

## A NARROW ESCAPE FOR FOUR MEN

Sudden Explosion of a Can of Powder Causes Trouble

## SEVERAL ARE BADLY BURNED

Clothes Take Fire and Had to Jump in the Creek—Some Sustained Bad Injuries—A Peculiar Accident Caused by a Spark.

On Thursday an accident took place up along the Bellefonte Central Railroad which might have ushered four young men into eternity in a twinkling of an eye. Charles Poorman is a section boss on the road, and working with him were three brothers, George, Oscar and Roy Grubb, all of Coleville. Thursday they had been working on the railroad as usual and when the noon hour came they were at the kilns of the American Lime & Stone Co., located south of the Chemical Lime Co.'s operations. There was an empty shanty there and the gentlemen went in for the purpose of eating their dinner. A fire was made in an old stove to which no pipe was attached, to warm their coffee. It seems that on a shelf, in the shanty, there was a can of powder setting, which was unnoticed by the gentlemen. After getting through with the meal they were lounging around in a restless way, when suddenly there was a terrific explosion, wrecking the shanty and seriously injuring the occupants.

When the explosion came Mr. Poorman was just going out the door so that his injuries were not as severe as that of the other three men who were on the inside. The clothes of the Messrs. Grubb caught fire, and the only way they could save themselves from being burned to a crisp was to run into the creek, and in this way extinguish the flames. While they took this precaution to save themselves from a horrible death they were unable to prevent themselves from being badly burned. Mr. Poorman, on seeing the powder condition of his companions, started for the engine house at Coleville, where he secured an engine and the three brothers were taken home. They were found to be seriously burned about the hands and face. The hair on Oscar's head was entirely burned off, and the flesh on his face almost hung from the bones. His eyes were swelled shut and for a short time his case was of a very serious character. The face and hands of Charles Grubb were also badly burned but his injuries were not as serious as those of the other two. His hair and ear burned but he was able to get up on Sunday and walk around. Mr. Poorman as stated was nearly out of the building when the explosion came so he fared better than the rest. When the boys were brought home Mrs. Frank Downing, a neighbor, went over and assisted in picking up the powder from Oscar's eyes which required a great deal of care so as not to increase the sufferings of the young man. The patients are receiving the best of care, and there is little doubt but what they will all recover.

### Not a Square Deal.

Last week "Pauline," the hypnotist, gave several entertainments in the opera house, with large houses. Saturday evening he suddenly stopped the show at 10 o'clock declaring that the stage that the management of the house was robbing him out of the receipts, stating that there were twice as many admissions to persons in the gallery as had paid. At first the audience thought that there might be some reason in his claim, and Mr. Garman came in for considerable criticism from the public. Since then the facts in the case have come to light and Mr. Garman is completely vindicated. Mr. Pauline had one of his own men on the gallery entrance who had complete control of the situation. This man had complained of not getting his back salary and during the day sold a great many tickets to boys at a cut rate, and these he did not account for at the settlement. This completely exonerates Mr. Garman, and it is only just to him that this explanation be made public, after he had been denounced in such a manner from the stage. While here he refused to conduct himself in a dignified manner to warrant him in denouncing other people. He left the town with \$400 in his inside pocket which represented his profits well here.

### A Quiet Xmas.

It was generally noted that we had an unusually quiet Xmas in Bellefonte this year, and when you come to think of it, there was a cause for this condition. Heretofore all the barrooms were open on Xmas morning, and the usual "favors" were given out to all callers, such as a free drink, or a fine flask, with a large punch bowl on the counter filled with "egg-nog" or "Tom and Jerry." Again a fellow would visit five such points of interest he would have enough booze under his skin to whoop like an Indian, and go home and kick his wife, or drum his children from the house. Such hospitality would draw men to town for miles around who by noon would be so hilarious that they never reached their homes in time to partake of a Xmas dinner with their wives and little ones. With no free drinks men remained at home and were sober, they enjoyed the day with their families. That is why Xmas was practically a quiet day in our town.

### 200 Bucks Killed.

State Game Protector Kalbfus estimates that 200 bucks, about one-fourth as many as usual, had been killed in Pennsylvania this season. His idea is that 30 does were also shot, although reports of killing of females, like one which came from Hamburg that four had been killed in one section, were found untrue. He does not believe that many does were shot by mistake.

