



THE DESTRUCTIVE EFFECTS OF FOREST FIRES.

Centre County Foresters Solicit Aid of All Persons in Reducing Big Annual Loss.—A few Rules to Follow.

"Forest fires levels four towns, 300 are dead"; "Acres of timber destroyed, valuable property threatened by flames"; "Heavy smoke causes huge ship to run aground." How often have such headlines been seen in the daily papers and given only passing attention. The average yearly loss from forest fires in Pennsylvania is over one-half million dollars and the yearly loss in Centre county is close to \$35,000.

With the approach of the fall fire season, it is vitally necessary for every one to co-operate in protecting the forests. Eighty per cent. of the forest fires arise from preventable causes. The most frequent causes of fires are: burning of brush, escaping camp fires, sparks from sawmills and engines, lightning, carelessness and pure maliciousness.

Being therefore a non-partisan entirely qualified by learning and knowledge of the law, as well as by practice and experience, he is so far above the advertised Republican candidate that he should be supported by all citizens, irrespective of party ties.

The Republican papers announce Mr. Quigley as the Republican candidate. In this Mr. Quigley rejoices. They set out no other qualification that would make him a suitable candidate for Judge. He is radical in all his ways and stands in with the most radical and rotten ring of the Republican party.

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The hunting season for various small game in Pennsylvania will legally open Friday morning of next week. The sporting blood of the local nimrods is gradually rising to fever heat, the opening of the wild turkey season being hailed with great delight.

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A REPUBLICAN AND A NON-PARTISAN DURING THE CANVASS.

It is true that in the canvass among Republicans Mr. Quigley solicited Republican votes on the ground that he was the only Republican that was a candidate, and when among Democrats he solicited votes on the ground that he was a non-partisan candidate.

Judge Orvis on the other hand in good faith, as did those who voted for him, carried out the purpose of the non-partisan act. He is doing this now. His acts, his conduct as a judge, his decisions, and rulings in disposing of all matters that came before him during the time he has been on the bench, clearly and beyond all cavil demonstrate that he is the ideal non-partisan Judge.

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ELECTRIC LIGHT ORDINANCE PASSED.

Measure Signed by Burgess B. H. Arney: A Reasonable Proposition for Both Borough and Company.

At a regular meeting of the borough council held on Friday evening the electric light ordinance was regularly passed, and the following day received the official endorsement of Burgess B. H. Arney. The ordinance gives the State-Centre Electric Company privilege to do business within the borough of Centre Hall for a period of fifty years, and as long after that time as the public service commission remains in force.

The price per kilowatt, for home lighting, is ten cents, or the same rate effective in Bellefonte. Street lighting will be by separate contract, and is not provided for in the ordinance proper. Main and Church streets are to be kept clear of wires running laterally. A tax of twenty cents per pole, with the usual restrictions as to height and straightness of poles, is imposed.

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Intermediate, D. Ross Bushman, teacher: Number in attendance during month, males 20, females 18, total 38. Average attendance during month, males 18, females 17, total 35. Per cent of attendance during month, males 98, females 98, total 98.

Grammar grade, E. M. Miller, teacher: Average attendance during month, males 12, females 16; total 28. Per cent of attendance during month, males 98; females 98; total, 98.

High school, Prof. William O. Heckman, principal: Scholars on the honor roll for attendance are Ethel Rowe, Esther Parsons, Ida Sweetwood, Gladys Jones, Carrie Mitterling, Rebecca Kreamer, Verna Frantz, Sumner Packer, William Arney.

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EDWARD A. STUMP OF AARONSBURG DIES IN CHAIR AND GOOD WIFE UNABLE TO MOVE BECAUSE AN INVALID.—OTHER DEATHS.

Edward A. Stump of Aaronsburg, died in death, and unable to move or call for aid because of her helpless condition, Mr. Edward A. Stump, of Aaronsburg, kept an all night's vigil by the side of her husband from whose body the soul departed Thursday evening.

Mr. Stump had been ailing with dropsy and his wife has been an invalid for some time. Thursday evening about eight o'clock Mr. Stump suddenly expired and his good wife was fully aware of death's presence but was unable to lift a hand or go to utter a cry.

Deceased was a retired farmer and up until fifteen years ago tilled the farm now owned by William Homan, east of Centre Hall. His age was seventy-two years and seven months. He served his country in the days of the Rebellion as a member of Company A, 205th Regiment, and was honorably discharged after the war.

Funeral services were held Tuesday morning at the house and burial made in the Reformed cemetery, Rev. W. H. Brown of the U. Ev. church, of which deceased was a member, officiating.

After an illness extending over a period of eight years, Mrs. Rebecca Emaline Lee, widow of William Lee, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Charles N. Miller, near Colyer, early Thursday morning of last week.

