

HUMES' BLOCK DESTROYED By Fire—Loss \$50,000 to \$60,000.

THE FIRE SUPPOSED TO BE THE WORK OF AN INCENDIARY.

The Fire Department Promptly on Hand and the Coffee Cart of The W. C. T. U. not Far In the Rear.

At a little past 5 o'clock a. m. on Monday morning the alarm of fire was given and the fire department responded promptly. Flames and a dense volume of smoke were seen issuing from the roof of Humes' block on Allegheny street. The fire was at once located on the third story of the building. How it caught is not known but there seems to be little doubt of its incendiary origin. The building had two roofs the inner or original roof being of tar, while the outer or new roof was shingle. The fire had worked its way to the tar roof and between the two was a mass of seething flame almost impossible at the outstart to be reached by the firemen. The hard rains of the past week and particularly of Sunday night had soaked the outer roof so that the fire was sometimes making its way through. By the time the flames had eaten through the outer roof the ceiling of the upper story began to fall and the floors and the upper story became a mass of fire. The building was doomed despite the heroic work of the fire boys, and all efforts to save it were futile. To confine it to the block in which it started was the best that could be done. Fire walls extended half way up the third story between several of the store rooms and it was hoped that the flames could be confined to several of these rooms. The fire had however run along the tar roof of the entire building so that the entire upper part of the block was burning. As fast as the men obtained control of one part of the building another demanded their attention. By half past six o'clock the fate of the building had been determined, and all efforts of the fire men were directed to confining it to its present limits. Fire brands flew in all directions in the north and north eastern part of the town and nothing but the water soaked condition of the roofs of houses in that direction saved us from a vast conflagration. A 25 minutes after eight the front walls fell out into the street with a mighty crash, almost burying a number of persons in the ruins. The fire laddies worked nobly all three companies responding with alacrity to the call. The coffee brigade of the W. C. T. U. was soon on hand and many a weak stomach was toned up by the warm fluid furnished by the coffee cart, and its fair managers. The following are the losses as near as can be determined at this time:

On the bank building	\$15,000
"Humes' block	27,000
"A. C. Moyer & Bros. (grocery)	3,500
"Jared Harper's grocery	3,500
"Woodring's stationery store	2,250
"W. W. Moyer's dry goods store	4,000
"Co-operative store	1,000
Total	\$56,250

The building was occupied as follows: Beck's barber shop fronting on high street, Cunio's cigar store on Allegheny both in the basement of the Bank. Montgomery & Co. Post office, A. C. Moyer's Bro's grocery, Woodring's book store, Jared Harper's grocery, W. W. Moyer's Dry goods & notions, Co-operative grocery store. J. C. Harper's law on the second story. Sons of veterans and the Republican Club. The block will be rebuilt at once.

Prof. Eilers Entertains the Graduating Class. On Friday evening of last week, Prof. D. O. Eilers who lives on East Bishop street, invited the graduating class of '88, thirteen in number, to his residence where they were given an entertainment for their special benefit. Will Butts was with the class but he left school before the graduation took place to engage in business at some other place. The four lady ushers of Thursday's entertainment in Humes' Hall were present, also Miss Bertha Figgies. At the proper time all were invited to the dining room in which was the table laden down with the choicest kind of mother earth's gifts, ornamented in the centre was a large and handsome bouquet of flowers with the class figures '88. The class and all present did ample justice to the good things and everybody in general had a good time until a late hour. Some very fine vocal music was rendered on this occasion. The happy gathering will long remain fresh in the minds of all present.

Mr. Henry Yeager Chief of the Logan Company, was certainly one of the hard workers at the fire on Monday morning, we noticed him on Ornders block until the building was out of danger, and then took up his position in front of the Humes block with hose in hand until all danger was over.

The ladies of the W. C. T. U. set out an elegant breakfast for the firemen at the residence of Mrs. William Humes.

The "Fireman's Friend," the little coffee cart, was on hand on Monday morning at the fire, and did good service for the boys.

