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SMALLPOX AT REBERSBURG

One Death and Seven Perils are Confined to One House.

Two are Considered Seriously Ill While the Others are Improving—No New Cases Developed up to the Present Time.

Believing that in all cases where a dangerous infectious disease invades a community it is better to tell the plain facts than suppress the truth, so that the public may know the real state of affairs and take due precaution, we therefore deem it our duty to inform our readers of the appearance of smallpox at Rebersburg, in the extreme eastern portion of Centre county, and about 22 miles from this place. The history of the appearance of the disease and its development are as follows:

Several weeks ago, Arthur Lee Bierly, of South Dakota, left his home for Brooklyn, N. Y., where he spent six weeks learning to operate a typesetting machine. Then he came to Rebersburg and paid his aunt, Mrs. Wm. Frank, a visit where he took ill. Dr. Bright, of Rebersburg, was the attending physician and saw the patient once or twice, Hon. W. R. Bierly, the boy's father was there also. At first the case was considered measles, but as Dr. Bright then said "simulated" smallpox—appeared like the disease, but was not the real thing. Young Bierly rapidly grew worse and died Friday, March 7th, after only a few days' illness. Then his ailment was pronounced "black measles" and the community became alarmed and many were suspicious that it was more serious. Even Dr. Bright was undecided in his opinion, and hesitated. As a result the interment was attended by very few. Rev. Wetzel, the Reformed minister officiating, while the undertaker from Millheim only supplied the casket and left friends conduct the interment.

Several days afterwards members of the household, where Bierly died, circulated freely in the community, but finding that the public shunned them, fearing a spread of the disease, and were avoided, remained at home. On Sunday 10th, members of the household began to develop fever and one after another were taken ill with the same ailment, until six were sick. Dr. Conser, of Sunbury, visited Dr. Bright, and after a careful review of the situation, on last Thursday, pronounced the ailment smallpox. In order to avoid being quarantined Dr. Bright does not enter the Frank home, or come in close contact with any of those now ill. He approaches the house and from a safe distance, by conversation with Willis R. Bierly, learns the condition of those ill and directs the treatment, leaving medicines at the stable where they are secured upon his departure, by Mr. Bierly.

Since Sunday there were six persons in the Wm. Frank home afflicted, some only having mild attacks, Mr. Bierly alone being exempt, and upon him mostly devolved the care of the others. Food was sent freely by neighbors as well as other supplies. The overseers of the poor tendered assistance, by securing a nurse from Lock Haven, which was not accepted as not deemed necessary, and further that the family was not dependent for such assistance. Tuesday a trained colored nurse from Williamsport arrived, sent by Mr. Bierly's sister, and was accepted.

The following are those who are ill at the Frank home, at what is known as the Peter Bierly, dec'd, homestead, about a half mile north of Rebersburg: Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Frank. Frank Reed and wife, who formerly was Miss Minnie Shultz and both are employed by Mr. Frank. Peter Earnest Bierly, a 15-year old son of Hon. Willis R. Bierly, who has been at the Frank house the past year. Florence Bierly, a 7-year old daughter of Harvey Bierly, of Sugar valley.

Up to this time it is thought that Willis R. Bierly has not contracted the disease, but is not well. Mr. Frank was only slightly ill and was out, which resulted in a relapse and his condition is serious. Little Florence is also in a critical condition. The other patients are doing very nicely and their recovery is very hopeful.

As the Frank home is an isolated farm property, and all known precautions in the community are being taken, there is little danger of a further spread of the disease, though some of those who were at the Frank home at the time of Arthur's illness and death are very uneasy.

I propose to remain single, said the bachelor. "Then you had better not propose," replied the married man.

The fellow who boasts that he has never been disappointed in love has probably always been stuck on himself.

DEDICATION AT BLANCHARD.

Special services will be conducted at this place, Easter Sunday morning and afternoon, where the new Y. M. C. A. building will be dedicated at 10:30 a. m., address will be given by the secretary Rev. G. S. West, Capt. J. A. Quigley, H. A. Snyder and John Liggett; singing by the Baptist church choir. In the afternoon addresses will be made by H. C. Quigley, Esq., of Bellefonte, Mr. Smith, general sec'y of Y. M. C. A. of Lock Haven, and many other distinguished speakers. On Tuesday evening April 1st, the organization will give the production "The Black Breach of Promise Case," under the direction of Geo. S. Buryhill. On Wednesday, April 2nd, the Junior's will serve supper from four p. m., until seven, and in the evening, the Senior's, 37 in number, will produce the mock trial: "The Great Umbrella Case," under the direction of Rev. G. S. West. Season tickets will be sold for the nominal sum of fifty cents—this entitles the holder to the two entertainments and supper; otherwise single tickets, twenty cents.

