

FIRE CONSUMES FOUR DWELLINGS.

Early Morning Blaze Wipes Out Properties of Howard Wells, Near Peru.—Only One House Was Occupied.

Four dwellings, owned by Howard Wells, of Pleasant Gap, were entirely destroyed by fire, near Peru, early Tuesday morning. The houses, all of frame construction, were newly built last spring and were situated along the state road, about three miles west of Pleasant Gap. Of the four only one was occupied and that by Jesse Nevil. It was in this one that the fire started. The Nevil family was making ready to move and had had a big fire in the kitchen stove all day Monday, burning rubbish. It is not known how the fire originated but it is supposed to have been caused through a defect in the stove pipe or the flue. The Nevils were unable to save any of their furniture, so rapidly did the flames consume the dwelling. The four houses were built in a straight line with but a few feet between them so that they became easy prey to the flames. Owing to the absence of water pressure there was no efficient means to combat the elements. Both Mr. Wells and Mr. Nevil carried insurance but not near sufficient to cover their losses.

M. E. Conference Closes.

At the Methodist Conference in Altoona last week, Prof. W. R. Jones, principal of the Spring Mills schools, was admitted to the ministry on trial, and was stationed at Shawville, Clearfield county. Rev. W. H. Williams was returned to the Penns Valley charge. Among the appointments in the Altoona district are these:

- Bellefonte, Ezra H. Youm.
- Bellwood, J. F. Anderson.
- Curwensville, J. Max Lanz.
- Half Moon, Franklin A. Lawson.
- Hastings, Isaac Cadman.
- Houtzdale, Charles W. Bryner.
- Howard, Charles W. Rishell.
- Karbus, Millard Shannon, supply.
- Mahaffey, William H. Hartman.
- Milesburg and Unionville, William A. Lepley.
- Morrisdale, Robert J. Knox.
- Munson, Nathan B. Smith.
- Osceola Mills, Herman H. Crotsley.
- Penns Valley, Walter H. Williams.
- Phillipsburg, Charles W. Wasson.
- Pleasant Gap, John H. McKee, supply.
- Port Matilda, J. Earl Jacobs.
- Ramey, Charles C. Snavely.
- Salons and Lamar, William B. Cook, supply.
- Sandy Ridge and Clearfield, George H. Knox, supply.
- Shawville, William R. Jones.
- Snowshoe, Irvin S. Hodgson.
- State College, James M. Reilly.

Marriage Licenses.

- John L. Confer, Curtin
- Isabel V. Moore, Orviston
- Clarence E. Grove, Bellefonte
- Maud E. Tressler, Zion
- Joseph Parapore, Wigton
- Edith Wardsworth, Phillipsburg
- William E. Barrett, Bellefonte
- Almira M. Cain, Bellefonte
- George Goddahl, Phillipsburg
- Mabel Mamey, Phillipsburg

The Bohemian Girl.

The big spectacular presentation of Balfe's masterpiece, "The Bohemian Girl," is announced for Tuesday evening, March 28th, at the Garman Opera House, Bellefonte; it is the same mammoth production with a few additions, that the Aborn Opera Company has presented in all the large cities of the United States and Canada for the past several seasons and which is credited with having been an immense success. By many this production is considered the crowning effort of the career of the Messrs. Aborn as producers of Grand Opera in English. To the lovers of "Music worth white" the melodious quality of Balfe's score which contains many gems will ever fascinate but in the present spectacular form "The Bohemian Girl" takes on new life and makes a strong appeal to all classes for in addition to the charm of its music the Messrs. Aborn in their effort for realism, it is said, now give some of the thrills of melodrama, some of the best circus ever seen outside a tent, gypsies, dogs, pigs, and various other animals and the wonderful Tzigani Troupe of Acrobats. A special orchestra will lend much to the rendition of Balfe's beautiful music. Among the Grand Opera soloists with the company are Edith Allan, Henry Taylor, Mildred Rogers, George Dunstan, Francis Tyler and Ralph Nicholls. Prices 35, 50, 75, \$1 and a few \$1.50.

LOCALS

Mrs. Ferns Hoover, of Altoona, spent Sunday with friends in this place.
Capt. W. H. Runkle is in a serious condition with small hopes for recovery.
Edward Royer is listed among the automobile owners, having purchased a new Ford touring car.
Dr. H. F. Bitner, last Thursday, attended a trustees' meeting at the Lancaster Seminary, in Lancaster.
Mrs. W. Gross Mingle, of Philadelphia, and Mrs. C. H. Meyer, of Reedsville, were among a number present at a birthday anniversary party given in honor of their father, Capt. George M. Boal, at the D. A. Boozer home, on St. Patrick's Day. For seventy-six years Mr. Boal and the lovers of Ireland's patron saint have been celebrating the 17th of March together. There is not the least bit of incongruity about the combination, for with Captain Boal the wearin' of the green is strictly in order.

