

LOSSES OCCASIONED BY FOREST FIRES.

Local State Forester, in Second Article, Asks Co-operation in Preventing Big Annual Loss.

In 1897, by an act of legislature, the State was authorized to purchase land and set it apart for forestry purposes.

At this time of the year the Department of Forestry wishes to call your attention to the seriousness of forest fires that menace these tracts and others and to ask your help in co-operating with the State in putting down this evil.

The effects of forest fires are many and often not little understood much less noticed.

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Other indirect losses due to forest fires which are never noticed and never considered are: the injury caused to standing trees by fire scars and wounds affording entrance places for fungi and insects that annually in the United States cause a loss of several millions of dollars by decay; causing pitch pockets in conifers that reduce the grade and value of the lumber; causing a decrease in growth a destruction of uniformity and a change in composition of the forest; the destruction of seeds, seedlings and young growth on the area necessitating replanting; the disturbing influences on climate and local temperature and the destruction of the scenic beauty of wooded hills and mountains.

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It is a matter of great importance that we should earnestly endeavor to reach a solution of this vital problem.

JURORS FOR MAY COURT.

Court convenes third Monday in May—List of Grand and Traverse Jurors.

May court opens Monday, May 17th and continues two weeks. The jurors, grand and traverse, are appended:

GRAND JURORS. H. R. Auman, laborer, Millheim; John R. Barr, carpenter, Ferguson; John Deitrich, plasterer, Bellefonte; John Edwards, merchant, Phillipsburg; M. S. Feidler, gentleman, Millheim; R. G. Goheen, butcher, Ferguson; L. E. Gearhart, carpenter, Phillipsburg; John Grove, farmer, College; L. N. Horn, minister, State College; Elmer Johnson, laborer, Rush; L. M. Kelley, foreman, Snow Shoe; William Loder, laborer, Howard; J. W. Mayes, marble dealer, Howard; Thomas Morgan, janitor, Bellefonte; Ogden B. Malin, clerk, Bellefonte; Howard McCloskey, miner, Snow Shoe twp.

TRAVESSE JURORS—FIRST WEEK. Russell Ayers, merchant, Phillipsburg; Joseph W. Beezer, butcher, Bellefonte; Frank Beezer, farmer, Spring; D. H. Bartley, laborer, Bellefonte; F. P. Blair, jeweler, Bellefonte; John Conley, foreman, Bellefonte; Wm. H. Cummings, farmer, Potter; H. J. Cohn, clerk, Bellefonte; Chester Gearhart, carpenter, Rush; H. H. Houser, farmer, Harris; Thomas M. Huey, farmer, Patton; John Hurst, agent, Phillipsburg; Clay Hall, operator, Rush; George W. Hazel, laborer, Miles; Thomas Hazel, engineer, Spring; W. H. Jones, gentleman, Phillipsburg; John Jacobs, farmer, Curtis; Wm. Kerrin, farmer, Snow Shoe twp.; Frank Krebs, farmer, Ferguson; Charles A. Krape, merchant, Gregg; John A. Maize, gentleman, Snow Shoe twp.

George Miller, farmer, Spring; H. A. Moore, druggist, Howard; Miles Mechtley, farmer, Harris; Charles M. Miller, farmer, Miles; George Mallory, blacksmith, Bellefonte; Charles McClelland, laborer, Centre Hall.

Henry McWilliams, farmer, Ferguson; Harvey Nearhood, farmer, Half Moon; C. B. Poff, farmer, Potter; L. M. Orndorf, farmer, Harris; J. R. Pheasant, gentleman, Howard twp.

Robert Roan, mechanic, Bellefonte; H. C. Rothrock, teacher, Harris; Christ Reese, machinist, Phillipsburg; George Rindie, salesman, Phillipsburg; Floyd Sandersen, farmer, Union; Thomas B. Shope, laborer, Milesburg; Albert Schneck, farmer, Liberty; J. L. Tressler, farmer, Harris; Merrill Weaver, farmer, Spring; William Weber, merchant, Howard; James H. Weaver, farmer, Boggs; J. W. Winkelschek, farmer, Haines; W. F. Way, farmer, Half Moon; Orvis Yarnell, laborer, Walker; Israel Young, merchant, Harris; Wm. Zimmerman, painter, Walker.