The growth of this organization has been phenomenal, and its influence in the town, has been so great, that since its nativity over thirty of the young men have made a profession of religions and united with the churches in our town and adjoining vicinity.

Miss Ethel Breth tendered her resignation as secretary of Liberty Baptist Sunday School, last Sunday. By the request of the school the Superintendent was instructed to draw up appropriate resolutions.

Arrested on Serious Charges. J. R. Kutz and Thomas Trafford were arrested early Monday morning charged with setting up or establishing gambling devices, enticing others to gamble and gambling in the rooms over the Railroad restaurant, and also with selling liquors without license and on Sunday. They waived a hearing before C. B. Sandford, justice of the peace, who held them in the sum of \$1500 bail for their appearance at the next session of the county court. Up to noon bail had not been secured. The arrest has excited no little attention, and it is expected that the trial will develop some very unsavory things.

The arrest assumed the form of a raid, and was made about 6 o'clock by Constable Harry Gunther and four or five deputies. Gambling devices were found and are now in the possession of Squire Sandford.—Phillipsburg Journal.

Workman Digs up Big Pot of Treasure. The item below will be of interest to the readers of the Centre Democrat's Historical Review:

On Tuesday while engaged in the work of excavating for the new tunnel of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, at Galitzin, an Italian workman, named Giovanni Patulli, unearthed a pot containing \$2000 in gold and silver, none of which bears a later date than 1835. Patulli had a hard time to keep the other workmen from getting the treasure, and he is preparing to return to Italy. It is supposed that the money was secreted there by Lewis, the famous robber, who flourished in this vicinity in the thirties.

A Keg of Beer Causes Wreck. A keg of beer caused a wreck on the Lewisburg branch of the Pennsylvania railroad, about 8:30 o'clock Wednesday night. The accident occurred on the river bridge between here and Montandon.

A keg of beer that had evidently rolled from a car lay on the track in the bridge and when Conductor Cook's passenger train came along the keg succeeded in derailing one of the coaches and in the wreck that followed, the engine was quite badly damaged. It was 10 o'clock before the train got off the bridge.

Apples Go to Market. The evaporating company on last (Thursday) shipped a consignment of apples. The fruit is worth \$1.00 per bushel. All told the company shipped about seventeen hundred bushels of choice winter apples during the fall and early winter. Besides this about 3500 bushels were evaporated at their plant at Centre Hall. The fruit was very scarce in Penns Valley, and the evaporating plant was operated only at stated times.—Reporter.

Police Officer's Fight. Great excitement was caused in Williamsport Friday evening over an encounter which took place between Chief of Police Stryker and Officer Simmons, of the police force. As a result of the encounter, the officer was knocked down and rendered unconscious. He was taken to a hospital, where his injuries were learned to be a deep cut in the back of the head, a blackened eye and a cut upper lip.

METHODIST CONFERENCE

Will be in Session, at Bellefonte, Commencing March 25th.

PROGRAMME FOR THE WEEK.

Will be a Large Gathering of Ministers and Laymen with Many Spectators—Swallow Trial Will Attract Considerable Attention.

It is hardly a bit of news to our readers to mention that the Central Pennsylvania Conference will meet at Bellefonte next week, commencing on Tuesday, 25th, and continuing until the following Tuesday. This event has been looked forward to by our people with much anticipation, as there will be much in the line of entertainment prepared for our people and in return the hospitality of the town will be most graciously extended to one and all. Conference proper will consist of 325 ministers and about 250 laymen, but in addition thereto will be probably as many more who are either interested or spectators of the proceedings.

The trial of Doctor Swallow will also attract a great many people. This fighting parson was found guilty of lying about two Methodist ministers of Harrisburg, and the report of the committee will be contested by him before conference. As the Dr. is a man of some prominence in politics of the state and publishes the Penna. Methodist, and a man of considerable grit, this feature will arouse more than usual interest in the deliberations of the body.

PEACE OFFER TO DR. SWALLOW. An attempt is being made to amicably arrange the trouble growing out of the trial of Rev. Dr. S. C. Swallow, who was found guilty of lying, and suspended from church privileges until the meeting of the Conference at Bellefonte. At a meeting of clergymen and laymen of the Methodist church, in Sunbury last week, a committee was appointed to visit that city to endeavor to secure a settlement. The committee went to Harrisburg Monday. They had a long conference with Dr. Swallow, but its labors were kept secret.