## A NARROW ESCAPE.

On the night before Christmas Joseph McGowan, who resides near Roopsburg, came to Bellefonte to meet George Kemmerer who had come from Williamsport to spend Christmas with his parents. They were around town until about 10:30 o'clock when they started home. The Kemmerer family lives in what is known as the Mott property along the railroad leading to the Brokerhoff Mill, now operated by Curtis Wagner. The young men were in a sulky, and on arriving at the Kemmerer home they drove over the bridge, that crosses the race for the purpose of turning. There was snow on the ground and when they backed the horse the sulky slipped and the whole business went into the race which is three to four feet deep. The horse and conveyance fell on the top of the young men, and it was with difficulty they succeeded in saving their lives. They called for help and Edward Kemmerer came to their rescue, and with his aid they were able to escape without being injured above a few bruises and a cold bath. George Kemmerer had a dispute with him and that was found considerable distance, down the race, from where the accident took place. An effort was made to keep the horse from drowning but it was unsuccessful as the race is so narrow that it was impossible for them to do the necessary work to save it. The sulky and harness were badly broken. The place where the accident occurred is a hazardous one as there was no railing on the bridge or anything to protect people, in a dark night, from driving into the race.

### The Pig Roast.

Tuesday evening a representative of this paper had the pleasure of being the guest of the Centre Social Club whose elegant rooms are located above the Daily News office, from which the editors of that sheet must draw considerable inspiration. On entering the cosy and comfortable apartments we found a large table spread, containing everything that the appetite could crave. Conspicuous in the center of the table was a twenty-five pound roasted pig, holding in its mouth a big stalk of celery and tall hooked to the tray as if the boys were afraid their pigship would get away before they would get a chance to make it a part of their anatomy. It was well cooked, and the way some of the young men made the porker disappear it looked as if they hadn't eaten anything for a week or ten days. The festivities of the evening were kept up until the dawning of the new year when the members quietly disappeared. This club is made up of good jolly fellows whose aim in life is to be sociable, and spread good cheer wherever they go. When a man becomes their guest he is treated like a king, and when he leaves he has a strong inclination to return. The next time they have a pig roast we hope we will be invited to the feast.

### A Reception.

The social function of the season, at Milesburg, was the reception given on Thursday, Dec. 26, by J. A. Whitman and wife to their only son, Harry C. Whitman, who had been united in marriage to Cynthia O'Dess Confer, of Howard, on Christmas day. The bride and groom came in from Howard on the 4:30 p. m. train, and were driven in a duplicate to the parental home, where, in due time, there was assembled a large company of guests. After the serenade by the calathumpians the guests enjoyed the gathering with some excellent music. During the evening elaborate refreshments were served. The evening was well enjoyed by all who truly wish this happy young couple a life of continued happiness.

### A Farmer's Ill Luck.

Misfortunes certainly do not come singly to E. C. Stackhouse of Pine township Columbia county. A few months ago he lost his pocketbook containing \$200 while driving home from Bloomsburg and two weeks later his house with all its contents was destroyed by fire. Thursday night he went to the barn and had just entered the door when the lantern he carried exploded, setting fire to the building, which was entirely destroyed, together with the season's crops, farming implements, two horses and a cow. The loss will be about \$2,500.

### A Good Job.

Last week Jury Commissioners J. A. Hazel and Clement H. Gramley completed the work of filling the Jury Wheel for the coming year. The list was submitted to the Court, who, after a careful inspection, pronounced it the best selection of representative citizens of our county he had thus far seen, for this purpose. This was a decided compliment for Messrs. Hazel and Gramley, both Pennsylvanians "Dutch" if you please, but competent to perform their official duties. This year the wheel was filled in much less time than formerly, which is to their credit.

### Presents Worth Having.

Aunt Jane Smith, a woman in her ninetieth year, was the hostess at a remarkable dinner party at her home near Williamsburg. She entertained five generations of descendants fourteen guests in all, and reserved the chief surprise until the good things had been disposed of. Then she arose and personally presented each guest with a little envelope containing a crisp \$50 bill as a Christmas gift—\$700 in all.

### Early Closing for Stores.

Beginning Monday, Dec. 30th, and continuing until March 15th all the stores in Bellefonte will close at 6 o'clock p. m. with the exception of Wednesday and Saturday nights when they will remain open until the usual hour. This is a good move on the part of the merchants and will be appreciated by their employees.

### Another Weekly Paper.

The management of the Daily News of Renovo announces that since having their new daily now firmly established they will on or about January 15 issue a weekly edition of eight pages, which is calculated to serve patrons in the outlying districts in that portion of the county.

