



RISHEL HOME AT OAK HALL BURNED.

Lamp Exploded in Parlor—Hidden Spark Destroys Home Six Hours Later.

The home of Oscar Rishel, at Oak Hall Station, was totally destroyed by fire early Saturday morning.

Just a little after eight o'clock the evening previous a lamp exploded in the parlor of the home, and set fire to the carpet and other inflammable fixtures. Mrs. Rishel was alone, but she managed to extinguish the flames before any great damage was done. Her husband and his brother, William Rishel, were at the Bellefonte hospital to visit the latter's little daughter, who is a patient in that institution, and on their return a close inspection of the house was made about ten o'clock. Satisfied that all was secure, and feeling grateful that their loss was not greater, Mr. and Mrs. Rishel retired for the night.

It was at 2:30 o'clock in the morning that the couple were awakened by the crackling of the flames, and when fully aroused they were almost enveloped by fire, the flames having spread to various portions of the house. They made their escape from the burning home, but little or nothing was taken with them. The neighborhood was soon aroused, but nothing could be done but watch the flames consume the well-kept house.

The rear portion of the Rishel home was a log structure, and the front frame, and it appears that a spark from the first fire had found its way to this partition, and finally broke into a flame as the occupants slept in peace.

There was \$1000 insurance in the Centre Hall fire insurance company, D. F. Luse, secretary, but the loss is considerable more than that sum.

LOCALS.

Horse sale at Millheim—Friday, April 3d.

A regular meeting of the Y. P. B. will be held this (Thursday) evening.

Any one desiring rugs or carpet woven will leave their orders with Mrs. Thomas Grove.

Farmer George B. Slack is moving from west of Centre Hall to the Al. Grove farm, near Bellefonte, today (Thursday.)

Hiram Lee, who has made a success of farming in Chester county in the vicinity of Chester Springs, quit the farm and now lives in Phoenixville.

Mrs. William B. Bressler of Spring Mills, accompanied by three of her children, was a guest of Mrs. Milford Luse and Mrs. Harry Miller in Centre Hall.

Jesse Snyder will move from High Valley, below Coburn, to near Wolf-Stone, where he has rented a farm and will begin farming operations on a larger scale.

It is a sure sign of Spring when Patrick Garrity, the lord of the Seven Mountains, ventures out. He made a trip to Millroy last week in company with J. M. Moyer, the Potters Mills landlord.

C. H. Meyer, a rural mail carrier of Redsville, is in Columbia, South Carolina, at the home of his sister, Mrs. J. W. McCormick. Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Meyer of Centre Hall, are also at that southern point.

Among those who will take up farming by April 1st, is H. E. Shreckengast, who will lay aside the carpenter tools for the farm. He has leased the Andrew Corman farm, at Farmers Mills, and will conduct it.

Mr. and Mrs. William Kern at Oak Hall Station met with a mishap that resulted in a broken arm for the latter. They were out driving a few days ago when their horse frightened, ran away and threw both occupants out of the vehicle. Mr. Kern escaped with a few bruises.

William Bradford shipped his household goods to Phoenixville, on Monday, and today (Thursday) he and the family will leave Old Fort for that place. Mr. Bradford has rented a farm one and one-half miles south of Phoenixville, and thinks he is making a good move by going into that section.

E. Clayton Wagner purchased the property occupied by Mrs. Marta, widow of the late John Marta, located on Hoffer street, Centre Hall, subject to a condition to be filed by the owner. Mr. Wagner owned the place five years ago, and vacated it when he moved to the farm, at which time he sold it to Mr. Walker of Williamsport, from whom it was a sin purchased.

Mergantie Appraiser L. L. Weaver of Woodward was in Centre Hall the beginning of this week performing the duties of his appointment. The bad conditions of the public roads during the past six weeks very much hindered Mr. Weaver in making rapid progress in completing his work. Mr. Weaver is a lumberman, making bill timber a specialty. He is a pleasant man to meet, and one that one wants to meet again.

DRY TERRITORY ADDED IN UNION.