To give our people an idea of the exercises of the week we have appended a complete programme, taken from the conference manual, giving in detail the proceedings of every session, which will be carried out as presented:

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME. TUESDAY, MARCH 25. 7 p. m. Song Service, conducted by Prof. J. M. Black. 7:30 p. m. Temperance Anniversary, Rev. Amos S. Baldwin, presiding. Speakers: Rev. S. B. Evans, W. H. Schwartz, Esq., Rev. W. A. Stevens, D. D. WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26. 9 a. m. Opening session of conference, with Administration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, Bishop John M. Walden, D. D., LL. D., officiating. 2:30 p. m. Lecture by Rev. Jesse Bowman Young, D. D. Subject, "Luz Mondri," "The Great Miracle." No charge for admission. 4 p. m. Pentecostal service, conducted by the Rev. E. S. Dunham of the Central Ohio Conference. 7 p. m. Song service. 7:30 p. m. Anniversary of the church extension society, Rev. Geo. W. Stevens, presiding. Speakers: Rev. W. P. Eveland, Ph D., Rev. M. S. Hard, D. D. THURSDAY, MARCH 27. 8:30 a. m. Conference session, opened with devotional exercises conducted by Rev. E. S. Dunham. 3 p. m. Missionary sermon by Rev. A. L. Miller. 3 p. m. Anniversary of Sunday school union and Tract society, Rev. F. W. Biddle presiding. Speaker: Rev. Chas. Roads, D. D. Subject: "Practical Standard for a Well Organized Methodist Sunday School." 4 p. m. Pentecostal service conducted by Rev. E. S. Dunham. 7 p. m. Song service. 7:30 p. m. Anniversary of education society and Twentieth Century Thank Offering, Rev. B. C. Conner, presiding. Speakers: Rev. W. F. McDowell, D. D., Rev. E. M. Mills, D. D. FRIDAY, MARCH 28. 8:30 a. m. Conference session. Devotions conducted by Rev. E. S. Dunham. 2 p. m. Anniversary Woman's Home Missionary Society. Song service, conducted by Prof. J. M. Black. Mrs. A. W. Black, presiding. 2:35 p. m. Opening exercises, conducted by Mrs. George Edward Reed. Music.....Congregation Report of Conference Corresponding Secretary.....Mrs. T. L. Tomkinson Solo.....Miss Mary G. Meek, Bellefonte Address.....Rev. C. W. Gallagher, D. D. Benediction.....Rev. T. L. Tomkinson 4 p. m. Pentecostal service, conducted by Rev. E. S. Dunham. 7:30 p. m. Song service. 8 p. m. Lecture by Rev. Ward Beecher Pickard, D. D., Pastor Epworth Memorial Methodist Episcopal church, Cleveland, Ohio. Subject, "The House that Jack Built." Admission 50 cents. SATURDAY, MARCH 29. 8:30 a. m. Conference session, devotions conducted by Rev. E. S. Dunham. 10 a. m. Meeting of Laymen's Association in Presbyterian church. Program below. 2 p. m. Meeting of Conference Mutual Beneficial Association, in lecture room. 2:30 p. m. Anniversary Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. Mrs. J. Ellis Bell presiding. Music. Scripture Reading. Prayer. Music.

