



FOREST FIRE PREPAREDNESS.

Local Forester Asks What Are We Doing in Regard to Economic Preparedness Against Loss of Our National Resources?

Preparedness and safety first are the main topics of newspaper editorials at the present time. We generally associate these two words when mentioned with preparedness against an invasion of an enemy hostile to our prosperity and peace, and safety first as means of protection to life and property. Yet there is an economic preparedness and safety first that has had little thought given to it. While the great world war is raging in Europe and we are considering taking steps towards preparing against any possible hostile invasion, what are we doing in regard to economic preparedness against the loss of our natural resources, especially that loss of our timber supply caused by forest fires?

The yearly visible loss in Pennsylvania's forests due to fires amounts to about \$1,000,000.00; in the entire United States the loss is over \$50,000,000.00. The invisible loss, that which cannot be calculated, such as the damage and loss to the soil by the destruction of the forest floor cover, the destruction of seeds, seedlings and sprouts, the injurious effects on the water supply due to irregularity of flow and impurities, the loss of lives and property by floods and droughts, the decrease in game, bird and fish life, all these if they could be given a financial rating would by far outbalance the yearly war debt of any one nation now engaged in war.

Forest fires in Pennsylvania are calamities just as much as any plague or infectious disease and must be stopped. Adequate preparedness to meet them is the solution. Over 90 per cent of all the fires that occur are traceable to carelessness and can be prevented by the exercise of ordinary care. The decreasing fire damage on State Forests speaks for what can be accomplished by being prepared. During the past fire season of 1915 a total of 342,411 acres were burned over of which 42,385 acres were State Forests and these State Forests present the worst fire hazards being mostly cut over lands.

Forest fires are a leak in wages, industries, taxes, revenue, and prosperity. They are not only a source of loss to the timber land owner but they affect every individual in the state either directly or indirectly.

The Bureau of Fire Protection under the Department of Forestry has undertaken to stop this leak. It is greatly handicapped by reason of a lack of appropriation for such purpose. Such a condition makes it necessary for each citizen to assist in preventing and extinguishing forest fires. Let the slogan of Pennsylvania be "Preparedness against and Prevention of Forest Fire."

Following is a list of forest fire officials in this part of Centre county. Become familiar with the names and addresses of the officials in your vicinity and in case of a forest fire immediately notify that warden nearest to the fire. By doing this you will help to stop the leak that each year is causing a loss of many millions of dollars to the people of Pennsylvania.

L. G. BARNES, Forester, Nittany State Forest.

FOREST FIRE OFFICIALS.

Township	Name	Post Office
Pottersville	L. G. Barnes	Centre Hall
Pottersville	John Roseman	Centre Hall
Pottersville	W. E. Montgomery	Pottersville
Pottersville	Wm. E. McKinney	Pottersville
Pottersville	H. A. McClellan	Tusseyville
Pottersville	Wm. H. Weaver	Spring Mill
Pottersville	Donner C. Rachau	Madisonburg
Pottersville	L. P. Smith	Woodward
Pottersville	C. D. Moltz	Spring Mills
Pottersville	A. S. Stover	Aronsburg
Pottersville	Walter D. Ludwig	Boalsburg
Pottersville	Robert Reil	Boalsburg
Pottersville	W. A. Leach	State College
Pottersville	H. H. Jacobs	Boalsburg
Pottersville	James W. Swabb	Linden Hall
Pottersville	C. W. Bartley	Zion
Pottersville	John W. Holmes	Jacksonville
Pottersville	Clement H. Gramley	Rebersburg
Pottersville	Leslie M. Stover	Livonia
Pottersville	Walter Stine	Stormstown
Pottersville	Geo. B. Thompson	State College
Pottersville	Chas. R. Meek	Coburn
Pottersville	E. L. Messer	Millheim
Pottersville	William R. Hoover	Pleasant Gap
Pottersville	J. H. Gilger	Belleville

Maybe He Will.