West Milton, Wind-aid and Glen Iron Bars Will be Closed.

At the close of Union county license court at one o'clock Saturday morning Judge Albert W. Johnson and the associate judges, Gottlow Rowe and A. K. Dieffenderfer, in Union county, after granting licenses to four of the seven applicants and refusing the other three, laid down the following rules, which they will enforce:

First, there shall be no treating. Second, there shall be no side rooms, and booze may be sold only over the bar.

Third, landlords are cautioned to be careful to whom they sell bottled wines and whiskeys.

Licenses were granted to the Baker House, Lewisburg, J. F. Krouse, proprietor; to the Cameron House, Lewisburg, Frank S. Dunkle, proprietor; the Laurelton Hotel, Laurelton, Adam W. Rokenbrod, proprietor, and to the Union Hotel, New Berlin, W. G. Hartwick, proprietor.

Licenses were refused Mrs. Clara Fenstermacher for her hotel at West-Milton; Mrs. Annie M. Church for her hotel at Glen Iron, and Charles W. Hyman for his hotel at Winfield. The hotels whose licenses were refused have been licensed for more than half a century, and the buildings are owned by the applicants. Mrs. Church and Mrs. Fenstermacher are widows, who succeeded their husbands in the business.

The licenses were refused on the ground that the hotels are not necessary for the accommodation of the public, and large remonstrances were filed against each one.

Judge Seibert's View.

In refusing six applicants for liquor licenses and granting others, Judge W. W. Seibert opened his decree in this way:

This court accepts as fact that it has no power to attach any conditions or impose any restrictions upon licenses granted for the sale of liquors at retail beyond the scope of those fixed by the statutes; nevertheless it is within the province of the court to make requests as to matters that to it appear to be reasonable and proper.

Quitting Party.

Mrs. Milford Luse entertained a number of her neighbors and friends at a quilting Friday of last week. Several handsome quilts were finished during the day's work, and all enjoyed the sumptuous dinner which Mrs. Luse prepared for her guests. Those in the party were: Mr. and Mrs. V. A. Auman and son Carl, Mr. and Mrs. Clement Luse and son William, Mrs. William Mitterling and granddaughter Elizabeth Homan, Mrs. John Delaney and daughter Margaret, Mrs. Samuel Krape and daughter Alice, Mrs. Sampel Durst, Mrs. Thos. Delaney, Mrs. Harry Shirk, Mrs. Alice Bariges, Mrs. James Reish, Mrs. John Conley, Mrs. Andrew Zettle, Miss Emma McCoy, Helen and Margaret Luse.

LOCALS.

Read Kessler's new Spring Opening ad. It will be a benefit to you. adv.

A special meeting of Progress Grange will be held Saturday afternoon for the purpose of conferring degrees.

Miss Gertrude Bartholomew of Patton was the guest of her cousin, Chas. D. Bartholomew, from Saturday until Monday.

Mrs. T. W. Simkins, Mrs. Frank W. Bradford, and Misses Savilla Reaick and Margaret Goodhart, are in Altoona attending the Foreign Missionary Presbyterian Convention which opened yesterday (Wednesday.)

S. E. Sharer moved from the Geiss farm near Linden Hall to the D. K. Keller farm east of Centre Hall. He purchased a half interest in Mr. Keller's stock, and the farm will be operated in partnership, a proposition that proves successful when landlord and tenant agree on values, etc.

A LARGE CONTRACT.

What Murray and Bitner Wants Every Person in Centre Hall to do.

When Murray & Bitner the enterprising druggists, first offered a 50-cent package of Dr. Howard's specific for the cure of constipation and dyspepsia at half price, and guaranteed to return the money if it did not cure, they thought it probable from their experience with other medicines for these diseases that they would have a good many packages returned. But although they have sold hundreds of bottles, not one has been brought back.

To those suffering with dizziness, headache, poor digestion, constipation and straining, Dr. Howard's specific offers quick relief. It is an invaluable boon to all who feel uncomfortable after eating, and is today the popular dinner pill in all the large cities.

