of the public to fruit, grass, &c. The right to this class of property is clearly vested in the owner of the land, and the public have no rights to it whatever. It is just as much the property of the land owner as if it were on the inside of a good fence, and the public have no right to in any manner disturb it. If the trees, grass or other property in any manner interferes with the public the road supervisors have the right to remove it, for nothing prejudicial to the public right of unimpeded travel can be allowed to remain, but the only judges of this are the road commissioners. So nice is this distinction that in a case of record in court a man whose children pass along on a public road on their way to school obtained permission of the road supervisors to cut the grass so that it might not wet his children's clothing, but after cutting it he hauled the grass home and fed it to his horse. The owner of the land adjacent to the road brought suit and recovered damages to the value of the grass.

The land upon which a public road is located is given to the public for the right of way or passage over it. A man may not stop on the public road and impede travel, for by so doing he interferes with the rights of the public. He cannot haul away earth, sand, stones or other material, for they are as much the property of the land owner, subject of course to the reserved rights of the road supervisors, as similar material within the fences of his farm. The owner of the land gave merely the right of passage over the land, and if for any cause the road is discontinued the land reverts to him and again becomes a portion of his farm.

The right of the supervisors is automatic. They may for the purpose of repairing roads, building bridges, &c., cut down trees, remove earth or stone, and the owner of the land has no redress unless the materials are taken off his farm and not within the limits of the road. If taken from his farm he is of course entitled to payment, but he cannot prevent their removal if the supervisors see fit to resist.

Under the present condition of our fence laws, the lines which bound the rights of public travel are as much protection to the farm owner and his stock as the best fence which he could build, and any live stock passing this line are trespassers, and liable for all damages done to crops or other farm property.

In a recent address before the State Board of Agriculture Mr. Stranahan clearly intimated that no matter how the animals got upon the public road their owner was responsible, and that if they broke out and got into the road the owner was just as much responsible as if he were driving them along the road at the time the damage was inflicted.

In referring to the repeal of these laws Mr. Stranahan spoke as follows: "These judges have held that we have no fence law as to the enclosure of a man's land, and that every man has to fence in his own cattle, and it he does not, and they get out and do damage to his neighbor, he must respond in damages."

### The Ideal Panacea.

James L. Francis, Alderman, Chicago, says: "I regard Dr. King's New Discovery as an ideal panacea for Coughs, Colds and Lung Complaints, having used it in my family for the last five years, to the exclusion of physician's prescriptions or other preparations."

Rev. John Burgess, Keokuk, Iowa, writes: "I have been a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church for 50 years or more, and have never found anything so beneficial, or that gave me such speedy relief as Dr. King's New Discovery." Try this Ideal Cough Remedy now. Trial bottles free at J. D. Murray's Drug Store.

## CAPITOL NEWS

### SENATOR HARRIS WILL MAKE THE BOND INVESTIGATION.

Unanimously Adopted a Resolution Endorsing Senator Daniel for Dem. Vice-Presidential Nomination.

WASHINGTON, May 25.—President Cleveland's consistent record of refusing to sign River and Harbor bills, to say nothing of the extravagantly large appropriations already made by this Congress and the lack of money in sight to pay them, makes it reasonably certain that the River and Harbor bill now in his hands, which breaks the record by providing for the enormous expenditure of \$75,000,000, will be vetoed. Congress is expecting a veto, and, owing to the wide distribution of the appropriations provided for in the bill, expects to be able to pass it over the veto. It was stated in Washington ten days ago that enough votes had been pledged to pass the bill over a veto. While nothing is positively known, Democrats generally hope and believe that the President will make his message vetoing this bill a ringing protest against the extravagance of this Congress—something that will make a strong and convincing Democratic campaign document.

In declining to furnish the Senate with the correspondence connected with the arrest by the Spaniards of American citizens on the filibuster Competitor, President Cleveland merely exercised his constitutional right to withhold information which in his judgment ought not to be made public, and doubtless he will explain his reasons to such Senators as may take the trouble to call on him.

The Republican House was so disgusted with a resolution offered for the impeachment of President Cleveland by Representative Howard, of Ala., that it refused by an almost unanimous vote to give him a hearing on it. Howard has virtually been ostracised ever since he became a member of the House, except by his fellow Populists, because of a disgraceful book he wrote just before he became a candidate for Congress.

The Virginia Democratic Association, of Washington, at its last meeting unanimously adopted a resolution endorsing Senator Daniel of that state for the Democratic Vice-Presidential nomination. The Convention might easily nominate a worse man than Senator Daniel.