TRAVESSE JURORS—SECOND WEEK. W. J. Beezer, butcher, Bellefonte; Fred Booth, manager, Phillipsburg; S. C. Bathgate, farmer, College; A. Bergner, merchant, Liberty; J. E. Crawford, farmer, Walker; Emanuel Eisenbuth, farmer, Penn; George N. Fisher, salesman, Harris; Lucian Fulton, laborer, Milesburg; Edward Green, miller, Howard; William E. Garner, blacksmith, Ferguson; Wesley Goss, merchant, Rush; William Glenn, farmer, Ferguson; Henry Gingenrich, farmer, Harris; P. L. Gulick, clerk, Phillipsburg; Edw. Hepburn, contractor, Bellefonte; W. S. Heath, operator, Rush; R. A. Haag, baker, Bellefonte; George Hartsock, salesman, Phillipsburg; Fred Humphrey, laborer, Phillipsburg; Jacob Keller, justice, Ferguson; John A. Lucas, farmer, Boggs; Daniel Moore, laborer, Rusu; Jacob McCloskey, laborer, Curtis; W. H. Ott, carpenter, Bellefonte; W. E. Smith, clerk, State College; Gregton Showalter, gentleman, Phillipsburg; Bruce Stover, salesman, Millheim; Peter Stout, laborer, S. Phillipsburg; Peter Smith, farmer, Potter; Musser Sones, laborer, Huston; Hamilton Smith, painter, State College.

Jacob Shirk, laborer, Bellefonte; Clay Shope, laborer, Milesburg; W. C. Thompson, farmer, Howard twp.; John Walters, mechanic, Phillipsburg; D. W. Woodring, agent, Bellefonte; Aquilla Williams, farmer, Worth; Jacob Williams, farmer, Worth; F. H. Yocum, laborer, Walker; N. H. Yearick, merchant, Marion.

at an early date.

These figures are not absolutely accurate but are close approximations.

LETTER FROM DR. BITNER.

In Passing Through Maryland on Way to South He Sees Where the Pennsylvania Farmer Excels.

Fine weather has been attendant upon us, from Centre Hall to Washington, D. C. The change from apparent winter to spring was noticeable as we approached Washington.

The contrast between Pennsylvania and the south is no where better shown than in the housing of farm animals and machinery. There are no barns in Maryland—only stables.

We leave for New Orleans tomorrow.

Very sincerely yours, H. F. BITNER.

Washington, D. C., April 9, 1915.

Dr. Ferguson To-Morrow Night.

A treat for the intellect is in store for those who will avail themselves of the opportunity of hearing Dr. H. Clay Ferguson, the much-discussed lecturer.

The lecture of Dr. H. Clay Ferguson on "The Lights and Shadows of Marriage and Home," delivered in the North Frankford Baptist church, was a splendid effort.

Alleged Barn Burners in Jail.

T. G. Ryan, a deputy state fire marshal, of Danville, captured the alleged leaders of a gang of barn burners, when he arrested and landed in the Centre county jail, on Saturday, Edward Ickes, of Scotia, and Bert Finnegan, of Williamsburg, Blair county.

The men are charged with burning the house and barn of H. A. Ellis, in Baldeagle Valley, in February, 1914.

Prof. Jones Meets With Accident.

Prof. W. R. Jones, principal of Gregg township's schools, was accidentally shot in the back of the left hand while practicing for the play, "Little Hucksbot," given at Spring Mills, Saturday.

The alleys were used to a great extent by male pedestrians on Saturday.

March Bounties Paid. The Centre County Commissioners paid out during the month of March bounties on 109 weasels, 24 gray foxes, 1 wild cat, 4 hawks and 9 owls, amounting to \$276.50.

Nittany Mountain Affre.