The Improvement Club.

We, the pastors of Centre Hall and vicinity, believing that under the leadership of a Civic or Improvement Club our community could be made still better and more inviting as a place of residence, called a meeting for the organization of such a club, if the way should be clear. Much to our surprise, and for reasons not clearly comprehended by us, this movement has met with unfavorable criticism and opposition. While we are ready to give such an organization hearty co-operation, it has never been our intention to assume the chief part in the management. We have our own organization through which we can best discharge the duties to the community incumbent upon us as ministers of Christ, and we have no desire to force an improvement club upon an unwilling community. The organization has proceeded only so far as to adopt a constitution and by-laws, the meeting was adjourned to March 30th to complete the organization by enrollment of members, election of officers and such other action as may be thought desirable at that time. If at this meeting a sufficient number of citizens do not enroll to give fair promise of success, we shall advise the dropping of the whole matter, at least for the present.

W. H. SCHUYLER, F. W. BARRY, R. R. JONES, F. H. FOSS.

Surprised Their Chum.

On Saturday evening a number of the friends of Miss Laura Mitterling gathered at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mitterling, in honor of a birthday anniversary of their chum. It was a very pleasant evening very pleasantly spent in playing games, and at a late hour the choicest refreshments were served. Those who participated in the event were these: Misses Laura Mitterling, Ruth Smith, Helen Luse, Katie McCool, Hazel Emery, Verna Rowe, Jennie Stahl, Nina Slick, Carrie Mitterling, Messrs William Bradford, Ray Durst, James Lingle, Carl Auman, Henry Mitterling, Bruce Stahl, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mitterling and grand-daughter, Elizabeth Homan, and Rev. and Mrs. F. W. Barry.

Listing Unoccupied Farms.

It may not be generally known that the Department of Agriculture, at Harrisburg, is now preparing a bulletin listing the abandoned or unoccupied farms in Pennsylvania that are for sale. Anyone having a farm of this class who wishes to sell it, might do well to write to the Secretary of Agriculture once for a descriptive application blank. The Department does not desire information regarding farms that are occupied or that are being operated.

The Man for the Place.

From State College Times.

The candidacy of McCormick for the governorship is gaining ground every day. Unlike Brumbaugh or any of the other candidates in the field, he has come out openly against the rum element and his friends believe that he will make as clean a record as governor as he did while mayor of Harrisburg. Aside from his clean public record he is a staunch friend of Penn State, being a member of the board of trustees. Brumbaugh's interest is centered in Philadelphia and consequently is a strong supporter of the University of Pennsylvania. In the interest of the institution which has made this town possible and in which so much wealth and capital is at stake it behooves every man, no matter what his political faith may be, to cast his vote for Palmer and McCormick at the coming primaries.

Deaths of Centre Countians.

William Sanders Loeh, in Spring township, aged almost fifty-nine years. George E. Jones, son of Mrs. Marion E. Swartz of Beech Creek, aged twenty-one years.

Charles Snyder, a veteran of the Civil War, a number of years a resident of near Blanchard, in Allenwood, aged seventy-two years. Mrs. Mary E. Cook, a native of Hannab, in the Pittsburgh district.

Meeting of the Improvement Club.

After adopting a constitution and by-laws the Improvement Club of Centre Hall and vicinity adjourned to meet Monday evening, March 30th, to complete the organization. All interested citizens are invited to be present and enroll. They will then have the right to take part in the selection of officers and in the transaction of any business that may come up. The place of meeting is the Council room and the hour 7:30 o'clock.

About one inch of snow fell on Sunday night.

LIQUOR LICENSES GRANTED.

But Three Applicants are Refused a Liquor License in Centre County.

On Wednesday evening, just as this paper had gone to press, Judge Ellis L. Orvis filed his decree in the several liquor license cases in Centre county. All applicants were granted a license except three, namely, Kohlbecker, at Milesburg; Guschak, proprietor of the Ramsdale hotel, Phillipsburg; and the Sandy Ridge hotel, subject to a pledge to be given by them.