There is food for thought in the words of Senator Hill concerning the probability of tariff legislation at any time in the near future. He said: "There will be no tariff legislation in this Congress, or in an extra session if one should be held, or in the two years during which the next Congress will be in session." It looks as though most of the Senators agree with Senator Hill's very emphatic assertion, for not one of them even made a pretense of denying or of challenging them.

The McKinleyites knocked the last prop from under the Republican anti's when they brought their batteries to bear upon the members of the Republican National Committee with such good results that thirty-two of the fifty-one members are now announced by name as having pledged their support to Mr. McKinley, the latest recruits being Senators Hansbrough, of North Dakota, and Shoup, of Idaho, the former having just returned from a visit to McKinley. This destroys the hope of his Republican opponents that McKinley might be beaten by the National Committee throwing out McKinley delegates from all the states in which there are contests, as the committee will now be certain to favor him wherever it can be done.

Senator Harris, of Tennessee, Chairman of the sub-committee which will make the bond investigation under the recently adopted Senate resolution says he favors conducting the investigation in secret and making public its result when obtained. He takes this stand not because he favors hiding anything but because he is opposed to having the testimony published by piece-meal as it is taken and commented upon in the public press. The matter will be decided by a vote of the Committee as soon as it is ready to begin work, which will be as soon as the statement of Secretary Carlisle, upon which Treasury clerks are now working, is in the hands of the committee. The probabilities are that the investigation will not begin until after Congress adjourns unless the session shall be unexpectedly prolonged.

Direct information from Chairman Harrity, of the Democratic National Committee, knocks out the sensational report that Mr. Harrity had said that no delegate who gave advance notice of his intention to bolt the candidate and platform, if they didn't suit him, would be admitted to the Chicago convention. Of course Mr. Harrity didn't say so. Neither he nor any

other individual has the authority to say who shall be admitted to the Convention. What he did say, and what has been said of scores of Democrats in Congress is that no delegate who threatens to bolt ought to be admitted to the Convention.

### SPRING MILLS.

The Millheim Telephone Company Pushing Their Line Rapidly.

David Sowers, Jr., of our town, has been quite ill for several days, but is slowly improving.

Shook Bros., of our village have their henry and other buildings nearly completed; the henry is quite an imposing building.

J. I. Condo reports the carpet business unusually brisk. His new machinery works admirably; many of his rugs and carpets are decidedly pretty. The Millheim Telephone Company are pushing their line through rapidly. They have reached our village; we expect to have communication with the eastern part of Centre county very shortly.

Last week Charles Miller, of our village, the well-known wool dealer, commenced his regular trips buying wool. He was out three days and purchased over 3000 pounds. Mr. Miller quotes the wool market as being weak and quiet.

Several attempts at burglary were made in our village lately, but the robbers were frightened off before they effected an entrance. The discharge of a couple of shot guns did the business. Keep your doors locked and have your windows secured.

C. E. Royer and John D. Wagner attended the Sunday school convention at Bellefonte on Wednesday last, 20th inst, as delegates from the Sunday school in Georges valley, and Miss Ida Burrell and Charles Fisher as delegates from the Sunday school at Penn Hall.

C. P. Long, the enterprising merchant of our village, attended the Odd Fellows lodge at Centre Hall on Saturday evening last. Mr. Long is quite a prominent member of several secret organizations, such as the Masons, K. G. E., I. O. F., etc. By the way, about July 1st he intends having his brick yard in full operation and will burn 180000 for the spring trade. This will give employment to fifteen or eighteen men for some months.

Candidates are becoming very anxious and lively, the time is growing short. W. M. Cronister, of Worth township, J. Noll, of Bellefonte, and R. B. Gilliland, of Snow Shoe, Democratic candidates for the nomination for sheriff, were here last week; of course each endeavoring to get on the inside track. Frain, of Marion, and Daniel Heckman, of Benner, Democratic candidates for the nomination for commissioner, were also here looking after their "fences." Fred Kurtz, of Centre Hall, Democratic candidate for the nomination for treasurer also made us a visit. Mr. Kurtz rates very high with the Democracy in this neighborhood; his friends are by no means idle.

### LINDEN HALL.

Incidents and Events of the Busy Little Town.

Memorial Day is now at hand; may the people of our valley all turn out to show their respect toward our dead heroes. Gregg Post, of Centre Hall, will conduct the services at this place at 10 a. m. The Sunday school meets in the school house at 9.30 and after short song service will accompany the Post to the cemetery, where the graves will be decorated with beautiful flowers, after which they will again march to the school house where the speaking will be done. Some able speakers will be present. Come one come all.

A number of our town people attended the S. S. convention at Bellefonte on Wednesday last. They have many new ideas about a Sunday school.

A number of people from this place are in attendance at the Ministerial, S. S. and K. L. of C. E. Convention at Lemont this week.