Report of Conference Sec'y Miss Mary McLeod Address.....Miss Agnes M'Alister, of Africa Collection. Benediction. 4 p. m. Pentecostal service, conducted by Rev. E. S. Dunham. 7 p. m. Song service. 7:30 p. m. Anniversary Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society. Rev. P. F. Eyer, presiding. Speakers: Rev. W. W. Hartman, B. D., Rev. W. P. Thirkield, D. D. SUNDAY SERVICES, MARCH 30. 9 a. m. Conference Love Feast, led by Rev. B. B. Hamlin, D. D. 10:30 a. m. Preaching by Bishop John M. Walden, D. D., LL. D. ORDER OF WORSHIP. 2:30 p. m. Ordination of Deacons and Elders, Bishop Walden officiating, followed with Evangelical service conducted by Rev. E. S. Dunham. 4 p. m. Mass meeting for men, in the Court House, under the auspices of the Bellefonte Y. M. C. A., secretary Frank Gamel, presiding. Address by Rev. J. W. Hill, D. D. Subject, "Shedowed." Special music. All men invited. 7 p. m. Song service. 7:30 p. m. Anniversary Missionary Society, Rev. J. Ellis Bell, presiding. Speakers: Rev. W. M. Fryeinger, D. D., Rev. S. L. Baldwin, D. D. 7:30 p. m. Anniversary Conference Epworth League, in the Presbyterian church. Rev. R. H. Gilbert, presiding.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE SECRETARY MISS MARY McLEOD ADDRESS.....MISS AGNES M'ALISTER, OF AFRICA COLLECTION. BENEDICTION. 4 P. M. PENTECOSTAL SERVICE, CONDUCTED BY REV. E. S. DUNHAM. 7 P. M. SONG SERVICE. 7:30 P. M. ANNIVERSARY FREEDMAN'S AID AND SOUTHERN EDUCATION SOCIETY. REV. P. F. EYER, PRESIDING. SPEAKERS: REV. W. W. HARTMAN, B. D., REV. W. P. THIRKIELD, D. D. SUNDAY SERVICES, MARCH 30. 9 A. M. CONFERENCE LOVE FEAST, LED BY REV. B. B. HAMLIN, D. D. 10:30 A. M. PREACHING BY BISHOP JOHN M. WALDEN, D. D., LL. D. ORDER OF WORSHIP. 2:30 P. M. ORDINATION OF DEACONS AND ELDERS, BISHOP WALDEN OFFICIATING, FOLLOWED WITH EVANGELICAL SERVICE CONDUCTED BY REV. E. S. DUNHAM. 4 P. M. MASS MEETING FOR MEN, IN THE COURT HOUSE, UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE BELLEFONTE Y. M. C. A., SECRETARY FRANK GAMES, PRESIDING. ADDRESS BY REV. J. W. HILL, D. D. SUBJECT, "SHEDOWED." SPECIAL MUSIC. ALL MEN INVITED. 7 P. M. SONG SERVICE. 7:30 P. M. ANNIVERSARY MISSIONARY SOCIETY, REV. J. ELLIS BELL, PRESIDING. SPEAKERS: REV. W. M. FRYEINGER, D. D., REV. S. L. BALDWIN, D. D. 7:30 P. M. ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCE EPWORTH LEAGUE, IN THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. REV. R. H. GILBERT, PRESIDING.

Opening exercises. (1) Singing, "Faith of Our Fathers." (2) Recitation of Apostles Creed. (3) Prayer, concluded with Lord's Prayer. (4) Scripture Lessons. (5) Anthem by choir. (6) Offering for League Treasury. (7) Singing, "Onward Christian Soldiers." Addresses. (1) Brief Report by Statistical Secretary. (2) Letter from Mrs. B. E. Staples, Conference secretary. (3) Short address by Conference Pres't, Rev. R. H. Gilbert. (4) Address by Rev. Jos. F. Berry, D. D. Closing exercises. (1) Singing, "My Faith Looks up to Thee." (2) Prayers. (3) Recitation of Pledge and Motto. (4) Doxology and Benediction.

APPOINTMENTS IN OTHER CHURCHES. Presbyterian Church—10:30 a. m. Rev. Geo. Edward Reed, S. T. D., LL. D. 7:30 p. m. Anniversary Conference Epworth League. Lutheran Church—10:30 a. m. Rev. William Moses. 7:30 p. m. Rev. B. H. Mosser, A. M. Reformed Church—10:30 a. m. Rev. M. L. Ganoe, D. D. 7:30 p. m. Rev. E. H. Witman. U. B. Church—10:30 a. m. Rev. Chas. Roads, D. D. 7:30 p. m. Rev. J. R. Dunkerly. Evangelical Church—10:30 a. m. Rev. T. S. Foss. 7:30 p. m. Rev. F. W. Biddle. Rev. Chas. Roads, D. D. will address a boy's meeting in the Y. M. C. A., at 4 o'clock. MONDAY, MARCH 31. 8:30 a. m. Conference session, devotions conducted by Rev. E. S. Dunham. 2 p. m. Conference memorial service. 7 p. m. Anniversary Bible Society, Rev. M. K. Foster, D. D., presiding. Speaker: Rev. James Morrow, D. D. TUESDAY, APRIL 1. 8:30 a. m. Conference session, devotions conducted by Rev. E. S. Dunham. LAYMAN'S ASSOCIATION. Saturday the Layman's Association will hold their Seventh Annual meeting in the Presbyterian church. The first session will be held in the morning and after the appointment of committees the president's address, by Prof. B. O. McEntire, of Dickinson College will follow. A paper will also be read by W. H. Sandford, of Patton, Pa., on "The Relation of the Pastor and the Official Layman to the Finances," with short discussions. In the afternoon Thos. H. Murray Esq. of Clearfield, will deliver an address on "What can the Layman do to bring the Church into closer and more vital contact with the people," to be followed by short discussion. Next will be an address by Hon. Chas. R. Lora, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Delaware. Prof. J. F. Davis, of Williamsport, will read a paper on "The Duty of the official Members to the special Services of the Church." This will be followed by the report of various committees and the election of officers. In the evening there will be a reception and banquet at the army.