The decree is two columns long, and covers many points touched on in a decree printed in these columns a few years ago.

The successful applicants are to appear at the Prothonotary's office and enter into an agreement not to sell run on Thanksgiving, Christmas, Decoration Day, and Good Friday. That all bars in the county be closed at 10 p. m., and that no liquor shall be furnished to card parties, or guests playing games of chance either in public or private rooms, and that the sale by bottles shall be limited to the lowest possible minimum.

The hotel men are also cautioned not to sell to any students attending Pennsylvania State College, Bellefonte Academy or any other school in the county, even though he be of age.

The court closed his decree in this way: Furthermore, we are not at all satisfied with the conduct of the landlord and the policy of his management in the Hotel at Sandy Ridge, and for that reason will refuse his application. The other applicants we will hold under consideration until we have a chance to examine and consider the character of the written pledges which they may hereafter file in accordance with the requirements above set forth.

However, a mere perfunctory pledge in writing will not be sufficient, we must be convinced that it is made in good faith. We will require of the applicant at Coburn some assurance that meals will be furnished to guests and travelers at less limited hours and more suitable to the convenience of such guests and travelers than has heretofore prevailed at said house. The situation at the Garman House is a more complicated one and will be considered by itself.

Horse Sale at Millheim.

F. O. Hosterman will sell an express load of fine Illinois horses at public sale at the National Hotel, Millheim, Pa., on Friday, April 3d, at 12:30 p. m. sharp.

This will be an extra fine load of horses, consisting of good big draft horses, brood mares, general purpose horses and drivers. Several mated teams, weighing up to 3100, as good as you see anywhere. Some good family-broke horses, and several good big drivers. Don't fail to see this load if in need of a horse or team.

Transfers of Real Estate.

Jacob F. Steiner's heirs to John Six, two tracts of land in Rush twp. \$750. T. V. Yother's ex ux to R. E. Reese et al, tract of land in Huston twp. \$3,100.

Francis Miles Alexander et ux, to Penna. R. R. Co., tract of land in Huston twp. \$1,000.

Solomon Lingle to Harry J. Wingard, tract of land in Penn twp. \$25.

Lewis Dorman et ux to Agnes T. Eberhart, tract of land in Bellefonte. \$1,350.

C. B. Sanford's heirs to George F. Troutman, tract of land in Phillipsburg. \$2,000.

Berjamin F. Hoffman Guard to Ida M. Shontz, tract of land in Phillipsburg. \$700.

W. T. Speer et al Exrs. to Howard Stover et al, tract of land in Bellefonte. \$2,500.

B. W. Wingard et ux to Solomon Lingle, tract of land in Penn twp. \$1,000.

Daniel E. Aikins Exrs. to Aaron Williams, tract of land in Walker twp. \$431.

John S. Harter ex to H. P. Zerbe, tract of land in Walker twp. \$345.

Mary E. Betz et bar to Marvin S. Betz, store room in Marion twp. \$700.

George S. Frank et ux to Harry G. Gilmore, tract of land in Penn twp. \$7,000.

Lock Haven Trust and Safe Deposit Co. et al to Franklin L. Courter, tract of land in Liberty twp. \$500.

Sarah Rhine's heir to Samuel Tressler, tract of land in Miles twp. \$350.

Cornelius Musser to Catharine Musser, tract of land in State College. \$500.

Minnie M. Study et al to John W. Thomas, tract of land in Taylor twp. \$100.

James A. Decker et ux to E. M. Watt, tract of land in Ferguson twp. \$1,700.

James K. Hosterman et ux to Thos. A. Hosterman, tract of land in Potter twp. \$6,000.

J. Clyde Thomas to Charles B. Thomas, tract of land in Taylor twp. \$100.

Conditions in Centre county will continue to be in the old-fashioned Fourth of July celebration, and there is no allusion here to the "safe and sane" Fourth.

MILLHEIM BOYS PLEASE.

The Minstrel Show a Credit to the Young Men From Lower Penna Valley.