The burning of brush started a fire Thursday morning of last week along the base of Nittany Mountain, and destroyed timber on several hundred acres of mountain land.

The fire started at the Guy Brooks place where Mr. Brooks was disposing of a heap of brush. The fire swept across a grass field and in a very short time communicated with the mountain land.

Saturday morning the blaze broke out anew and in a short time gained such headway that it seemed beyond all control.

Odd Fellows Install Officers.

Thursday night was the regular time for the installation of the newly-elected officers of the Centre Hall lodge I. O. O. F., and the ceremony incident to the installing into the various chairs was performed by District Deputy Grand Master T. L. Gramley, of Spring Mills.

Prospects for Big Wheat Crop. Prospects of the winter wheat crop, planted last fall on the greatest acreage in the country's history, were that 619,000,000 bushels would be produced.

Henry Hubler, a well known young blacksmith of State College, died on Wednesday morning of last week, after only a few days' illness.

Thomas W. Hurd, the fourth mayor of Altoona, died in Martinsburg, Wednesday of last week, at the age of ninety-one years.

Deaths of Centre Countians.

Mrs. Amanda Ward died at her home in Pine Grove Mills Wednesday of last week after an illness of some time with cancer. Her age was sixty-two years.

Mrs. Susannah Hall died at her home in Howard, aged eighty-six years.

Mrs. Mary Eckenroth died at her home in Pleasant Gap of paralysis, aged eighty-three years.

Mrs. J. W. S. Person of Phillipsburg, New Jersey, will be at the residence of Mrs. M. E. Strohman, April 14 to 19th, inclusive, instead of dates previously announced.

James E. Quigley, brother of Henry Quigley, Esq., of Bellefonte, died at his home in Pittsburgh, Sunday morning of pneumonia, aged forty-two years.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

Blank receipt books for sale at this office. Price fifteen cents.

Lock Haven will use 30,000 gallons of road oil on its streets this summer.

The Varneys will be in Bellefonte next week to open their "Welfare Week" campaign.

Eighty-two degrees in the shade makes a noise like summer. Mercury expanded to that degree last Saturday.

Lock Haven dedicated its new high school building last Thursday. It is one of the best school buildings in the state.

Guy Foreman and Blaine Bitner of Spring Mills attended the installation of officers of the I. O. O. F. lodge Thursday evening.

H. F. McManaway has moved from Millheim to Bellefonte. He has quit the road as a salesman and hopes to secure work which will keep him at home.

Millheim's population was increased by two within the past week: A baby girl to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Relfsnyder and a boy at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Keen.

The first snake of the season reported killed was a five-foot black snake, dispatched by John Garis on Thursday. The reptile was driven out of its den by the mountain fire.

Bellefonte has decided to change its plans for a Fourth of July celebration in favor of a Centre county "Old Home" week, to begin on July 2nd and continue until the 8th.

If people spent more time tending to their business and less time worrying about the administration, hard times, and the war, business would be better and everyone would be happier.

F. V. Goodhart took charge of the funeral of Mrs. Amanda Ward, at Pine Grove Mills, on Friday afternoon, owing to the illness of Mr. Koch, the State College funeral director.

There will be a veritable influx of Ford cars into this vicinity with the coming of warm weather. Booser and Fetterolf have orders already for a carload of these machines, with prospects for many more.

C. W. Booser and Byron Garis built an old-fashioned fireplace in the club house owned by a number of State College professional men and located in Galbraith's Gap, near the Bear Meadows.

Farmers who ploughed during last week report the soil having turned in fine condition. There were apprehensions that the reverse would be true. The soil ploughed last fall is also in fine condition, the elements during the winter months having brought about just the conditions desired.

The graduation exercises of the Millheim high school will be held in the Reformed church on Thursday evening, April 29. The class consists of five members, as follows: Miss Adah Smith, Miss Martha Smith and Jacob Kessler of Millheim, and Miss Meda Bower and Fred Wolfe of Aaronsburg.