Here's a good skin game to play on the man who is cocksure about politics. When he says that Wilson, or Hughes, or some other man, will be our next president, reach right down in your jeans and fish up the biggest bill you have, shake it at him and yell: "Betcha fifty dollars he won't. Ye got any sand?" He probably will not stand for that and will agree to bet. Then, explain to him that the fourth day of March, 1917, comes on Sunday and that President Wilson's term expires at noon on the fourth, and that the man elected president in November of this year will not be sworn in until Monday, March 5, and that the Secretary of State will be president from noon, Sunday, March 4, until noon, Monday, March 5. After this explanation he will at once agree that you have won the bet, and will pass over the money. That is, maybe he will.

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RUNNING AMUCK.

Health Commissioner Dixon Likens Drunken Man to Locomotive Running Wild.

Man's getting drunk is to be likened unto the opening of the draft doors under the fire-box of a locomotive and generating a high steam pressure, opening the throttle and letting everything go until the machine is on a mad race through town and country, crushing whatever comes in the way, let it be man or beast, or maybe it will smash itself to a helpless mass.

If the tracks are clear the machine may run until its fire box, the stomach, burns out or a steam pipe, a blood vessel, bursts or a valve gives way and the locomotive or the human body becomes a useless wreck and a burden in the way.

In the case of the locomotive the suffering is confined to the living beings it runs down, but in man not only the beings he injures or destroys but he himself suffers after he has irreparably injured his physical body and mental powers. He may lose an arm, cripple his stomach, blood vessels or mind, and become a charge on his family or the community.

In the case of the locomotive it is only a piece of uncontrolled inanimate machinery, but in man it often means setting to run amuck a piece of the most inventive animal life ever recorded in history. When drunk he may spend his last cent on foolish things and leave a hungry family at his home. He may kill his best friend, violate a trust, throw a bomb, send a great passenger ship to the bottom of the sea, or even incite a war of Nations.

A drunken man is the most dangerous demoralizing factor in civilized life. The wild beast of the forest is a plaything in comparison. He sets all laws at naught and becomes an instrument of the devil. Man crazed by any kind of mental over-exertion or drunkenness, like a rabid beast, is a menace to every one with whom he comes in contact.

The wild dash of the mind and body during the stage of over stimulation may be fascinating to the individual but, when the inevitable reaction comes, death may ensue or sometimes that which is worse, returning consciousness bring a realization of a horrible crime committed never to be undone. At least body and mind are weakened and less able to control the insane desire to exhilarate again and again until untimely death ends a life that might have been a boon to humanity in some useful path over which its race might have been run.

Some temperaments become sloth-like and are oblivious to the past and reckless as to what is to come. In such the harm to them and others comes through neglected duties.

Drunkenness is over-stimulation that destroys normal conditions, it may even be occasioned by the psychology of a crowd. There are various stimulants that will make drunk.

Letter from Subscriber.

Mrs. Puella Clemens, daughter of the late Mrs. Anna E. Swartz, of Lewisburg, writes the Reporter as follows: "We cannot get along without your good paper, for it is like a friend coming to our home. It may be of some interest to you as well as to our friends to tell you how we have been separated in our home since the death of my mother. Father has sold the home, and household goods and is now visiting among his friends for an indefinite time. Later he expects to go to Phoenixville to visit my sister, Mrs. Charles Metz, and thence to Philadelphia to find employment. I have now started housekeeping in Northumberland. I certainly do miss my mother, after caring for her for nine years, during which time she was a great charge, yet I can never find a better friend than mother."

Shipped Fine Load of Hoos.

The finest load of horses ever shipped from Centre Hall was loaded aboard the cars Saturday morning by William Brumbaugh, who, by the way, claims a second-cousin relationship to the Governor. Only the very best horses in the valley were sought and as high as \$300 was paid for a single animal. The horses were shipped east and as the shipper would not reveal their destination, it is supposed they will find their way to the European battle fields to be used in the artillery.