Coots, in gay attire; "Rube," with hay seeds in his hair and corn in his vest pocket; and the Roman nose Jew were at their best in the Millheim Minstrel Show in Grange Arcadia Thursday night of last week.

For weeks the young men have been preparing for this performance, and Thursday's was the first of a number of appearances they will make, the proceeds from which will go to a local Y. M. C. A. fund.

The entertainment was good, both in act and song. No antiquated jokes were sprung, and the house was kept in constant uproar by the remarks of the end men, who on several occasions made a local resident the butt of their jokes, but always in an inoffensive way.

Special mention is entitled the solo work of Mr. Gephart, the state road constructor, who was ably assisted in the chorus by Messrs. Shreckengast, Frank and C. Musser. His rendition of "Asteep in the Deep" was excellent, and gave full opportunity for displaying the depth of his voice, which showed richness of tone down to the lowest note.

Springer, in the role of Hebrew, displayed a full amount of the Jewish anxiety where the "almighty dollar" was most concerned. Frank, in his stump speech—"Prof. Whang's oration"—caused pain in the side in dwelling on the serious things of life. Mrs. Gephart and Miss Musser, who presided at the piano, and Charles Kurzknabe, with the violin, kept the audience in constant attention with their excellent selections.

The personnel of the company follows:

Interlocutor, Mr. Stover; end men—bones, Mr. Gephart, Mr. Shreckengast; tambos, Mr. Frank, Mr. C. E. Musser; Hebrew, Mr. Springer; "Rube," Mr. Wilcox; Mr. Smith, Mr. Rishel, Mr. Royer; and Mr. R. Musser.

Manager, Mr. Stover.

THE PROGRAM.

PART I—ALL SORTS.

Opening chorus, Entire Company. Solo and chorus, "Cross the Mason-Dixon Line," C. Musser. Solo and chorus, "Plant a Watermelon on My Grave and let the Juice Soak Through," Shreckengast. Solo and chorus, "Where's That Dog-gone Dog of Mine," Smith. Solo and chorus, "Never Mind the Family Tree, But Look at the Business Plant," Springer. Solo and chorus, "Asteep in the Deep," Gephart, Frank, Smith, Shreckengast, Springer. Solo and chorus, "Down on Jasper's Farm," Wilcox. Duo and chorus, "Down in Dear Old New Orleans," Rishel and C. Musser. Solo and chorus, "I'd Rather Have Folks Say 'How That Man Did Run, Than There He Lies,'" Frank. Grand Finale, "Rapid Transit," Stover, Gephart and Frank.

PART II—GRAND OLIO.

Guitar Specialties, Royer. Quartet, "Sleep, Kentucky Babe," Shreckengast, Springer, Smith and Gephart. German Speciality, Stover. Quartet, "Open up de Gates ob Glory," Shreckengast, Springer, Smith and Gephart. Stump Speech, "Prof. Whang's Oration," Frank. Solo and chorus, "The Brigand's Love Song," Shreckengast, Smith, Gephart, Springer, Rishel. Afterpiece—"The Baseball Crank," Entire Company.

Swat the Fly!

Have the swatter in hand and go after every fly you see from now until the first of May. Someone, good at figures, has found that the total number of offspring from one female fly that lays one hundred and twenty eggs on May 1st, will, by August 25, be 4,353,564,672,000,000,000. Just how many disease germ carriers that is staggers the imagination, but it is enough to make the average housekeeper keep a sharp lookout for Miss Fly and swat her one on the back when she lights on the table with her dirty feet, laden with the filth from some nearby stable, or with enough disease germs to infect the whole family. Swat the fly!

Perry County Has Six Less Licenses.

Six liquor licenses, one-third of all in Perry county, were refused by Judge Seibert. One new application was refused, making a total of seven rejections.

Two of the most important Perry county towns will be dry, Newport, from which three licenses were taken, and Millerstown, which loses two. New Bloomfield and Marysville will continue to have bars. Loyeville and Landisburg each loses its only liquor license.

Spring Cooled in at Zero.