Bellefonte fishermen must forego the pleasure of fishing from the walks on Water street between Waites and the C. R. R. yards, as a result of action by council. This action was taken upon complaint from a number of citizens, who stated that it was dangerous for pedestrians. The police have been notified to enforce the ruling of council.

A brooder containing one hundred and twenty-five chicks caught fire from the lamp, burned brooder and chicks, an incubator, a lot of canned fruit and potatoes, besides the summer house in which all were located, Tuesday night of last week. Harry Horner of Colyer was the unfortunate man. The fire started while the family was asleep and the building was almost consumed before the blaze was discovered.

W. F. Bradford, the new owner of the Centre Hall Flouring Mill, closed a busy week, during which time an inventory of stock was taken. In another column appears his advertisement and it is of especial interest to farmers at this particular time of the year when a new plow, cultivator, grain drill or other farm implement is needed. Mr. Bradford carries a complete line of standard implements that don't go wrong. Read his ad.

If you want to learn something about the poplar—the mealy, contemptible poplar—as a shade tree, take a look at the "trimmed up" poplars along the cemetery. A look along this line of stubs of trees ought to deter one from not only planting this particular species of trees for ornamental or shade, but ought to induce those who have done so to lay the ax near to the root of every one now growing. Every poplar now growing in Centre Hall will ere long be an eye-sore.

DEATHS.

One of the most sudden, unexpected and saddest death which occurred in Lewisport recently was that of William A. Stiffler, who died Thursday morning of last week at his home.

Mr. Stiffler performed his usual work at the Standard steel works at Burnham Wednesday and about the time he was preparing to come home after his day's labor he became very ill. He was taken to Lewisport and medical aid was immediately summoned.

Surviving the deceased is his wife, whose maiden name was Agnes Parsons of Lewisport. Other living relatives are: Two children, Mrs. Arthur C. Wertz, of 21 Central avenue and Mrs. Charles Peters at her parent's home; a brother, Peter Stiffler, of Yeagertown; a sister, Mrs. Charles Bottorf of Yeagertown, and two half sisters, Mrs. Kate Oberholzer of Millersburg, and Mrs. Caroline Showers of Philadelphia. W. F. Colyer of Centre Hall is a nephew.

Thirty-seven years ago Mr. Stiffler went to Millin county from Colyer. For twenty-three years he was an employe of the Standard steel works at Burnham and at the time of his death, was employed in the open hearth. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Emma Rishel, wife of Al. M. Rishel, of near Axemann, died at the Bellefonte hospital Saturday evening at seven o'clock. Mrs. Rishel was admitted to the hospital in the morning and in the afternoon an operation for an obstruction of the bowels was performed. She never regained consciousness, however, and that evening passed away. Funeral services were held at her home Tuesday afternoon and burial was made at Bellefonte, Rev. E. H. Yocum and Rev. C. C. Shuey, officiating.

Mrs. Rishel was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Schreck, both deceased, and was born at Lemont a little more than forty-nine years ago. She and her husband have lived on the Rishel homestead for many years. She was a member of the Methodist church and a woman of beautiful christian character, a devoted mother and a good neighbor, and her loss will be keenly felt in the community in which she lived nearly all her life.

Surviving her are her husband and two children, Walter and Sarah Rishel, both at home. Two sisters and one brother also remain: Mrs. Robert Moore, Phillipsburg; Mrs. Felix Ludwig, Ebensburg; William Schreck, Lemont.

Thursday night of next week, April 22nd, "The High School Freshman" will be rendered by home talent, under the auspices of the Centre Hall baseball club.

The admission price will be fifteen and twenty-five cents; reserved seats, thirty cents.

In Grange Arcadia, Thursday, April 22nd.

W. S. Krise, a former Centre Hall boy, has received a position as gatherer of industrial statistics for the census bureau of the federal government.

The position was unsolicited and came thru Warren Worth Bailey, congressman of the district composed of Cambria, Blair and Bedford counties. Mr. Krise's territory will consist of Cambria county. He is now in Pittsburgh learning the work under E. B. White, special agent of the Census Bureau.

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Today (Thursday) is the opening of the trout season.