Notice.

A meeting of the stockholders of the Centre Hall Water Company will be held on Monday evening at 8 o'clock, May 1, 1916, at the home of the secretary, H. F. Bitner.

Montgomery & Co., of Belleville, have a new advertisement in this issue. Clothing purchased of these merchants is always sure to be up to style and the quality always right. Read their ad.

FIRE DAMAGES HARRISON STORE AT BOALSBURG EARLY MORN.

Asbestos Roof Saves Building from Destruction.—Second Story Guttered and Much General Merchandise Ruined by Fire and Water.—Insurance Covers Loss.

The cry of "fire" aroused the residents of the town of Boalsburg from their peaceful slumbers early Easter morning. All was quiet and still at three a. m. when Mrs. James Stuart heard a breaking as of glass and going to her bedroom window observed nothing unusual. A second noise again brought her to her feet and this time she saw fire shooting from the second story of the R. B. Harrison store building. Her cries were soon heard by neighbors and in a short time the volunteer firemen were in readiness to turn the water onto the building. All that prevented a serious conflagration, owing to the frame construction of the building and the inflammable goods within, was the material of which the roof was made—asbestos. Impervious to fire, the roof confined the flames to their origin—the second floor. Because of the lack of air the flames were unable to gain much headway on the building but completely gutted the interior of the second floor which was used as a storeroom. The water soaked through the floor and considerable damage was done by smoke and water to the goods on the first floor.

The store building is owned by Theodore Davis Boal and both he and Mr. Harrison carried sufficient insurance on their respective property to fully cover all losses.

No cause can be assigned for the fire, it being of a mysterious origin.

Acetylene Gas Tank Explodes.

The old coal oil lamp, long relegated to the attic, have again been brought forth in the home of T. M. Gramley, in Spring Mills, and are doing service since Friday when the acetylene light plant suddenly went bad because of an explosion that did considerable damage to the plant as well as bulging the first floor from the terrific force. Mr. Gramley is the only one who was near the plant, which is located in the cellar, and since he miraculously escaped serious injury, if not death, he is keeping mum concerning the why and wherefore of the accident. That the explosion was not the fault of the plant but came about through an error is the only information Mr. Gramley will divulge, even to his immediate family. His escape from serious injury was due to the fact that the seam of the gas tank, at which point the explosion occurred, was at the side opposite from where he was standing. The force was directed outward and upward. Dishes rattled on the table upstairs and the family was thrown into a state of grave alarm, which was mitigated when Mr. Gramley presented himself unharmed.

Will Talk on the War Situation.

Miss Cecile DeLagarde, who only a few weeks ago returned from the battle fields of Europe, will deliver a lecture in the Boal Hall at Boalsburg, tomorrow (Friday) ev'g, at 7:30 o'clock. Miss DeLagarde is the owner of property in her native country—France—which she patriotically turned over to the government for use as a hospital for the injured soldiers. She herself was engaged in Red Cross work and is familiar with all the harrowing details of the greatest war of all time. Her talk will be on the war situation generally. No admission will be charged, but a collection will be lifted to be used for the relief of the Belgium sufferers.

Fraser-Carver.

Last Thursday morning at the Reformed parsonage Rev. R. R. Jones united in the bonds of holy wedlock James Frazier and Miss Ida Carver, both of Somerset county. The bride was a member of Rev. Jones' church during his pastorate in that county a number of years ago, and on the occasion of the wedding of the bride's sister, Rev. Jones jokingly remarked that he would be pleased to perform a similar ceremony for Miss Ida when the proper time arrived. She promised and made good when she appeared at the parsonage door Thursday morning.

Rockey-Hoy.