During Friday night mercury dropped within five degrees of zero. At 5:30 o'clock Friday morning it was ten degrees above zero. At some points in the valley zero was indicated—a real wintry temperature for the first day of spring.

John Rubie was among the first to move in Centre Hall. He is now living in the house vacated by Mrs. Henry Swab, opposite the school house. Mr. Rubie is employed at State College by Contractor Miller.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

James I. Thompson had a total of \$5,000 insurance on the home and furniture recently destroyed by fire.

Frank Grater, west of Centre Hall, is very much pleased with the horse purchased at the Millheim horse sale.

Mrs. Henry Swab has gone to Pleasant Gap and will make her future home with a niece, Mrs. Samuel Reish.

On April 14th Phillipsburg will vote on the question whether or not \$38,000 shall be raised by bonds with which to erect a new school building.

Hon. C. L. Gramley is on a trip to Fruitland Park, Florida, having joined a party made up at Tyrone to investigate the prospects for good investments in the south.

Rev. Jacob Reish was elected pastor of the Loganton Lutheran charge. He is a student in the Selma Grove Seminary, and will be licensed to preach in the near future.

Clair Kriesmer of Woodward is successfully teaching the Plum Grove public school. He is well equipped for the profession, having taken a preparatory course for school work.

A number of children of various ages in Centre Hall are afflicted with measles. D. Ross Bushman, teacher of the grammar grade of the public schools, was the first to contract that disease.

Eugene, the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Rearick of Millroy, died at their home. Interment was made at Millroy. Mr. Rearick's mother, Mrs. W. O. Rearick, and sister, Miss Mary, came up from Lombard, Kentucky, to attend the funeral.

Mrs. Annie Emerick of Centre Hall is in Pleasant Gap, taking care of her sister, Mrs. Lank Musser, who has been seriously ill with pneumonia all winter. Mrs. Emerick will remain with her until her condition shows a change for the better.

Miss Lillian, second daughter of Merchant C. F. Emery, who had been a sufferer from rheumatism for several weeks, is again able to be about. Several other members of the Emery family have also been ill during the past month, but all have now recovered.

Roy and Ed Eberis, Ambrose Wolf and John Hoover, all of the vicinity of Sober are in the meshes of the law for assaulting James Shook, who was pulled from his buggy and badly beaten, one night last summer. The former two were lodged in jail, Hoover was able to furnish bail.

Messrs. C. H. Horner and Jesse W. Fimpleton of Altoona were callers at this office on Monday morning. They came here to see their mother and grandmother, respectively, who is ill. Mr. Horner conducts a restaurant in Altoona, and although business generally is a bit flat in that city he finds the restaurant trade about as good as ever.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry W. Breon and daughter, Miss Besse, moved from their home in Centre Hall to the Van Valzsh farm, west of Centre Hall, purchased last fall by Mr. Breon. It is the owner's intention to make various improvements to the building, and he will also build up the soil by thorough tillage and resorting to the best farming methods.

On Saturday, April 4th, the farmers of Penns and Brush Valleys are requested to meet in Grange Hall, Spring Mills, to discuss the best method of handling the product of the dairy, and especially as to the advisability of forming a co-operative company to build and operate a milk condensing plant with a creamery connected therewith.

The city dailies and many country weeklies misled the public in a statement relative to a new ruling of the postoffice department. The department is quoted as having ruled that first class mail matter may be forwarded without prepaying postage. This ruling was made, but it applies only to mail to foreign countries. If you want to send a letter anywhere in the United States, you must prepay it just as you always did.

Domer Ishler received an appointment as a mail carrier in the Washington, D. C. postoffice. The appointment is under the civil service rules, and is in line for advancement to become a railway mail clerk and post-office inspector. The salary attached to the position he will enter upon is \$900 per year. He is a son of George E. Ishler, and was engaged as a public school teacher. His term of school in the Earlstown district will be completed by L. W. Musser. He and Mrs. Ishler will begin housekeeping in Washington in a short time, and in the meantime Mr. Ishler will stay with his brother-in-law, Frank S. Long, who is in the patent office.