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REBERSBURG HAS BIG FIRE.

Ten Barns Destroyed Monday Afternoon.—Four Autos, Hay and Grain Consumed.

The pretty town of Rebersburg experienced the most disastrous fire in its history on Monday afternoon. Ten barns, nearly all good substantial structures, and located in the heart of the town, are in ashes, and with them were consumed four automobiles, three hogs, and considerable hay, straw, grain, six or eight tons of coal which represented next winter's supply for some families. Several sheds were also destroyed.

The flames were first discovered issuing from the barn of Forest Ocker, about four o'clock in the afternoon. A south-east wind aided in the work of cleaning up the barns and stables for three whole blocks before the fire could be brought under control. So fiercely did the fire burn that in a little over an hour the ten structures were practically in ashes. Although their water supply and pressure held out fine, Rebersburg feared the loss of many more buildings, especially residences, and sent a call for aid to nearby towns. Millheim responded and gave great help with their hose and men. A favorable wind is all that saved the homes on the lots where the destroyed barns were located.

Practically all the owners of the lost property were farmers on a small scale, consequently a great amount of hay and grain was contained in their barns.

THE LOSSES.

Alice Sholl, barn and outbuildings. Loss, \$800.00. Insurance in Anville Company.

Clayton Brungart, barn, hog stable, chicken house, grain and hay. Loss, \$1400.00. Insurance in Anville Co.

Jonathan Spangler, barn and outbuildings. Loss, \$1200.00. Insurance in Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Co.

Jerry Brungart, barn and outbuilding, hay, grain, and automobile. Loss, on barn, \$2500.00; automobile, \$800.00; shed, \$150.00. Insurance.

Thomas Walker estate, barn, outbuilding, grain, and automobile. Loss, \$800.00. Insurance in Anville Company.

Forest Ocker, barn, outbuildings, hay, grain, and automobile. Loss, \$2800.00. Insurance in Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Co.

Mrs. Ida Weaver, barn. Loss, \$600.

Mrs. Sarah Booth, place occupied by Harry Smull, barn. Loss, \$1500.00. Insurance.

Ellen Corman, barn and outbuilding. Loss, \$1200.00. Insurance in Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Co.

Howard Krape, two buildings—shop burned, barn damaged. Loss, \$800.00.

Orvis Walker, 60-foot henney. Loss, \$200.00.

Charles Miller, new Hupmobile. Loss, \$1400.00.

Harry Smull, personal property. Loss, \$300.00.

Nine sections of the Bell Telephone Company's line were badly damaged.

The origin of the fire appears to be a mystery. One theory is that a short circuit of the wires on the car in Mr. Ocker's barn was responsible for the blaze.

Farmer Aaronburg Woman Dies in West.

The Fayette, Iowa, County Leader, in a recent issue, contained the following obituary of a former Aaronburg woman:

Mrs. M. B. Haines died April 22, 1918. Maggie Bibe was born at Aaronburg, Pa., August 10, 1839. At fifteen years of age she taught school in her neighborhood. During the year 1855 the family moved to Illinois and settled north of Freeport where she taught school until 1858 when she was married to Mr. G. W. Haines who lived near Postville, Ia. Eight children came to bless this union. Her husband died August 5, 1873, as a result of a runaway team, leaving a large family of small children.

With rare devotion she assumed the task of rearing her children. In spite of ill health, misfortune and adverse circumstances she never faltered. The God of the fatherless and the widow was her God and her never failing helper in her time of trouble. At the age of fifteen she joined the church and was a faithful member through life.

During the year 1900 she moved to Fayette. She is survived by two children, Capt. Fred E. Haines, of Camp Logan, Texas, and one daughter, Mrs. Amy Bible, of Marcus, Washington, a granddaughter, Miss Helen Haines, of Independence, Iowa; one sister, Mrs. Kate L. Shoemaker, of Hollidaysburg, Pa.

The funeral service was conducted by Rev. Arthur J. Young, Saturday morning, April 27. Interment was made at Postville.

Liberty Musical Concert, Saturday evening, in Grange Arcadia. Benefit Red Cross.

LIBERTY CONCERT, JUNE 8.

Millburg People to Give Rare Musical Treat in Grange Hall.

Millburg musical artists—twenty-one strong—will render their popular musical concert in Grange hall, this place, on Saturday evening, June 8th. This entertainment will be given under the auspices of the local Camp P. O. S. of A., and the entire proceeds, after the necessary expenses are paid, will be turned over to the local Red Cross Auxiliary. There will be no division of proceeds with the Millburg people, who will come to Centre Hall for a fixed price, which barely covers transportation cost.

Concerning the musical program, it may be truthfully said that a rare treat is in store for all who will attend. The singing is all of a patriotic order and includes all the latest song hits which are being sung in the camps and elsewhere. A band of twenty-one pieces will play a number of stirring selections, and there will be violin duets, Hawaiian music on the ukulele; patriotic readings, vaudeville sketches, and other specialties. A big and interesting feature of the program, which strongly appeals to the audience, is a pantomime depicting a wounded soldier on the battlefield and the first-aid rendered by a Red Cross nurse, who in dressing the "wounds" of the soldier boy, displays remarkable skill in bandaging. This is the opening scene and is followed by a grand patriotic musical selection.

The entertainment has been given in Millburg and nearby towns and has met with great favor and much success. The Grange hall should be filled to overflowing on Saturday night; first, because the Red Cross needs every support you can give, and second, because the entertainment itself is well worth the admission price, which is 20 and 30 cents, with reserved seats at 35 cents.

Memorial Day in Centre Hall.

