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STORM DOES DAMAGE.

House Partially Unroofed, Large Stable Demolished, Coal Sheds Scattered at Station End of Town.

The first damage by storm to a residence in Centre Hall in the recollection of the writer was wrought Sunday morning about two o'clock, during a fierce rain storm that prevailed generally throughout this section. The greater damage was suffered by the owners of the Centre Hall Roller Mills whose tenement house was partially unroofed, the material being spread over several adjacent lots. The whole of the southern half of the house roof was carried away, greatly frightening the occupants, Mr. and Mrs. John Auman, the former head miller for the firm named. The house stands immediately south of the flouring mill, west of the Centre Hall railroad station. About the one-half of the coal sheds, at the flouring mill were also scattered over a considerable area.

Immediately east of the unroofed house stood the large stable, or rather a barn, on the rear portion of the W. A. Odenkirk lot, and owned by Merchant Odenkirk. This was almost entirely demolished. The structure was built after the fashion of a bank barn by W. H. Bartholomew during the eighties. The building is a total wreck.

West of the unroofed house stands the borough hose cart house, off its foundation, moved there by the force of the wind.

On the east side of Main street, several hundred feet from the demolished barn, several pieces of timber were driven through the gable of the George O. Benner residence. The small timbers were driven through the frame portion of the gable as though shot from a cannon. To leave no dispute as to the character of the projectiles, several pieces of scantling were left projecting on the outside. The cornice of the house on the southwest side was also torn somewhat.

Alongside the Benner house stands the Bradford home, occupied by Clyde Bradford and family. Seven windows on the first and second floors were broken by the flying timbers, some of it entering the sleeping room of Mr. and Mrs. Bradford.

A considerable quantity of timber was carried to the street and deposited next to the railroad crossing at the station, and this obstructed automobile traffic. The first to have his way blocked was Claud Dutrow, whose Saturday night engagements brought him along that point early Sunday morning. He was obliged to leave his car and finding the rubbish in his way, gave alarm to residents in that vicinity. While the Aumans knew their home had been rocked and otherwise disturbed, as did also Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bradford find strange looking material in their sleeping apartments, and almost everyone in the community feared the wind might do damage, no one really knew the extent of the harm wrought until Dutrow called lustily for help.

On Grange Park several buildings were also turned over.

Mr. Borah charges that the Four-Power treaty is a war alliance, and of course it is just as much of a war alliance as the covenant of the League of Nations is. This treaty does not amount to the paper it is written on unless there is some means of enforcing it, and it provides those means. If any one of the four Powers signs this treaty with the intention of doing nothing under it, it is acting in grossly bad faith. Of course, as a sovereignty each nation will decide what it will do, and that is true of the members of the League. But each of the four nations is pledging itself to act with the others against any one of the number or any outside nation which shall disturb the status quo in the Far East, and the status quo is all that the much-attacked Article X protects. Mr. Borah is consistent. Republicans who support this treaty and opposed the Versailles are not consistent.

A senate committee has time to listen to the preposterous charges of obstreperous Tom Watson, but the senate itself is too busy to act on a deficiency bill giving the veterans' bureau \$40,000,000 for the payment of allotments to deserving soldiers. As a result checks to 25,000 disabled men will be held up. But what of that, these men have no use for money at Christmas time!

If the President is holding back the Four-Power treaty from the Senate we presume it is to afford him an opportunity to satisfy himself that his and the Japanese conceptions of the Supreme Being are substantially alike, for Mr. Harding would hardly enter into a treaty with any people whose fundamental theology differs from his. He gave that as his reason for objecting to the treaty of Versailles; the door of the League of Nations was open to pagans.

KNOFFSINGER BOY KILLED.

Hit by Ford Truck Near Boy's Home At Pleasant Gap, Monday Afternoon.

Chester Knoffsinger, young son of William Knoffsinger, of Pleasant Gap, was struck by a Ford truck Monday afternoon with such a force that he died about two hours later. The lad was aged about six years.

Mr. Knoffsinger and his little son had returned from Bellefonte on the Lewistown auto bus, having gone to the county seat to purchase Christmas presents and show the youth the Christmas decorations. On arriving at Pleasant Gap the bus drew up in front of the residence of Charles Bilger, on the west side of the state road, being also to the right of the bus, where Mr. Knoffsinger and the boy stepped from the public conveyance, exit having also been from the right side of the bus. Mr. Knoffsinger helped the boy from the bus and was paying the fare for both when the boy, unobserved by the father, ran toward his home by the rear of the bus. It was then that the Dry fish truck came along from the mountain side, struck the boy as he emerged from behind the bus, drug him more than one hundred feet, where his limp body was picked up near his home by Mrs. Edna Young, a sister, and carried to the house.