Ralph E. Rockey, of Boalsburg, and Miss Edna A. Hoy, of State College, were united in marriage Thursday noon at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hoy at State College. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Fleck, pastor of the Pine Hill Lutheran church, in the presence of a number of friends.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Rockey have many friends who wish them a happy married life. They will make their home on the Rockey farm near Boalsburg.

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9 TO GRADUATE AT BOALSBURG.

Commencement Exercises to Take Place Thursday evening, May 4th.—The Program.

A class of nine—six boys and three girls—will be the principal figures in the commencement exercises of the Boalsburg High school, which will take place in the Reformed church at that place next Thursday evening. Miss Margaretta M. Gohsen is the principal and she has ably taught that school for several years past.

The commencement address will be delivered by Dean Blaisdell, of the department of Liberal Arts at Pennsylvania State College. Music will be furnished by the Bellefonte High school orchestra.

THE PROGRAM

- March Invocation.....Rev. S. C. Stover
- Music
- Salutatory.....Riley Stover
- Oration....."Victory in Defeat".....Rhoda Courtney
- Oration....."We Can If We Think We Can" (Class Motto).....William Taylor
- Oration....."The Beauties in Nature".....Myles Thomas
- Music
- Oration....."Truth as the Highest of Ideals".....Gladys Hazel
- Oration....."Efficiency".....Cyril Zechman
- Music
- Oration....."The Leadership of Educated Men".....Forest Miller
- Class Will and Prophecy.....Mildred Wieland
- Valedictory.....Russel Ishler
- Music
- Commencement Address.....Dean Blaisdell
- Dean of the Dept. of Liberal Arts, State College
- Presentation of Diplomas
- Benediction.....Rev. G. L. Courtney
- Music

McClenahan-Houts.

Crossing the Mason and Dixon line into Maryland, Jesse C. McClenahan of Potters Mills, and Miss Edith R. Houts of Spring Mills, were united in marriage in the city of Hagerstown Saturday a week ago. They kept the contemplated step a secret and not even their nearest relatives and friends were aware of the tying of the nuptial knot until their return home last Thursday. The bride and groom are at the home of the latter's mother, Mrs. Anna McClenahan, at Potters Mills, where they will make their future home.

The bride is a daughter of Mrs. Frank McClellan, of Spring Mills, by a former marriage, and is ably qualified to take up the duties of a housewife. Several years ago she was clerk to C. A. Krape in the Spring Mills postoffice. The groom is a man of sterling worth and since relinquishing his position with the Bell Telephone Company in the capacity of line foreman at Harrisburg several years ago, made necessary on account of ill health, has been in the auto livery business, driving the finest car in the valley.

Drove Home a New Mitchell Car.

Saturday morning Miss Helen Bartholomew and several chauffeurs connected with the Nittany Garage at State College went to Pittsburgh to drive home three Mitchell automobiles. Two of the cars were delivered to State College while the other, a seven-passenger car, was driven to Centre Hall by Miss Bartholomew, who arrived late Sunday afternoon.

The new 1916 Mitchell has a place in the Bartholomew garage beside the Ford and while the big fellow is the more handsome, the little fellow will try to give the Mitchell a run for his money on the roads this summer.

Nine in Millheim's Graduating Class.

The Millheim High school will graduate a class of nine members, the commencement exercises to be held in the Auditorium Monday evening. Rev. W. H. Williams will deliver the Baccalaureate sermon Sunday previous in the M. E. Church. The class is as follows: Annie E. Sheltor, Mary Sheltor, Ruth Brown, Lucy Brown, Glenn Musser, Ray Smith, Albert Mingle, Robert Colman and Ray Miller.

Fye-Reiber.

Last Friday, before Justice of the Peace F. B. McCabe, in Lewistown, Charles E. Fye and Miss Blanche Reiber, both of Colyer, were united in marriage. The bride is a daughter of William and Mary Reiber, of Colyer. The groom has been employed as a chef at State College for some time. Their many friends wish them much happiness on life's journey.