The fire boys are receiving the highest praise for their heroic efforts to save property. They certainly deserve all the praise they get.

It is best to keep away from the hose, in time of a fire, on Monday morning some young boys had the misfortune to get too close and got a severe wetting.

August 27th is the day set for the opening of the Inter-State Grange Picnic at Williams grove Cumberland county. We here of quite a number going from this place.

Hon. John H. Orvis will delegate to the St. Louis Convention, for this the 28th district. A very good selection and the Judge will do it square or not at all.

The Coronet Hook and Ladder Company did good service at the fire on Monday morning, now is the time boys to hit the nail on the head, we would suggest new suits and handsome ones at that.

We are now without an Opera House or public hall and it would be a paying investment for some one to build a new place of amusement that would be in keeping with our growing town.

Mr. Charley Chambers who belongs to the Logan Fire Company was so unfortunate on Monday morning as to have his leg hurt by some of the falling timbers while engaged in helping to subdue the flames.

The Logans and Undine fire companies were prompt on hand at the burning of Humes, Block on Monday morning, and did excellent service in confining the flames to the burning building and saving others.

The address of president Fortney of the Board of Education of our city was a very fine production and had we time and space would like to reproduce it. It is very highly spoken of by those who heard it.

The report of the purchase of the Humes' block ground by a syndicate is a little premature, nothing has as yet been decided. Mr. Humes will hardly build but some one else will. It may be by a syndicate or an individual.

Severe rain storms have visited several sections of the state Huntingdon being one of the afflicted towns. Bellefonte had two or three remarkable healthy and vigorous storms on Sunday night and Monday afternoon and evening, but no great damage was done.

The First National Bank is open for business in the brick building on Allegheny street a few doors below Beaver & Gephart's office. In fact it is in its old location. They expect to be doing business in a new building on the corner inside of three months. Work on the new block will begin as soon as the losses are adjusted.

Postmaster Dobbins moved the post office to the New Bush Arcade and long before evening business was resumed. The new office is one of the finest in the country and while it may seem a little inconvenient to people up town the inconvenience is more imaginary than real. We will soon be entitled to a free delivery and then it makes little difference where the office is located.

A steam fire engine is one of the necessities that suggests itself to our firemen and citizens, and a fire marshal or chief of the fire department is another thing that would add to the effectiveness of the force. It is important that a district in which fire is raging be roped off and no one allowed there except the firemen as they are often annoyed and hindered in their work by officious outsiders.

The puddlers at the Bellefonte Iron and Nail Co's Works after a strike of six weeks duration went to work on Tuesday morning. The nailers and others who have been in enforced idleness during the strike as well as the puddlers may congratulate themselves on the settlement of the difficulty. The strike was a failure as most strikes are, and the men and company have both lost valuable time and considerable money. Business in all its branches in town was more or less affected by the suspension of work.

One of the severest thunder storms of the season visited this section of county on Monday afternoon about half past four o'clock, the wind blew a perfect gale, signs, limbs of trees and every thing in general was flying through the streets, the storm lasted only about twenty minutes but did lots of harm in that time. Quite a number of rigs from town and country were in the streets at the time the storm occurred and all received a thorough drenching. About eight o'clock another hard storm occurred in our town, lasting about half an hour, during which time it rained very hard.

Death of Mrs. Crosthwaite.

It becomes our sad duty once more to record the death of one of spring townships most estimable ladies, which sad event occurred on Tuesday night at the residence of Mr. Robert Crosthwaite, living just on the outskirts of the borough. Mrs. Mary Crosthwaite was a devoted member of the Methodist church of this place, and was held in high esteem by all who knew her. That dread disease consumption has taken another victim, she was aged about sixty years and passed away peacefully, putting all her trust and faith in the Great Creator. She is not dead but peacefully sleeping to await the calling of those she has left behind. Enveloped in this cloud with heart almost broken it is very difficult to recognize a Providence in the taking of a faithful wife and a devoted and loving mother from the household, and the home circle that was once made happy by her presence. Yet we must seek solace and consolation in the one thought—her pains are ended, her troubles are over and she has found that true and eternal rest which gives life its charm and relieves death of all its terrors. Eternal rest, most welcome thought; welcomed by the angelic choir of friends that have gone before. Would we, if we could, call the one back that has gone before, back to the trials of the world. She is not lost—lost to us for a time 'tis true—but gone before to greet us when we reach that shore. Varily our loss is her gain.