The driver of the truck was unable to see the lad, it is said, until the car struck him.

A physician was called and everything done possible to save the young life, but to no avail. Death came at 4:30 p. m., two hours after the accident.

The funeral will be held Thursday at 2 p. m., interment at Pleasant Gap.

A year ago last June a brother of the boy killed on Monday fell from one of the Bilger lumber wagons and was killed. The father, just a few days ago, was struck by falling rocks in White Rock Quarries, where he was employed, and is now wearing bandages on his arm and shoulder from the injury. Misfortunes do not come singly.

Grange Supports State Bond Issue of \$25,000,000.

A State bond issue of \$25,000,000 to buy 5,000,000 acres of waste mountain land for forest purposes in Pennsylvania has the support of the Grange. The project was approved at the annual meeting on the recommendation of the Grange Committee on Conservation, headed by Gifford Pinchot, the State Forester.

Approval was given also to the plan of the Department of Forestry for an appropriation of \$1,000,000 for fire prevention and extinction, to be made by the next Legislature. In his report Forester Pinchot said:

"The State Forests of Pennsylvania can be made to pay the school bill of the State. If the 5,000,000 acres of the Pennsylvania desert can be purchased and set to work growing trees, not only will the \$25,000,000 of the bond issue necessary to buy it be repaid, principal and interest, within a reasonable time by the growth of the forests, but a net annual revenue will be produced large enough to carry the whole burden of State taxes for school purposes for every tax payer in the State.

"The forests lands of the State, under proper care and protection, will grow at least one cord of wood per acre per annum. If it be trees on the land which the State should own were cut when they reached the age of fifty years here would be a yearly total of \$36,900,000. If cut at the age of seventy five years, there would be a yearly income of \$45,240,000 and if cut at the age of one hundred years, the annual total would be \$65,000,000.

No Paper Next Week.

Next week being Christmas week, the Reporter will not be issued, which is in keeping with the custom of Centre county papers. The office will be open, however, to receive money on subscription and job printing.

The editors wish all Reporter readers a very merry Christmas and a New Year that may bring you health, happiness and prosperity.

Potato Shipments Heavy.

Commercial shipments of potatoes have been much heavier during this fall than they were last year. Up to December 10th, the total shipments of this crop have amounted to 137,849 cars while at the same time last year the total was 122,805 cars, according to the Bureau of Markets, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture.

Shipments from Maine and Nebraska have been about double those of last year, and several times as large in North Dakota and New York. Amounts equal to last year's shipments have been marketed from Michigan and Long Island. Pennsylvania and Wisconsin have both shipped a much smaller quantity this season than last year.

WEEK OF PRAYER SERVICES FOR SPRING MILLS AND CENTRE HALL

Meetings, As Usual, of Union Character, and Will Begin on Sunday Night, January 1st, and Continue Until 10th.—Local Pastors to Be Assisted By Prominent Visiting Clergymen.

A departure in the annual Week of Prayer services for Centre Hall, as well as for Spring Mills, from the usual custom, is found in lengthening the "week" from seven nights to ten nights for the 1922 services.

The ministerial has also engaged a number of prominent clergymen from outside the local field, to participate in the services, so that a very interesting and profitable Prayer Service, for both Centre Hall and Spring Mills, is assured. Ministers from Altoona, West Milton, Bellefonte, Sunbury, Lewisburg and State College have been assigned subjects of great moment, so that a feast of good things, religiously, is in store for the community.

The program for Centre Hall and Spring Mills follows:

CENTRE HALL—PROGRAM.

Sunday, January 1 United Evangelical Church

Subject—"Conditions of Success." Rev. M. C. Drumm.

Monday, January 2 United Evangelical Church

Subject—"Christian Education and the Christian Home." Rev. A. F. Heitman, of Altoona.

Tuesday, January 3 Presbyterian Church

Subject—"Home Missions." Rev. Alexander Scott, of Bellefonte.