Credits Given on Subscriptions.

The Reporter's mailing list was corrected this week and subscribers who have paid subscription since the appearance of the last PINK label will observe that credit is given on the tab this week. If there is an error do not delay in reporting to us—do it at once.

The Stork delivered two boys and two girls to four State College homes last week.

DIES IN MILLHEIM STORE.

Charles W. Hosterman, of Woodward, Expires While on Business Trip to Millheim.—Conducted Hotel for 35 Years.—Other Deaths.

Saturday morning Charles W. Hosterman, a life-long resident of Woodward, died in Spiglemeyer's store, Millheim, while seated in a chair. It was Mr. Hosterman's custom to frequent Millheim each Saturday on business and it was while walking the streets of that town that he was taken suddenly ill. Entering the Spiglemeyer store he asked to remain there until he felt better and he was given a chair. Paralysis seized him and near the noon hour he expired.

Funeral services will be held this (Thursday) morning at ten o'clock in the church of the Evangelical Association, Rev. Dorschler, of Slatington, a former minister, assisted by Rev. Carl, to conduct the services. Burial will be made at Woodward. Mr. Hosterman was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hosterman and was born in Woodward. The twentieth of next month would have been his sixty-ninth birthday anniversary. He was landlord of the Woodward House for a period of thirty-five years and later engaged in the mercantile business in his home town. He also drove the stage to Coburn for a time, but in recent years had lived a retired life.

He is survived by his wife, nee Ballinda Roush, and ten children, as follows: John W., Charles H., Oliver M., Herbert S., Buffalo, New York; Thomas B., Akron, Ohio; Wesley S., New York; Mrs. Harry Zieme, Johnstown; Mrs. Edgar Stover, Bloomfield, New Jersey; Theodore G., Woodward; Miss Lydia, at home. Also by one brother and two sisters: Thomas R., of Coburn; Mrs. James Weaver and Mrs. Howard Musser, of Woodward.

After an illness of nearly a year, S. Edwin Royer, of 1415 Seventh avenue, Altoona, died at his home at 6:42 o'clock Sunday evening, of a complication of diseases. Employed as a janitor at the central grammar school in that city for four years, he was compelled to retire about a year ago and had been failing steadily ever since. Mr. Royer was born at Potters Mills, September 6, 1860, where he grew to manhood. He was married at that place to Miss Nannie O. McCormick, on April 28, 1887. They moved to Altoona about twenty-four years ago and had resided there ever since. He was an active church worker and was for a number of years assistant superintendent of the first Methodist Episcopal Sunday school of that city and for the last sixteen years had been a class leader. He also helped to build the Lakemont Methodist Episcopal church and was a number of years superintendent of the Sunday school of that church.

Mr. Royer was a sincere and devout Christian man and had earned the respect and esteem of a great number of people. Last fall he came to the home of his sister, Mrs. H. C. Shirk, in this place, where he spent several months seeking to recuperate his health. He is survived by his wife and three daughters—Mrs. Ross Runyon, of Altoona, and Misses Edna and Mabel B., both at home. He is also survived by one grandson and three brothers and two sisters, as follows: W. L., of North Dakota; John B., of Altoona, and Thomas F., of Potters Mills; Mrs. Mary Krider, of Johnstown, and Mrs. H. C. Shirk, of Centre Hall. He was a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and the Washington Burial association.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock and interment took place in Altoona. Merrill J. Knapp, of Belleville, died on Monday of last week of heart trouble, aged thirty-one years. He was married to Miss Minnie Grove, of Lemont, who survives with one son, Harold. Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon. Rev. F. H. Foss, of Centre Hall, assisted Rev. E. Fulcomer in the funeral services.

Mary Geraldine, aged one year and six months, daughter of Elmer and Minnie Shaw, died at the parental home at Burnham last Wednesday afternoon. The parents moved from State College two weeks ago. The little child was buried in the Shiloh cemetery, near Pleasant Gap, Saturday.