Memorial Day exercises in Centre Hall were of the most inspiring and patriotic nature. The local Camp P. O. S. of A. for the second successive time had full charge of the arrangements, and co-operating with the veterans, carried the day's program to a grand and fitting finish. Threatening clouds gathered in the skies at the hour of the ceremonies, but withheld their rain until near the close of the last number on the program—Judge Johnson's address—at seven o'clock.

A line of parade was formed at the Presbyterian church. The remaining veterans—Capt. G. M. Boal, B. D. Briabin, W. H. Stiver, W. H. Bartholomew, Alfred Durst, James Smetzer, and W. E. Tate, (Prof. W. A. Kries being unable to participate because of his feeble condition) headed the parade, occupying several automobiles. The stately banner came next, followed by the daughters of the veterans; the Red Cross, nearly one hundred strong, followed, attired in immaculate white, with caps bearing the red cross, and made a beautiful and impressive showing; the boys and girls carrying flags followed, this section being divided by the drum corps of five pieces, consisting of Charles Bariges and Ivy Bariges, fifers, Messrs. Rubl and Vonade, tenor drummer, and E. W. Crawford, bass drum; the Rebekebs, Knights of the Golden Eagle, I. O. O. F., and P. O. S. of A., completed the parade.

The graves of the thirty-two deceased veterans having been decorated at an earlier hour, several fitting selections were rendered by local male talent after the procession reached the cemetery. This was followed by prayer by Rev. J. A. Shultz. The children, under G. H. Emerick, sang several patriotic airs, after which the speaker of the evening, Judge A. W. Johnson, of Lewisburg, was introduced. Judge Johnson dwelt on America's participation in the World War and the great sacrifices to be made in order to keep the Hun from our shores. He was warming up on a subject which kept his hearers giving the closest attention when rain commenced falling and necessarily brought his forceful address to a close.

School Board Elects Teachers.

The Centre Hall school board, at a regular meeting held on Monday evening, elected N. L. Bartges, of Avia, principal of the local High school for the coming term. Miss Helen Bartholomew was re-elected teacher of the primary grade. No teachers were elected for the intermediate and grammar grades.

New Books in Grange Library.

Progress Grange has received a new lot of books from the Pennsylvania Free Library Commission for the free use of the public in this community. The Grange hall will be open every Saturday afternoon at three o'clock when books may be procured. A list of the new books and authors will be published next week.

RED CROSS WELL OVER THE TOP.

Centre Hall and Potter Township Meet Their Quota and Go Over the Top With \$402 to Spare.

The quota for Centre Hall and Potter township for the Red Cross was \$500; the amount contributed was \$902.25, which puts the district "over the top" with \$402 to spare. It was comparatively an easy proposition for the canvassers, whose experiences are well defined in the little poem, by Katherine Turner, here reprinted:

HOW ABOUT YOU?

There are two kinds of people on this earth today,
(Just two kinds of people and no more do I say)
Not the saint or the sinner, 'tis well understood,
The good are half bad and the bad are half good;
Not the rich or the poor, for to count a man's wealth
You must first know the state of his conscience and health,
Not the happy or sad, for the swift flying years,
Bring to each man his laughter and to each man his tears,
No: the two kinds of people on earth that I mean
Are the people who lift and the people who lean.

Centre Hall Boro

\$20.00

S. W. Smith

\$10.00

E. M. Hurett

Chas. M. Smith

D. A. Booser

Dr. G. W. Hosterman

A. E. Kerlin

Geo. O. Benner

John G. Deuberman

Emory S. Ripka

Frank M. Fisher

Alfred Durst

George H. Emerick

Cyrus Brungart

C. F. Emery, family

W. F. Bradford

C. D. Bartholomew

W. H. Meyer

\$5.00

W. F. Keller

D. W. Bradford

Mrs. D. W. Bradford

H. G. Strohmeyer

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Edward E. Bailey

D. Gelsa Wagner

Mary C. Fisher

Lola M. Ulrich

John H. Weber

Mrs. John H. Weber

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F. V. Goodhart

Daniel Dapp

W. A. Olenkirk

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H. C. Shirik

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L. L. Smith, family

J. W. Runkle, family

W. M. Bartholomew

H. E. Homan

David K. Keller

\$3.00

G. W. Tremler

J. T. Potter

\$2.50

Helen Bartholomew

\$2.00

R. Henry Potter

Clyde Duntrow, family

Adam C. Ripka

Florence S. Rhone

J. W. Bradford

Mrs. J. B. Rowe

Dr. H. H. Longwell

\$1.00

Wm. F. Flory

Joe D. Bushman

Mrs. Sarah Bushman

Wm. Frazier

Ethel Rowe

Verna Rowe

O. F. Fonk

I. A. Sweetwood

C. M. Arney

James A. Keller

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Levi Hartley

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John M. Luse

And wherever you go, you'll find the world's masses
Are always divided into these two classes,
And, oddly enough, you'll find, also I ween
There's only one lifer, to twenty who lean!
In which class are you? Are eating the loaf
Of over-taxed lifters who toll down the road,
Or are you a lender, who makes others hoarse
YOUR part of the labor, and worry and care!

While we may be quite proud of our record in the Red Cross drive just closed, let us remember that no one has made a sacrifice, not a dollar given will be missed when it comes to sustain us; we simply reduced our ready money a trifle. We must remember, too, that our contribution toward the \$100,000,000 fund, about a year ago, was so small that we are yet in arrears. The Reporter cheerfully gives space to print the names of the contributors together with the amounts paid by each.

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W. Frank McClellan

75 Cents

Less than 25 cents

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