Wednesday, January 4 Presbyterian Church

Subject—"Nations and Their Leaders." Rev. I. C. Bailey.

Thursday, January 5 Methodist Church

Subject—"Knowledge vs. Speculation." Rev. R. Ira Gass, L. L. D., of West Milton.

Friday, January 6 Methodist Church

Subject—"Thanksgiving and Confession." Rev. J. Max Kirkpatrick.

Saturday, January 7 Lutheran Church

Subject—"The Church Universal." Rev. C. F. Catherman.

Sunday, January 8 Lutheran Church

Subject—"The Power of Intercession." Rev. J. F. Bingman.

Monday, January 9 Reformed Church

Subject—"Under the Blood." Rev. Charles R. Bowers, D. D., of Sunbury.

Tuesday, January 10 Reformed Church

Subject—"The Universal Mission of the Church." Rev. A. A. Winters, of the United Evangelical Home Lewisburg.

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Subject—"Our Lack of Reverence." Rev. John F. Harkins, of State College.

Services will begin at 7:30 o'clock. An innovation is being tried for this year by extending the services a few nights, and importing fresh material for our inspiration and profit. Everybody is cordially invited to attend all the services. Music by a Union choir.

Pennsylvania A Beggar State.

Although Pennsylvania collects millions of dollars in taxes, it is really a beggar. Every department seems to be bankrupt. The school districts must wait for their appropriations and in the meantime borrow money and pay interest. There are millions spent for roads, yet there are miles of State road in Pennsylvania unfit to travel. And now comes along the Fisheries Department, begging like the rest. No money, it says, and asks the fishermen to plunk down their cash three months in advance of the opening of the fishing season, so a great state like Pennsylvania will have sufficient money to operate all branches of its work. An outrage!

And what does this mean? Rank extravagance in the administration of state affairs, and suspicion that graft is becoming a common practice.

Of course, it is all right for the postmaster general to talk about "proficiency instead of politics" as the rule for his department, but it's a rather serious reflection upon the rest of the Democratic postmasters who must look forward to losing their jobs because of "inefficiency" when as a matter of fact they know they must go because they are appointees of Woodrow Wilson.

Campaign for Near East Relief will open early in February. Further announcements will follow.

The local Lecture Course committee will have for sale a limited number of general admission tickets for the concert in the Grange hall to-night (Wednesday). Price of tickets, 50 cents.

Many foreign countries are clamoring for Tantalac. Its fame is world-wide.—Centre Hall Pharmacy.

RUMOR AND FACTS—NEW BANK AND "REPORTER"

Much Talk of the Establishing of a National Bank and Sale of The Reporter Building and Newspaper Plant.

In affairs close to our own the Reporter news man is obliged to give rumor—street talk—considerable prominence in this article which deals with three items of news in which the Reporter readers may be more or less interested. On the streets one hears much, some times the truth; other times an atom of truth in the whole woven story; sometimes the atom of truth is altogether missing.

Referring to the incidents above, one hears that a National bank is to be opened in the residential section of The Centre Reporter building; that the bank is to be capitalized at \$50,000; that local individuals will buy the bank stock and control the institution. Rumor to date has not named the president, cashier and directors. Why, no one knows.

Rumor further says that the Centre Reporter building has been sold for the sum of \$12,000 to the parties proposing opening the banking institution, and that unnamed parties in a remote section of Centre county have purchased The Centre Reporter newspaper plant and good will from the owners, Smith & Bailey; that The Centre Reporter is to become a Republican paper and is to be used to build up the Republican political machine in Centre county. Strange, the price has not been named.

The facts in the case are these, so far as the senior of the firm of Smith & Bailey has knowledge:

The beginning of December an option on The Centre Reporter building and The Centre Reporter newspaper plant and good will was given to C. F. Deininger, who represented parties then and now unknown to the writer. The consideration for the building named in the option was \$12,000, and the sum for the newspaper plant—well, it will not be given here. The hand money in the transaction was only a nominal sum, and this means that the option may or may not be put into force.

The writer is entirely at sea as to who, assuming the sale is made, will conduct the newspaper. While you cannot sell and also eat your pie, the writer was, however, solicitous as to the future of the paper's politics, and he was assured the political complexion would not be changed and that he (Deininger) had no intention of conducting the paper himself or have any official or clerical connection with the bank, providing one was established. It appears that in the bank, at least, there will be interested only local capital, if any at all.