## 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Celebrated by Mr. and Mrs. F. Potts Green, of Bellefonte

## GUESTS ATTEND BOTH EVENTS

John P. Harris Was One of The Groomsmen—One of Bellefonte's Prominent Business Men and Leading Citizens.

Friday, F. P. Green, the Bellefonte druggist and wife, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary very pleasantly at their residence on the corner of Linn and Allegheny streets. During the day and evening their friends called to congratulate them on reaching the period of life when, in health and strength, they were thus able to celebrate this important event in the history of their lives. In the afternoon about 5:30 o'clock the following ladies and gentlemen partook of a beautiful repast, prepared with special care for the occasion: Dr. Charles Dimm and wife, Merrill Barber and wife, James Snodgrass and wife, Robert Snodgrass and wife, of Milesburg; Miles Green, Hannah Green, Mrs. Julia and Sue Gregg, of Milesburg; Hon. Harry Curtin and wife, of Roland; John P. Harris and wife, F. H. Thomas and wife, James R. Hughes and wife and Mrs. Wm. Gray, of Bellefonte.

Fifty years ago the wedding took place at Lewisburg. Part of the wedding party among whom was the groom Mr. Green, and his best man, John P. Harris, left Bellefonte in sleighs for Lewisburg, when they reached Milesburg the snow had disappeared compelling the party to abandon the sleighs and go the rest of the way in a carriage. During the marriage ceremony a snow storm came up and by the time the party was ready to start back there was a heavy fall of the beautiful, but the groom and his party were driven to Milesburg where they hitched the horses in the sleighs and proceeded to Bellefonte where they afterwards had considerable fun and enjoyment, and where the happy couple have since made their home, and today are enjoying the friendship and confidence of hosts of friends. All the wedding party are still alive with the exceptions of J. G. McMinn a groomsmen and Caroline Harris bridesmaid.

Frank P. Green is among the oldest merchants in the town, being in business here for over a half century. He belongs to one of the oldest and most representative families in Centre county.

John P. Harris is enjoying the fruits of a long and happy life. He has watched the growth of the town from the time it was a small hamlet and thus he is a regular student of its progress. It is to be hoped that Mr. and Mrs. Green may live many more years to enjoy the comforts of home and their friends.

## POLITICAL CALENDAR FOR 1908

January 15—Last day to purchase tax receipts and also registration day.  
January 25—Winter primary election day.  
February 8—The county commissioners shall notify the county chairmen in writing the names of all party officers to be filled at the primary election to be held on the second Saturday (April 11, 1908). This notice, includes the party officers and county officers.  
February 15—Spring election day.  
March 14—Last day for filing petitions with the Secretary of the Commonwealth to place names of candidates for Congress, judges of the courts, state national delegates to be nominated in the April 11, 1908, primary election.  
March 21—Last day for filing petitions with the county commissioners to place the names of candidates for the various party offices, namely: County Chairman, Sheriff, clerk of courts, county commissioner, registers of wills, treasurer, recorder of Deeds and the Auditors.  
April 11—Spring primary election day also registration day.  
September 3 and 11, also October 13—Regular registration days.  
October 3—Last day to purchase poll tax receipts.  
November 3—General election day.

### Family Gathering.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Kerstetter, Coburn, Dec. 29th, there was a family gathering consisting of the following children, son-in-laws and grandchildren: N. F. Braucht and wife, Dewart, J. M. Linn and wife, Flemington, N. J.; W. L. Hosterman and wife, L. Weaver and wife, W. T. Corman and wife, P. S. Kerstetter and wife, all of Coburn; C. F. Kerstetter, Dewart, Misses Lizzie, Lottie, Dollie and Katie, at home; grandchildren as follows: Master Arthur and Paul Braucht, Dewart; Master Lester and Stewart Hosterman, Guy Corman, Misses Dortha Whitley and Maud Weaver, all of Coburn; Miss Catharine Linn, Flemington, N. J. Children in the gathering consisted as follows: A. E. Meyer and wife, Mrs. Andrew Vanada, Coburn; Frank Miller, Millheim; Rev. C. F. Garrett, wife and son Ralph, Millheim; and Presiding Elder Reeser, of Carlisle, Pa. Each one enjoyed the courteous family blessing to the fullest, regretting only that time was of so short duration, each parting wishing Gods blessing and protection to father and mother and that such meetings may be continued for many years to come.