Two Inches of Rain.

During the past week two inches of rain fell. The heaviest precipitation occurred Friday night when an inch and a half of water soaked the ground, holding the farmers back in their spring plowing.

You can buy a horse or trade yours for another at the Geiss livery stables at Belleville, Saturday.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

Mr. and Mrs. William McGirk, of Altoona, spent a few days last week with their cousin, Mrs. Henry Swabb.

Orvis Horner, of Colyer, is going into the business of raising strawberries and last week set out 2700 plants of an extra fine variety of the fruit.

The sweet-scented arbutus 'is the most sought after flower that blooms just now. The woods is full of it and many there are who seek its fragrance.

Misses Lottie and Ida Hettinger, of Spring Mills, were pleasant callers at this office Monday morning. The former lady was on her way to State College where she will spend some time.

The Degen & Jordan horse sale, which was to have been held at the Old Fort last Saturday, was recalled because of the inability of the gentlemen to procure the kind of animals that were wanted here.

To-morrow (Friday) the district Sunday-school convention will be held in the Methodist church at Spruce-town. There will be an afternoon and evening session. The program appeared in last week's issue of this paper.

Rev. H. W. Buck, Jr., of Scranton, arrived at the home of his sister, Mrs. F. P. Geary, in this place, Monday, and will lay aside the cares of ministerial duties long enough to enjoy a few days in his favorite pastime—fishing.

Members of the United Evangelical church at Lewisburg dedicated their new \$30,000 church last Sunday. The church has a seating capacity of 1000. During the time of building, which extended over a period of nearly a year, the Union county court house was used for holding worship.

On Monday morning Musser E. Coldron, who for the past month or more has been employed by the Bell Telephone Company in the repairing of their lines in this valley, left for Wellboro, Tioga county, to accept a position with the same company. He will have work for the entire summer with prospects of becoming a "regular" Bell man.

The scarcity and continued rise in the price of printing paper has caused some newspapers coming to our desk to become reduced in the number of pages usually carried. The printer is certainly up against it; everything that enters into the production of a newspaper is taking sky-high leaps, and the end is not yet—so our paper, ink and type manufacturers tell us.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Thomas, who spent a part of their honeymoon at the Thomas home near Potters Mills, returned to New York beginning of this week. Mr. Thomas and Louis J. Summerville formed a new law firm and will be found at No. 7, East 42nd St., quite near to the Grand Central depot. Mrs. Thomas is very much impressed with Central Pennsylvania, and is delighted with country life.

The Auman roller flour mill in Millheim was sold on Wednesday of last week by S. W. Gramley to M. A. Bateman & Son, of Erie. The new firm took immediate possession of the mill, says the Millheim Journal. The senior member of the firm had rented the Kline mill, at Centre Mills, but when he learned of the Millheim mill being for sale he expressed himself to Mr. Kline as being sorry of not having known of the opening here and Mr. Kline apparently was glad to release him and continue the business in his own mill.

Desmer T. Pearce, of State College, Centre county's new sealer of weights and measures, assumed his new duties on Wednesday of last week and will make a systematic canvass of the county in pursuance of his duties to see that all scales and measures conform to the standards. Although his office dated from April 1st, he was unable to begin his work until after receiving his standard weights and measures, which were tested and approved and forwarded to the Commissioners during the past week.

Quite a sensation was created in Belleville on Monday night of last week by the finding of a three weeks' old baby on the convent steps on Bishop street. The child was nicely clothed and was in a basket, warmly wrapped in a blanket. A card in the basket stated that it had been christened Mary in the Catholic church. The find was made by policeman Elmer Yarger about eleven o'clock and the baby was sent to the hospital to be taken care of. The abandonment of the child was a one day's mystery as on Tuesday evening its mother appeared at the hospital and after satisfactory explanations were made was given her baby and took it home with her.