Time reveals much, and as soon as any definite moves are made as to the purchase of the building or newspaper the Reporter will give it in its news columns. In the meantime the Reporter will be conducted as heretofore.

Methodists Organize White Cross.

In order that the work of the Methodist Episcopal church in caring for needy children and aged folks may be expanded and made permanent, a society known as the American White Cross has been organized in Central Pennsylvania Conference. There are 90,358 Methodists on the church records in the Conference and each one is being asked to become a member of the new society by the payment of at least one dollar per year membership dues. Each congregation is being canvassed between December 19th and 25th, and with the funds secured it is hoped that the maintenance costs for the Home for the Aged at Tyrone and the Home for Children at Mechanicsburg will be assured for 1922, so that the Centenary funds now being applied to that purpose may be used for permanent building work. The matter of taking care of the children demands bigger and better facilities immediately.

The White Cross will also give considerable assistance toward a minimum salary for more than seventy pastors in the sparsely settled districts in the Conference.

Annual Election.

The annual election of the Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Centre County will be held in the Grand Jury room, Court House, Bellefonte on Monday, January 9th, 1922, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 12 M. for the election of twelve directors for the ensuing year.

W. Fred Reynolds, Pres. Frank M. Fisher, Sec'y.

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TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

No paper next week.

Some people can give until it hurts without giving much.

D. J. Meyer is out again after a rather lengthy illness.

January 1st will bring many changes throughout the world.

Too late now to send your Christmas gifts early by mail.

Judge Quigley will hold court for several weeks during January in Philadelphia.

War Savings Stamps make real Christmas presents. No one ever receives them without being really thankful.

Of course, you have promised yourself that by next year you will have your Christmas presents all ready real early.

From present indications there will be about the usual number of public sales through Penns Valley during the month of March.

The Christmas vacation for the borough schools begins next Monday and continues throughout the week. School will re-open January 2, 1922.

W. H. Sinkabine and family, who for many years resided on the Fisher farm at Penn Hall, are now located in their new home at Fairfax, Virginia.

"We have sold 97,000 bottles of Tantalac and have never had a single complaint."—Jacobs Pharmacy, Atlanta Ga. Sold by Centre Hall Pharmacy.

The beautiful cantata, "The Child of Promise," will be rendered in the Lutheran Church at Centre Hall on Monday evening, December 26th, at 7:30 o'clock.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Dornier Orndorf, living on the Orndorf farm at Yearjacks Church, in Upper Brush Valley. The boy is No. 6, but altogether welcome.

Hecla Park has been purchased by C. W. Rowe from George Smith. It is the new owner's intention to make a number of improvements on the ground and to the buildings.

Secretary Hoover says conditions in the several foreign countries affected by the war are improving and that farming in the States is coming back and will be profitable.

Miss Bessie and Cheser Hess, of Treveron, sister and brother of Mrs. M. C. Drumm, are spending part of their Christmas vacation at the Lutheran parsonage in Centre Hall.

December to date has been pretty much like winter. Snow covered the earth for a goodly portion of the time, and when snow lies on Mother Earth, it is far from summer-time temperature.

James F. Woodward, Secretary of Internal Affairs at Harrisburg, announced on Monday that Wilson I. Fleming, of Bellefonte, would be retired on Thursday, to be succeeded by W. H. Harrison, of Mt. Union, as chief of the industrial division of the bureau of statistics and information of the Department of Internal Affairs. Mr. Fleming was appointed by Governor Hastings and held his position for twenty-six years.

A contention between D. F. Potts, Democrat, and D. Porter Woodring, Republican, was settled by Judge Quigley who decided that the Democrat should have the office of tax collector in Worth township, both men having received eighty-four votes at the recent election. Woodring claimed that eight voters intended voting for him in the Prohibition column, where the name of D. P. Woodring appeared. Only one of these eight persons would appear in Woodring's behalf, and this made the Court decide as he did.

Announcement was made from Washington last week that Frank Wythe, for many years assistant postmaster at Philipsburg, had been recommended by Congressman Evan Jones as successor to Postmaster Ray R. Rowles, whose term expired several months ago. Mr. Wythe's name, along with many others, was sent to the Senate for confirmation. Until confirmation is made or refused the matter will stand as at present. Action is likely to be taken at an early date, however, as there has been much dissatisfaction over the delay in naming a new postmaster for the Philipsburg town.