### Change of Schedule.

On Monday, January the 6th, a change of schedule will take place on the Bellefonte Central railroad which is as follows: Trains will leave Bellefonte for State College at 6:30 and 10:15 a. m. and 2 p. m. Trains will leave State College for Bellefonte at 8 and 11:30 a. m. and 5 p. m. It should be kept in mind that the afternoon train which now leaves Bellefonte for State College at 3 o'clock will leave an hour earlier under the new schedule.

## WEDDINGS.

KEELER-SARVEY.  
Walter Keeler and Miss Della Sarvey, of Bellefonte, were married at Lock Haven on Tuesday, 24th of Dec.

DAVIS-RICHNER.  
John A. Davis, of Howard, and Miss Katherine L. Richner, of Curtin, were married on Thursday, 26th, at the Evangelical parsonage by Rev. W. B. Cox.

MINCER-MILLER.  
Charles Mincer, of Castanea, and Miss Carrie Miller, of Bellefonte, were married on Thursday, December 26, by Alderman E. K. Parsons in Lock Haven.

PACKER-KENESKI.  
Alfred Frederick Packer, of Blanchard, and Agnes Susan Keneski, of Johnsonburg, were united in marriage at Lock Haven by Alderman E. K. Parsons last week.

LUCAS-TYSON.  
John B. Lucas and Miss Pearl Estella Tyson, both of Howard, were united in marriage at the United Evangelical parsonage Tuesday, Dec. 24, by Rev. W. B. Cox.

VAUGHN-CASHER.  
James Vaughn and Miss Nellie Casher, of Sandy Ridge, went to Phillipsburg Christmas eve and at 7 o'clock, accompanied by their attendants, wended their way to the Methodist parsonage, where they were happily united in marriage by Rev. S. D. Wilson.

NOLAN-THOMAS.  
On Monday evening 23rd Rev. D. Parshinger united in marriage Boyd Nolan and Miss Carrie K. Thomas. The wedding was held at the bride's home on Fairview street. Mr. Nolan is a young man and has a position with the P. R. R.

SIMMONS-NOONAN.  
Bellefonte friends of Miss Jennie M. Noonan, formerly of Bellefonte and a niece of James Noonan, landlady of the Grant house, now of Los Angeles, Cal., will be interested to learn that she was married on November 17th to Carl T. Simmons, of that place, but formerly of Kansas. Mr. and Mrs. Simmons have gone to housekeeping in Los Angeles, which city they expect to make their future home.

REISH-SOVER.  
On Thursday morning, Dec. 19th, Daniel Reish and Miss Rozie W. Stover were married at the Methodist parsonage, at Pleasant Gap, by Rev. J. B. Durkee. Mr. Reish is one of Pleasant Gap's model young men, and the bride is one of our fairest belles. The happy couple left on the afternoon train for a wedding trip to Lock Haven and other cities. They will make their future home in Pleasant Gap.

WETMORE-DALE.  
The daughter of Silas W. Wetmore, of Spartanburg, S. C., and Miss Katharine Dale, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. Y. Dale, which occurred at the home of the bride's parents at Lemont on noon on Wednesday Dec. 18. Only about twenty guests were present, which included the members of the two families and a few close relatives. The decorations were very simple.

Rev. George Israel Brown, of Harrisburg, performed the ceremony and the only attendants were Dr. and Mrs. David Dale, of Bellefonte, as best man and matron of honor. Mr. and Mrs. Wetmore left on the afternoon train for a few days wedding trip but returned in time to spend Christmas and at least part of the holidays at the Dale home in Lemont, before leaving for their future home in Spartanburg, S. C.

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## A HEAVY FINE FOR A MERCHANT

Failed to Secure a State License for Selling Oleomargarine.

## HAD GOVERNMENT LICENSE

Thought he had Complied With all Legal Provisions—No Effort to Conceal—Paid Fine of \$100 and Cost.

After playing detective, Pure Food Inspector H. L. Banzhoff secured evidence that T. B. Buddinger, a merchant at Snow Shoe, was selling oleomargarine without a license. He bought a sample and then brought suit.

Mr. Buddinger was away from home at the time, and upon his return met the inspector in Bellefonte. When it was made plain to him that he had failed to take out a state license in addition to the government license, he realized that he was caught and, to make a short job of it and avoid further costs, he paid the fine of \$100. Mr. Buddinger had been selling for some time and always stamped the article "Oleomargarine" according to his instructions, and never attempted to conceal what he was handling. The fact that it was necessary to secure an additional license from the state he did not know—is where he made his mistake.