T. W. Simkins Dies Suddenly.

Thomas W. Simkins died very suddenly Wednesday morning at the Presbyterian Manse in Centre Hall, and many expressions of sorrow were heard following his demise. Mr. Simkins had been a resident of this place close on to two years, joining Mrs. Simkins when the latter came here to care for her late brother, the Rev. W. H. Schuyler. Mr. Simkins had been in failing health for several years and while unable to do any hard labor, nevertheless busied himself in many benevolent ways and took an interest in every good civic movement. For the past few weeks his heart had given him so much trouble that he was required to keep his bed the greater part of the time. Wednesday morning at two o'clock he called his good wife but before she reached him he had lost consciousness and passed away quickly.

Funeral services will be held at the Manse Friday evening, conducted by Rev. R. R. Jones. Saturday morning the body will be shipped to Camden, New Jersey, and interred in the Harleigh cemetery. Surviving him are his wife and two children—Eugene Simkins, of Pittsburgh, and Miss Velma Simkins, of Philadelphia. Mr. Simkins was born in Bridgeton, New Jersey, September 6, 1845. He was at one time engaged in the manufacture of fine linen in Philadelphia and later became a traveling salesman. He was a refined gentleman and of good education.

DEATHS.

Cheney K. Hicklen died at his home in Bellefonte Sunday morning at 7:40 o'clock after an illness extending over ten weeks with heart and nerve trouble. Funeral services were held at his late residence Wednesday afternoon and burial made in the Dick's Run cemetery, near Unionville. He is survived by his wife and one daughter, Miss Mary. Deceased was aged fifty-two years and for the past twenty-eight years was connected with the First National bank in Bellefonte, being at the time of his death assistant cashier.

Mrs. Malinda Raymond, wife of John Raymond, of Bellefonte, died Monday, after an illness with tuberculosis, aged sixty years. She will be buried today. She was born and raised on the Callahan homestead on Nittany Mountain. Three brothers—John, James and Daniel Callahan, of Linden Hall—and three sisters survive.

James Woods died at his home in Bellefonte, Friday, March 10th, of heart failure. He was born near Centre Hill sixty-eight years ago and was engaged in farming for a number of years. He is survived by two brothers and two sisters.

Spring Mills.

Mrs. William Smith and daughter, Martha, were to Altoona last week. Clair Allison, of Renovo, spent Sunday with his parents here. Eugene Gramley and Frank Allison of State College spent Sunday at their homes. Ruth Smith, of West Chester, is spending spring vacation with her father, Robert Smith. The P. R. R. has a crew of men putting up a telephone line along the L. & T. railroad. The High school class of 1916 is busy getting ready for commencement on April 4th. The Grenoble home was offered for sale on Friday but as no bidders were present the sale was postponed. Mrs. Carson, of Osceola Mills, visited her sister-in-law, Mrs. Daniel Slagle; also her son, Mrs. Robert Musser, last week. Mr. W. M. Grove and granddaughter, Margaret Zettle, spent a few days at Pleasant Gap with Mrs. Grove's daughter, Mrs. Archie Zettle. Rev. J. Victor Royer stopped on his way home from conference at Altoona and spent a day with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. E. Royer. Those who attended the funeral of Mr. Garbrick, at Boolsburg on Thursday, were: Mrs. Samuel Long, Mrs. John Horner, Mrs. Sones and daughter Emma, George Long, and Allan Burrell.

Woodward.

I. M. Orndorf moved to town one day last week. Last Friday Rev. Kessler moved from Rebersburg to his home in town. Mrs. Erma Nein spent Sunday with her brother, Frank Guisewite, at Fiedler. William Benner, of Bellefonte, spent the greater part of last week with his brother Daniel. He was accompanied home by his son, Grove, who had spent the winter with his uncle Daniel. Frank Haines, wife and children, Misses Clara and Florence, and Master John, of Scotland, South Dakota, are spending some time with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Grenoble, and Mrs. Amanda Haines. Hilda Beatrice, three-month-old child of Samuel Orndorf, died at her parents' home, near Coburn, Sunday afternoon. The funeral service was held in the Evangelical Association church, Wednesday forenoon, conducted by R. V. Ceris, of Madisonburg. The parents and one sister, Miss Edna, survive.

Aaronsburg.

William Stricker and son Ray, who are employed at Burnham, spent a few days with relatives here. Zwingli Haffley left for Altoona on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. George McKay and daughter Florence, of Philadelphia, are the guests of the lady's mother, Mrs. W. P. Phillips.

Mr. and Mrs. Sumner Wance were blessed last Thursday with a bright little baby. Ardrena Harman, of New York City, is the guest of her aged grandfather, George M. Stover, and her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Zerby and daughter, of Youngstown, spent a few days with the lady's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Stover.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Guisewite and two daughters, of Woodward, were the guests of their uncle, George Weaver, for a day.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Stover are rejoicing over the arrival of the first baby in the family.