ROCKERFELLERS GET \$14,000,000. Two of the big Rockerfeller companies—Standard Oil and Consolidated Gas—one day last week declared \$21,500,000 in dividends to the lucky persons who own stock in these corporations. Of this amount, \$20,500,000 represents the Standard Oil dividend of 20 per cent. on the \$100,000,000 of capitalization, while the gas company will disburse \$1,500,000 to its stockholders. John D. Rockerfeller, with his brother William, owns a controlling interest of \$55,000,000, in Standard Oil stock. John D. alone owns \$40,000,000 of the stock, so that he received that day cash \$8,000,000. William will get a paltry \$3,000,000.

Huyett's Stave Mill Burned. E. M. Huyett's stave mill, in the gap about two miles beyond Potters Mills, was totally destroyed by fire on last Thursday evening. The mill was erected about three years ago and was as good as new. The greater part of the machinery was ruined. There was little stock about the mill at the time, it having been shipped. The origin of the fire is not known; there is strong suspicion that it was set on fire.

Oil Discovered in Altoona. While drilling an artesian well at the Citizen's Ice Plant, Altoona, in the business section of the city on Friday, oil was struck at a depth 248 feet. This is the first petroleum discovered in that section and the people are wrought up over the strike.

VARIETY OF COUNTY NEWS

Items of Interest Gathered From All Sections

SHORT AND TO THE POINT

What Transpired Worthy of Brief Mention, the Past Week—News From Over the County—For Hasty Readers—A New Department

H. H. Ross, of Phillipsburg, gets an increase of pension to \$12. Harry Houtz, of Linden Hall, has an increase of pension to \$14. Farm hands are reported to be very scarce in Penns and Brush valleys. There will be an entertainment at Ax Mann on Saturday night, March 22nd. The Reformed church at Boalsburg is to be remodeled during the coming summer. A skimming station is in running order at Centre Hall, where the Howard creamery was destroyed. The smoke house of John D. Moors, west of Centre Hall, one night last week was robbed of four fine, large hams. H. I. Stahr will open a select school in Pine Grove Mills, April 14, to prepare teachers and students to enter college. Marshall Packer, a life long resident of Beech Creek, died Friday afternoon after a long illness from dropsy, aged 78 years. Many farmers have informed us that the wheat fields have shown up much improved in appearance since the snow has disappeared. Harry E. Sweetwood, of Spring Mills, left last Thursday for Wisconsin, where he has secured employment with Jack Swartz, at Monie. A. J. Graham, of Phillipsburg, was able to make a trip to Peale this week, the first in many months owing to a sore foot that kept him indoors. The citizens of Rebersburg are about to improve their water supply by installing a new system with 4-inch cast iron pipes from the gap 1 mile south of town. The wheat fields east of Spring Mills are reported as presenting a more promising appearance than those west of Spring Mills as far as the upper end of the valley. Calvin Stover won a fine umbrella at a bean guessing contest in Millheim recently by coming within one of guessing the exact number of beans, 1554, in a jar. Roland Keller, son of D. C. Keller, of near Centre Hall, formerly of Bellefonte, left last week for Cincinnati where he will be engaged as a shipping clerk in a large carriage factory. On Wednesday of last week Mrs. John Confer, while driving to her home in Holt's hollow over the Divide from Snow Shoe Intersection, slipped from the spring wagon and broke her hip. Henry J. Sones, of Shingletown, and Mrs. Jennie Biglow, of Stormstown, were married at her residence at Stormstown, Pa., on March 11, 1902; Rev. W. R. Dillen, of Port Matilda, officiated. At the beginning of the year Benner Way, of Buffalo Run, announced that he would have sale. Since then he has changed his mind, therefore there will be no sale at his premises this year. Daniel Grove, a well known farmer of Zion, a short time ago had a stroke of apoplexy, which affected his speech so as to disable him from speaking above a whisper, and he has been confined to his bed since. On Wednesday morning 12, Miss Irma Jones, and Mr. Charles Lingle, both of Miles were united in marriage at the brides home by Rev. R. H. Wharton. They were attended by Miss Edith Elise as bridesmaid and Mr. Claude Smith as best man. S. B. Shaffer, proprietor of the Old Fort hotel, has decided to quit the hotel business, and will move to Madisonburg April 1. Isaac Shaver will again become the landlord of that popular hotel. As both had applied for the license at that place, this will save the difficulty. The Centre County Sunday School Association will hold its annual convention at Millheim on the 8th of April. Each Sunday school in the county is entitled to two delegates. Will the superintendents of the different schools please see that delegates are appointed and their names reported to H. E. Duck. Jury Commissioner Wm. Robb, of Romola, has been ill for several weeks, threatened with pneumonia, but we are pleased to say, is better now. For that reason the drawing of jurors for April term was delayed. Owing to the Beckwith-murder trial the selection of this jury is awaited with more than usual interest. The young people of Pleasant Gap,