Messrs. Wm. Zeigler and Harry Miller, of this place, spent Sunday last at Woodward with Mr. Miller's friends. Miss Lucy Wareing, of Osceola, is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Hess this week.

Mrs. Wm. Gettig spent Sunday and Monday with friends and relatives at Nittany Hall.

Our friend Wm. F. has acquired quite a reputation as an expert croquet player. Wm. was strictly in it. Grover has almost completed negotiations to sell Prof. C. E. Z. patent axle grease and odoriferous perfume.

Our blacksmith, Mr. David Snyder has moved his place of business from Main street to Willowbank street, where he has erected a new blacksmith shop.

The U. E. S. S. is getting ready for Children's entertainment, which will be held some time in the future.

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### COBURN.

The Pike Company Busy Macadamizing Their Road Bed.

Miss Sarah Stitzer has gone to Rebersburg, to be absent a few weeks. Miss Delle Ocker, of Madisonburg, is sojourning a few days at this place among her friends.

The Lutherans expect to have a church festival at this place on Saturday evening, June 20.

Paul Bingaman and family, of the same place, spent Sunday at this place the guests of J. T. Garthoff.

William Bower and wife, of Haines township, spent Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. A. J. Bowersox, at this place.

W. M. Cronister, Democratic candidate for sheriff, was in town on Tuesday making known his claims for that office.

Ed. Robinson, wife and four of their children, of Poe Mills, spent part of Sunday at this place, the guests of Archa Mullen.

Miss Tome Hosterman, after spending several weeks with her sister, Mrs. T. C. Bower, at Fiedler, came home one day last week.

Ex Sheriff Cooke, of Howard, Republican candidate for sheriff, was at this place on Tuesday evening looking up his political friends.

Rev. Wolf had communion services at this place last Sunday forenoon; several additions to the church membership were made.

The Pike company have had their stone crusher in operation for several weeks and are macadamizing their road bed nearly the entire distance from here to Millheim.

A. J. Stover is making extensive improvements to his property which he purchased from ex-Sheriff Spangler; among some of the improvements are a new summer house and a new fence along the street.

N. F. Braucht and K. H. Stover, two of our rising young operators, went to Bellefonte on Wednesday evening on their bikes and attended the great Robinson show; they returned the same evening.

The personal effects of John Neyquist of Altoona, were shipped to this place, one day last week, and taken to Frogtown where he will work at the blacksmith trade, having rented the shop belonging to S. S. Strohecker, of Rebersburg.

### OAK HALL.

Interesting Items Gathered by Our Correspondent.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Williams and William Rishel attended the funeral of Mrs. James Williams, at Axemann, on Saturday forenoon.

William Beck, of Lock Haven, was a pleasant visitor at the home of Daniel Korman this week.

Some of our people attended the funeral of Clara Dale, at Shiloh, last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Meyers, of Oak Grove, were transacting business at this place Tuesday.

Quite a number of people from this place were at the big fire at Lemont on Saturday night.

Emanuel Korman, of Bellefonte, is repairing the roof on D. Korman's house.

Isaac Frain, of Marion township, and Daniel Grove, of Walker township, candidates for commissioner, were looking up their Democratic friends in town during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dougherty, of Lemont were visiting at the home of Charles Stamm on Sunday.

The portable gas house that was mentioned in last week's Democrat, from a neighboring town, has turned out to be one from our town.

Mrs. William Thomas, of State College, is visiting at W. H. Close's this week.

James C. Gilliland, of this place, attended Pomona Grange on Tuesday, near Pine Hall.

Everybody seemed excited over the fantastic parade given by Ellis and Charley on Tuesday eve.

Mrs. B. F. Homan gave quite a sewing party on Wednesday to some of her neighbor women, and a chicken and waffle dinner was served.

Mr. D. P. Davis, a prominent liveryman and merchant of Goshen, Va., has this to say on the subject of rheumatism: "I take pleasure in recommending Chamberlain's Pain Balm for rheumatism, as I know from personal experience that it will do all that is claimed for it. A year ago this spring my brother was laid up in bed with inflammatory rheumatism and suffered intensely. The first application of Chamberlain's Pain Balm eased the pain and the use of one bottle completely cured him. For sale by Wm. Pealer, Spring Mills, S. M. Swartz, Tusseyville, R. E. Bartholomew, Centre Hall.

### Fire at Eagleville.

At Eagleville, Clinton county, Sunday morning, the frame dwelling occupied by Miss Garberich and her aunt, was entirely destroyed by fire. The occupants lost nearly all their household effects, including their clothing. Miss Garberich had a narrow escape from being burned to death as it was she received slight burns and her hair and eyebrows were scorched.