Her coming and going will be missed, the loving ones can no longer hear the footfall. The affectionate embrace can no more come from those arms so still and cold. But recollection of the devotion they once displayed remembrance of the love that was always there, will not admit death. Though she lies there cold—though but the clay from whence she came—yet she speaks in language of the past. She leaves behind to mourn, a devoted husband and five children, Richard who lives in Philipsburg, Emma now Mrs. Schroyer who lives in the same locality, near her parents, Minnie, Frank and Walter who are still at home with the bereaved father.

Apron and Necktie Social.

The Lock Haven Democrat says. In vitations are out for an apron and necktie social to be given by the Good Templar organization on the third floor of the Opera House directly over Mason's drug store, on Wednesday evening, the 30th inst. Each lady is expected to bring a lunch box and also an apron and necktie, both the same color, and the latter of which must be placed in the box. The lady must put on the apron in the hall. The boxes will then be sold for 24 cents each, and the gentlemen must escort and pay attention to the lady wearing an apron as the necktie he finds in his box. See?

It would be a good scheme for the handsome Good Templar ladies of this place to get up something of the above, especially for the benefit of the young gentlemen Tempars around our town. Can you smell?

More Pensions and Bounties.

A gentleman representing Milo B. Stevens & Co., of Washington D. C., can be seen at the Cameron House, Lewisburg, Tuesday June 12; Teller's Bush House, Bellefonte Wednesday 13; Parker House, Philipsburg, Thursday 14; and Fallon House, Lock Haven, Saturday 16, by persons desiring information concerning pensions, bounties, etc., or having claims which they may desire to have prosecuted by said attorneys.

We're "bilin" over with richus indignation, as follows up town. Dr. Dobbins has taken the American Eagle from his proud perch, bill feathers and tail the glorious bird now pines away in his gilded cage in the new Bush Arcade. The post office must come up town or the government will stop. Just think of us fellows having to walk down the hill instead of the down town fellows walking up? Its too much. We want an indignation meeting called at once. We want to protest. We insist in our inalienable right of finding fault with the government. We must agitate. Let every fellow spit out whether he gets any mail or not. Don't let up on it, bile over, get mad, swear, curs, fight and make a racket. Shout for an up town post office or death.

The little old tumble-down-in-the next-century wooden building on High street adjoining the stone building on the corner, has been treated to a generous coat of dirty 'yaller' paint. Nothing will preserve a wooden building so well as paint and it would be almost sacrilege to allow this old relic of ages gone by, this sad commentary on our progress, this solitary landmark of pre-historic provincialism to go to ruin. In the grand march of progress this little old house has stood untouched by the profane hand of modern improvement. It now smiles on the passer by through its yaller paint and says "The Dr. has fixed me up for another century."

On Saturday morning a picnic party composed of Neut Weaver, Mr. Lee, Chas. Weitzel, Louis Weitzel, Chas. Garas, Sinnie Hoy, Jacob Fishburn, Mart Keller, J. B. Kunz, Maggie Furey, Ida and Sue Koch, Minnie and Emma Hoy, Katie and Emma Miller, Alka Keller and Emma Henderson, most of them residing out about Axe Mann's, went to Penn Cave although the day was not what it might have been, but still a good time was had by all—especially by those who occupied Mr. Kunz's carriage—coming over the mountain on a rainy night is what they enjoy.