FACT, FUN AND FANCY.

Bright Sparkling Paragraphs—Selected and Original.

Now wireless telegraphy Has done astounding tricks We wonder when will come the day Of wireless politics. He kissed her and she screamed— This cannot be denied; Next time he did not kiss her— Then of course she cried. Mary had a little lamb; It was a tender beast. She took it to the Stock Exchange, And it was promptly fleeced. It seems fitting that quilts should be cast iron. The steeple-climber ought to be a high churchman. It is only a step from a pensive maiden to an ex-pensive wife. The baker who mixes his dough properly has a soft thing of it. Some people can express a trunk more intelligently than they can express an opinion. It is not absolutely necessary for a girl to make a display of her hose when she sprinkles the lawn. There is quite a difference between the man who sees an opportunity and the men who seize it. A Philadelphia paper declares that Archbishop Ryan was recently about to take a train for Baltimore at the Broad street station when a young man accosted him, saying: "Your face is familiar; where in hell have I seen you?" "I really don't know," replied the Archbishop, blandly; "what part of hell do you come from?"

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SCORED. A Scathing Opinion Delivered by Judge Love. Twelve members of the Christian Science church at Howard had a petition presented to our Court asking for a charter. On Wednesday the Court filed the following decree refusing the same: In matter of application for Charter of First Church of Christ Scientist, April T., 1902. "This is an application for a charter to incorporate the "First Church of Christ Scientist of Howard." The purpose set forth in the application is the worship of Almighty God according to the faith, doctrine, discipline and usages of said church of the United States of America. We have not been furnished with a copy of the discipline of said church. We are not therefore fully informed of its faith, purpose and usage. We, however, from other sources of information, are advised that the special object and purpose of the organization is to disseminate the doctrine of physical healing or cure by faith in the exercise of divine power. "From our investigation, the results of the practice based upon such doctrine have not demonstrated that they are certainly beneficial to society, but on the contrary have mostly proved to be failures and hurtful. "Those who practice the faith cure are mostly persons, uneducated, and subject to the influence of religious superstition and excitement, and those upon whom they seek to exercise their professed power are of the same class. Were the propaganda they advocate at all reliable, then it should be followed by certain, definite and beneficial results at all times. When such results follow their profession of faith, then they may have some right to denominate themselves "Christ Scientist." And when such results follow, then will flesh and blood cease to be mortal, and will be rendered spiritual and immortal. The necessity of sustaining life in accordance with natural laws will no longer be required. The ordinary food now used to furnish blood to sustain life will be unnecessary and useless. If, as they claim, all physical disease can be healed, regardless of, or without use of natural and scientific remedies, but by simple belief, then they ought to be able to restore life and raise the dead. So far as the practical results of their claims to Christian Science are concerned we can, from its results, view it only as a species of charity, that is more hurtful to society than beneficial, and rather deserves the ban of the law than its encouragement and protection. "We are therefore of the opinion we would not be warranted in granting the application, and it is therefore refused."

Fire at Lemont. Wednesday evening at 6 o'clock fire broke out on the second floor of a coach shop, at Lemont, that stood near the bridge, and the building with most of the contents was consumed. From there the flames extended to Andy Hassinger's residence which also was burned to the ground, much of the furniture being saved. The shop was owned by John Thompson. Wm. Miller, coachmaker, occupied the second floor and John Hassinger, blacksmith, the first floor. The Hassinger home was owned by Dr. J. Y. Dale.