Walter Ormer and son spent Sunday with the former's parents, at Hartinton. Rev. J. F. D. Bowersox, wife and three children, visited the former's father, Dr. D. F. Bowersox, at Wolf's Chapel.

Maggie Bailey, of State College, visited friends here last week.

Mr. Gillard Eisenhauer, who has suffered for weeks, is still under the doctor's care.

Mrs. Bailey, mother of Mrs. Geesey, was called to Hanover to attend the funeral of the former lady's father.

Potters Mills.

John Wilkinson is on the sick list but at this writing is better.

Miss Bettie Kimpert visited at the home of Mrs. McClenahan on Friday.

Mrs. Harry Foust went to Jeanette where she will stay for some time. Howard Foust visited his sister, Mrs. Hartman, of this place.

George Condo purchased a horse at the Ricker sale on Saturday.

Roy Smith returned home for a few days on account of work being slack, but expects to go back this week.

Mr. and Mrs. William McCormick went to Altoona to attend the Methodist conference.

Grangers Ask New Revenue Measures.

The Pennsylvania State Grange last week outlined the course to be followed in the coming campaign, when its Legislative Committee drew up a platform indorsing increased taxation on corporations, larger appropriations for country schools, dirt roads and local option.

The platform opposes increased appropriations to charitable institutions and the large appropriations to schools of higher learning as compared with township high schools. A budget system for appropriations is urged, as are anti-trading laws and an act to prohibit clubs from serving liquor.

The national platform contains planks on nation-wide prohibition, completion of the denatured alcohol legislation, revision of the oleomargarine legislation along lines proposed by the National Dairy Union, conservation of national resources and an increase in the parcel post weight limit.

This platform will be sent to all members of the grange, with a plea of support at the May primaries.

Four new methods of raising revenue are urged: The abolition of exempting manufacturing corporations from taxation; a tax on coal, gas and oil at the source, to be converted into a permanent fund for the improvement of roads; progressive taxation upon incomes and inheritances, and an adequate tax on corporations of all kinds.

Class Scraps "Go" at State College.

Class scraps at the Pennsylvania State College were abolished by a unanimous vote of the student body last Thursday. There was not a dissenting ballot in the 2000 cast at the morning chapel exercises. Agitation against continuance of the custom has been spreading since the recent fatality in the bowl fight at the University of Pennsylvania, and this sentiment was fostered by the Penn State Collegian, the students newspaper, edited by David McKay, Jr., of Philadelphia. A fortnight ago the student council went on record as favoring wiping out the fights, and a student vote was required for final action.

For more than a decade, Penn State sophomores and freshmen have staged their class scraps annually, the cider scrap and push ball fights in the fall, and the flag scrap in the spring. During the last three years more than 1,000 students have participated in each event. While no serious injuries have resulted, the students believed abolition of the classics would be in keeping with the growth of the college and would prevent possible disastrous results.

Wednesday, the second day of spring, was made up of this mixture of weather goods: Snow, sleet, rain, thunder and lightning. It was a bad combination and had its effect on the several big farm sales that were held in the valley that day.

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Military at Penn State.

In the grip of preparedness bills now in Congress are two identical measures in the Senate and House, which if enacted, will mean much to State College and Pennsylvania's youth who go in for military training. The bills aim to provide military instructions in such institutions as Penn State in the same way that instruction is provided in other colleges, that is, instead of having a military instructor detailed to an institution regardless of the number of students they will be so detailed that each instructor will have only as many students as he can well teach. This phase of the measure is in harmony with modern and sensible pedagogic policy and its superiority over the old disproportionate method must necessarily be obvious.

Penn State with its thousands of students has been giving military instructions since 1882. Its cadet corps is a credit to the institution and to the state. Even though the military faculty has not grown with the student body, the cadets show a wonderful knowledge of tactics and perform complicated evolutions with marked precision and dispatch. Good, therefore, as the instruction is, it is not difficult to conceive of a still better organization if the facilities for instruction be increased, and one lone military instructor for 1300 students get some help.

Congress might very well consider as vital instruction of college men during the college year rather than during vacation periods. It is a fact that a large number of the worthy students at any college are required to work during their vacations that they may obtain funds for their expenses during the college year. Exclusively summer camps as an exclusive substitute for training during the college year would naturally prevent such boys from obtaining training.

Do You Know That—

Four per cent of the inhabitants of certain sections of the South have malaria?
The United States Public Health Service has trapped 615,744 rodents in New Orleans in the past 18 months?
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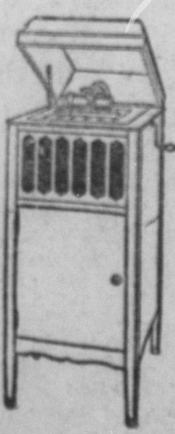
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