Altoona's silk mill is now a certainty. \$50,000 having been raised by her citizens. The company began to break ground for the buildings last week. An effort on the part of our business men would be responded to by persons seeking desirable locations for manufacturing establishments. Now would be a good time to organize a base ball club or a society to knock out the moss backs on the first round. We are in favor of organizing anything that will create a stir or an uproar in town.

The Lock Haven Democrat says there is no use talking the big Fourth of July celebration must and will come off if Joe Furey has to foot the bill. Well Joe will do it if the required amount is not forthcoming. At this writing \$765.50 has been raised, the firemen say they can have a good time if the citizens raise \$1,000 dollars that will see them through.

Half Rates to the Conventions via Pennsylvania Railroad.

With a view of accommodating the hosts of visitors to the political conventions and other general meetings hereinafter mentioned, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell excursion tickets to the points named below from all prominent stations on its system, on the dates specified, at one fare for the round trip. The tickets will be good for passage in both directions on all regular passenger trains, except Limited Express trains. The occasions on which such tickets will be sold are as follows:—

To Indianapolis, Indiana, on account of the National Prohibition Convention, which will meet May 30th, tickets will be sold from May 25th to 29th inclusive, good for return trip until June 6th, 1888, inclusive.

To St. Louis, Mo., on account of the National Democratic Convention, which will meet June 5th, tickets will be sold May 31st to June 12th, 1888, inclusive.

To Cincinnati, Ohio, on account of the meeting of the Supreme Lodge of the World, Knights of Pythias, which will assemble June 12th, tickets will be sold June 7th to 11th, inclusive, good to return until July 24, 1888, inclusive.

To Chicago, Ill., on account of the National Republican Convention, which will meet June 19th, tickets will be sold from June 14th to 18th, inclusive, good to return until June 25th, inclusive.

The routes over which the tickets will be sold is Pennsylvania Railroad to Pittsburgh, thence by the Pennsylvania Company's lines to destination.

The well known and superior advantages of the Pennsylvania Railroad, arising from completed facilities, fine equipment, and its unsurpassed service of through trains commends this route most strongly to intending aviators to these great gatherings.

RENEWED YOUTH.—Mrs. Phoebe Chesley, Peterson, Clay Co., Iowa, tells the following remarkable story, the truth of which is vouched for by the residents of the town: "I am 73 years old, have been troubled with kidney complaint and lameness for many years; could not dress myself without help. Now I am free from all pain and soreness, and am able to do all my own household work. I owe my thanks to Electric Bitters for having renewed my youth and removed completely all disease and pain." Try a bottle, 50c, and \$1, at J. Zeller & Son's Drug Store.

WORTH KNOWING.—Mr. Wm. Mcrgan, merchant, Lake City, Fla., was taken with a severe cold, attended with a distressing cough and running into Consumption in its first stages. He tried many so called popular cough remedies and steadily grew worse, was reduced in flesh, had difficulty in breathing and was unable to sleep. Finally tried Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption and found immediate relief, and after using about a half dozen bottles found himself well and has had no return of the disease. No other remedy can show so grand a record of cures, as Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. Guaranteed to do just what is claimed for it. Trial bottle free at J. Zeller & Son's Drug Store.

Mr. George Stewart, a stone mason by trade living at Pleasant Gap, met with a misfortune by a piece of steel from a drill flying into his eye and causing that member considerable pain and soreness. We hope Mr. Stewart's eye will get well soon.

Going West. The general interest that has been taken in the opening of the Montana Indian Reservation is shown by the large numbers of people who have already gone to Great Falls to investigate the mineral and agricultural resources of that wonderful country. The low excursion rate announced by C. H. Warren, Gen. Pass. Agent of the St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba Railway makes the expenses of exploring this country merely nominal, and will undoubtedly result in still larger numbers following.

Suits made to order, \$15, \$16, \$17, \$18, \$19 and \$20.

MONTGOMERY & Co. Tailors.

An Unparalleled Offer.