Surviving her are three children: namely, Mrs. Charles N. Miller, near Colyer; A. B. Lee, sheriff of Centre county, Bellefonte; and Mrs. Foster Frazier, of near Penns Cave station. Also two brothers and two sisters: Thomas Fleisher, of Tusseyville; Henry Fleisher, of Chicago, Ill.; Mrs. Samuel Husband, of Julian, and Mrs. John Shaffer, of Berrien Spring, Michigan.

Mrs. Mary Ann Ripks, widow of William Ripks, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. D. W. Sweetwood, in Georges Valley, Friday morning, after a week's illness with dysentery. An attack of acute indigestion about two months ago hastened her end.

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LETTER FROM MARYLAND.

Rev. A. A. Kerlin Draws Mental Picture of Scenes of Fifty Years Ago in Old Penns Valley.—Tells of Imminency of Peach Crop.

The Reporter is still read here with interest, in fact in preference to any of the other papers we get. The mountains and valley, with its fertile farms and beautiful homes, are like a picture on my mind.

The stalks and ears of corn in this section are heavier, I think, than for many years. The peach crop was a record breaker. Many thousands of bushels rotted and many were fed to the hogs.

The corn is nearly all out; twenty-four rows are put in one shock row and the space between, in every corn field, will be cultivated and sown with wheat.

(REV.) A. A. KERLIN. Sharpshurg, Md., Sept. 28, 1915.

I. O. O. F. INSTALL OFFICERS.

A well-filled hall of members of the local I. O. O. F. lodge witnessed the installation ceremonies incident to inducting the newly elected officers into their respective chairs for the ensuing term, Saturday night.

Following the close of lodge light refreshments were served. Those present from Centre Lodge were Edward R. Owens, D. D. G. M.; E. D. Gettig, Esq.; M. L. Altenderfer, N. E. Cole, D. A. Barlett.

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TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

The W. C. T. U. will hold a meeting Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. W. H. Kreamer.

Mr. Clyde Bradford returned on Friday from Altoona where she spent a week with relatives and friends.

Union County has a female—Edith M. Cummings—who is the Democratic nominee for the office of Register and Recorder.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Beazer of Harrisburg spent a few days last week at the home of the latter's cousin, Mrs. A. P. Krape.

You'll like "Peg O' My Heart" because it's wholesome, beautiful and soul-stirring. In Grange Arcadia, Monday evening of next week.

J. D. Meyer of Altoona came to Centre Hall in his Buick car on Thursday and spent the day at the home of his parents, returning in the evening.

Owing to the illness of Undertaker William Smith of Spring Mills, F. V. Goodhart took charge of the burial of Henry Lingle, in Georges Valley, on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Reuben Garis on Tuesday moved their household goods to Bellefonte where they will make their future home. Mr. Garis being employed in Beazer's meat market.

Quite a number of persons from Centre Hall and vicinity attended the Milton fair on Thursday. Only a few went by the steam route, the automobile being the more popular mode of travel.

Frank W. Dashen, one of the young progressive farmers in Potter township, was called the latter part of last week. He reports that he is well on with his work, and is not afraid of the work ahead of him.

Mr. and Mrs. Adam F. Heckman of Millheim spent Sunday at the home of their son, Prof. and Mrs. William Heckman. Of course, the chief attraction was the little granddaughter that came there a few weeks ago.

Mercelot C. F. Emery purchased the Regal car previously owned by W. H. Meyer, Wednesday of last week, and used it the next day to make a trip to the Milton fair, being accompanied by his three daughters, Misses Hazel, Lillian and Margaret, and Mr. Meyer.

D. Earl Fleming spent a few days in Centre Hall beginning of the week. Mr. Fleming is at the head of the Baltimore office of the American Audit Company of New York City and his work frequently takes him into the offices of the largest corporations of the country.

Centre Hall was without a Burgess for a period of over five years, during which time it appears the officer was not needed, but on passing the electric light ordinance the signature of a Burgess was required and to provide for this emergency the court appointed B. H. Arney, who will serve the unexpired term.

Mrs. George Durst, who makes her home with her son, Howard Durst, near Centre Hall, is lying critically ill suffering with dropsy. Mrs. Durst is past eighty-eight years of age and consequently little hopes are entertained for her recovery. Mrs. L. Martin of Millerstown is in attendance during Mrs. Durst's illness.

At the sale of grade Holstein cows held by W. O. Gramley, at Spring Mills, last Saturday, fifteen cows sold at an average price of \$99.91. The highest price paid for a single cow was \$125.50 and was purchased by Charles H. Bierly of Rebersburg. A large number of farmers attended the sale and bidding was most spirited.

Autos traveling the country roadside at night are the means of killing at most as many rabbits as the hunters-gun. The bright lights from the car dazzle the little cottontail and upon the close approach of the car little bunny invariably runs under the machine and is crushed by a wheel.

The Reporter has refrained from publishing a list of the scholars in the borough schools who during the first month received tardy marks, notwithstanding the desire of the teachers to have same used in connection with the monthly report. The list is a long one and shows a number of pupils to have been tardy as high as eight times while one's dilatoriness reached the ten mark.