Mr. Buddinger was in our office on Monday and was quite provoked over the manner in which he was separated from his money by the food inspector, and he denounces the law as an imposition. Had he tried to conceal the fact that he handled oleomargarine his motive might be subject to question, but as the case stood against him, he was fined, when he thought he had complied with all the requirements. Other dealers should bear in mind that it requires two licenses to handle oleomargarine—one from the general Government and another from the State, thus they can avoid an expensive fine.

## ADJOINING COUNTIES

Hon. James W. Fredricks of Lock Haven has decided to become a candidate for the Republican nomination for assembly from Clinton county.

Professor Percival Lowell, the famous authority on Mars, has new pictures of the planet which corroborate in striking manner his theory that it is the abode of intelligent life.

William A. Confer and Helen D. Karstetter, both of Loganton, Clinton county, were united in marriage Friday evening, Dec. 27, at the home of the bride's father, in Jersey Shore.

A great many farmers of Blair county are complaining of not being able to get their corn husked. Some have as much as fifteen hundred bushels in the fields, frozen to the ground.

At Butler, Pa., workmen excavating for vaults under the courthouse now being repaired struck a rich vein of coal today. It is believed it will pay to open a mine. The site has been used for a courthouse for 100 years.

Tony Perore, who resides near DuBois, now languishes in Clearfield, where he will be held for the next term of court on the charge of stealing chickens and turkeys. He is said to have stolen 2000 chickens and 33 turkeys, which entitles him to the championship belt in this connection.

An engagement of interest to many of our readers just announced is that of Miss Letty Robinson, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Robinson, of St. Louis formerly of Baltimore, and H. Joseph Patton of Philadelphia, son of the late Senator A. E. Patton, of Curwensville. The wedding will take place in the spring.

Two boys who were struggling in the icy water of a pond near the Clinton clay works at Lock Haven, on Sunday last, were barely saved from drowning by Jacob Finklestein, who crawled out on the ice and made a life-line of his coat. Each boy grabbed a sleeve and both were pulled out. The boys, Donald Nealy and Salyor Glace, broke through the ice while skating.

Joseph Filsen, aged 24 years, an employe of the Standard machine works at Burnham, Mifflin county, who went to Harrisburg to spend his Xmas vacation, was found dead in bed at the home of his uncle in that city on Saturday morning, having been asphyxiated by illuminating gas. It is supposed that on retiring he blew out the light instead of turning off the gas.

## Annual Installation.

Headquarters Gregg Post, No. 95, Dept. of Pa. G. A. R., Bellefonte, Pa., Dec. 31st, '07. The annual installation of the officers elect of Gregg Post, No. 95, will occur at the next regular meeting, Jan. 11th 1908. Inspector of the Department William H. Green, of Philadelphia, will perform the installation ceremony.

It has been decided to have supper for the Post and all visiting comrades, in the Post room, beginning at 5:30 p. m. Installation ceremony at 8. Friends of the G. A. R. are cordially invited to be present, as the installation will be public. "Fall in!"

EMANUEL NOLL, H. B. PONTIUS, Adjutant, Commander.

## Birthday Surprise.

On Xmas evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. John Speerly, at Roopsburg, through the invitation of his wife, it being the thirty-sixth anniversary of his birth, some friends took him completely by surprise. It is needless to say they all enjoyed themselves and at 10 o'clock there was a fine supper prepared by his wife. All present report a good time.

A merry Christmas was spent at Sunnyside, at the home of L. C. Jordan. All the children were present as well as other guests.

## FACT, FUN AND FANCY

Bright, Sparkling Paragraphs—Selected and Original.

That a floating debt is a poor life preserver. One of Adam's sons was the first Able-bodied man.

It's a good thing to be good, but don't be a good thing. The man of irregular habits may be a regular nuisance.

Being color blind won't prevent a fellow from feeling blue. It's a good plan to mind your own business. If you don't someone else will.

Some people spend all their lives saying the things they regret and regretting the things they didn't say. WON THE PRIZE.

At a party recently they were playing a game which consisted in everybody in the room making a face, and the one who made the worst face was awarded a prize. They all did their level best and then a gentleman went up to one of the ladies and said:

"Well, madam I think you have won the prize, for I don't know—is where he made his mistake."

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