- No. 1.—CENTRE DEMOCRAT \$1.50
- No. 2.—The American Agriculturalist, post paid, (English or German) for 1888, 1.00
- No. 3.—"Christ before Pilate," 22 by 28 inches in size, photo-etching, 1.00
- No. 4.—"Christ on Calvary," 22 by 28 inches in size, Mezzogravure, 1.00
- No. 5.—"Our Homes; How to beautify them," 150 illustrations, bound in cloth and gold, published December 20th, 1887, 1.00

Total \$5.50

We will furnish all the above post paid, for \$2.60. Send postal to 751 Broadway New York for specimen copy of the American Agriculturalist, sample pages of "Our Homes; How to beautify them," full descriptions of the pictures, "Christ before Pilate" and "Christ on Calvary," and portrait of Munkacsy, the painter of these great works.

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SYMPTOMS.—Moisture; intense itching and stinging; most at night; worse by scratching. If allowed to continue tumors form, which often bleed and ulcerate, becoming very sore. SWAYNE'S OINTMENT stops the itching and bleeding, heals the ulceration, and in many cases removes the tumors. It is equally efficacious in curing all skin Diseases. Dr. Swayne & Son, Proprietors, Philadelphia. Swayne's Ointment can be obtained of druggists. Sent by mail for 50 cents. 10-19-tf.

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GRAIN, "as corrected weekly by Getchick, Hale & Co."	
Wheat, new, per bushel	\$ 80
Wheat, new, per bushel	75
Barley, per bushel	40
Oats, per bushel	30
Hay, per ton	15
Straw, per ton	10
Butter, per pound	20
Eggs, per dozen	15
Country Hams per pound	12 1/2
Breakfast Bacon	10
Country Bacon	10
Lard per pound	10
Beef per pound	10
Pork per pound	10
Apples per bushel	10
Oranges per bushel	10
Peaches per bushel	10
Plums per bushel	10
Strawberries per bushel	10
Blackberries per bushel	10
Raspberries per bushel	10
Blueberries per bushel	10
Cherries per bushel	10
Apples per bushel	10
Peaches per bushel	10
Plums per bushel	10
Strawberries per bushel	10
Blackberries per bushel	10
Raspberries per bushel	10
Blueberries per bushel	10
Cherries per bushel	10

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

COUNTY OF CENTRE SS. In the Court of Common Pleas, No. 20, August Term, 1887, James F. Hill vs. Allen Gates Hill. JAMES F. HILL, Plaintiff, vs. ALLEN GATES HILL, Defendant. And now, April 22d, 1888, on motion of Orin Bower & Orvis Attorneys for petitioner Wm. J. Singer Esq., is appointed a Commissioner in the above stated case to take the testimony of the parties, and make return thereof, at next term, notice to be given by publication as heretofore ordered. BY THE COURT. Certified from the record May 4th 1888. L. A. SCHAEFFER, Prothy.

PUBLIC SALE.

The undersigned, by virtue of the an hereby conferred upon him by the last will and testament of John B. Auld deceased, will offer at Public Sale at the Court House, in Bellefonte Pa., on WEDNESDAY, June 13th 1888, at 2 o'clock p. m. the following described real estate, late the property of said John B. Auld deceased, viz: A two-story, double frame dwelling house situated on Allegheny street, in the borough of Bellefonte, bounded on the east by said street, on the north by lot of Dr. R. L. Hart, on the west by an alley and on the south by lot of L. S. Springer, containing about fifty feet in front, and extending in depth two hundred feet. Said property contains two 8-room dwelling houses with stable attached to each. Both houses are leased until April 1, 1889, but tenant's lease will be entitled to receive all rents accruing after July 1st. TERMS OF SALE.—The per cent of purchase money when the property is knocked down. Balance of one third on or before July 1st, when said will be delivered, one-third in one year, and one-third in two years the latter two payments to be with interest and secured by bonds and mortgage upon the property. J. F. GENEVAY, Administrator. 10-19