

FIVE TIMES BURNED.

Chicoora Experiences a Conflagration That Disheartens Citizens. TWENTY-FOUR HOUSES DESTROYED. An Ill-Fated Town in the Center of the Oil Producing District.

CLEARING AWAY DEBRIS AT TITUSVILLE

(SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.) CHICOORA, Pa., June 14.—This place, for the fifth time in its history, had the business portion of the town swept out by fire last night. Each time, Phoenix-like, it has risen from the ashes, but the blow it received last night will be one from which it will not recover. It is hardly probable that any of the 24 buildings that went up in smoke last night will be replaced, owing to the depression in the oil industry and several recent financial disasters in the town.

The fire started at midnight in Miss McGinley's restaurant on West Slippery Rock street and spread with alarming rapidity. The volunteer hose company responded to the call, but the water pressure was so light that little progress was made in staying the fire. The buildings were old and of the typical oil country kind and burnt like tinder. Those residing in the vicinity of the point at which the fire broke out saw that their houses and stores were doomed and turned their attention to saving their effects. The fire communicated to Mrs. Harris' millinery store on the east and crossed over to the north side of the street, igniting Adinger's shoe shop. Both sides of the street were burning and the devouring flames were starting on a mad race toward Main street.

The loss and insurance. The loss to buildings and contents will reach nearly \$50,000, upon which there was an insurance of \$100,000. E. F. Hayes had \$4,000 on a \$14,000 stock. Dr. De Wolf \$2,500 on a \$5,000 stock, S. Frank \$1,500 on a \$2,000 stock, George Glass \$300 on a \$1,500 stock. On the buildings there was no insurance. The heaviest losers are D. Adinger, G. F. Fetzer and H. Frederiek. The origin of the fire is a mystery, but it is supposed to have been caused by a lamp exploding in the McGinley restaurant. Owing to the high rate of insurance—8 per cent and the great depression, but few were protected against fire. Millerstown, or recently Chicoora, as it is called, grew, and at one time it had a population of more than 5,000. With the disappearance of the oil excitement it has now dwindled down to less than 1,000 inhabitants.

It received its first baptism of fire on the morning of April 1, 1874. It started in the hotel and seven lives were lost and the whole business part of the town was laid in ashes. A year later another conflagration broke out and swept away \$50,000 worth of property. On December 6, 1877, it was again visited, and this disaster wiped out \$200,000 worth of property in less than three hours. Again in 1884 it was visited, entailing a loss of \$30,000. The fire last night, while less in magnitude than some of the former disasters, will be more deeply felt because of the reduced circumstances of the sufferers. A subscription was started last night and \$500 was raised for the most needy.

RELIEF AT TITUSVILLE.

Fifty Thousand Already Subscribed, Only One-Fifth of What is Wanted—Committees Investigate into the Needs of the Community and Make Reports.

TITUSVILLE, June 14.—[Special.]—Hon. Lewis Emery, Jr., of Bradford, accompanied by Messrs. J. C. Greenwald, A. M. Mayer and S. A. Terrell, the quartet of delegates from a relief committee appointed by the Mayor of that city, were here to ascertain the extent of the damage and the needs of the people. Mayor L. P. Clark, of Erie, and ex-Mayor F. Adams, were also here for the same purpose. Mayor Clark brought with him \$1,000 of the \$5,000 that had been raised in his city, and left it with the promise that the balance would be forwarded at once.

Fully 8,000 men, women and children most of whom ten days ago were comparatively prosperous and happy are to-day veritable paupers, depending on charity for their support. They have all got to have food, clothes, places to live and work. To accomplish this large sum of ready money must be forthcoming and that at once. The \$50,000 already given has done much good, but was only a drop in the bucket to what is required. This city needs to use at once fully \$250,000.

A committee was appointed consisting of Colonel J. J. Carter, Chairman, Oliver Sherman, Esq., C. J. Andrews and H. C. Bloss to issue a memorial to the Mayors of every city in the Union imploring financial aid. The memorial will cover an exact account of the great disaster, a map of the devastated district, a correct list of the needy, the requirements of the hour and all needed information for a regular bureau for the transaction of the business of the committee will be established and work be transacted in a common sense and business-like manner.

Colonel John J. Carter returned last night from Minneapolis, where he was a delegate to the recent Republican Convention. He showed the autographs of Pennsylvania delegates attached to a piece of common print paper, the whole amount of the subscription amounting to \$4,800. This amount was augmented by \$500 when Colonel Elliot F. Shepard, of New York, walked over and wrote his name to the list. Shepard's was the only name signed outside of the Pennsylvania contingent.

Subscriptions came in very slowly to-day, but \$2,680.92 being added to the fund. This makes a total in the hands of Treasurer Hong to-night of \$47,480.92, exclusive of the Minnesota's contribution and the 65 percent of the \$25,000 donated by the Standard Oil Company and the majority of Joseph Seep, City Surveyor Joseph Smith, who was appointed to investigate and report on the feasibility of attempting to temporarily turn Oil Creek into its original channel below the city, has decided against the proposed action, and recommended the appointing of a committee to wait on the Governor and state the alarming and dangerous condition of the stream at this point and ask for State aid. Mr. Smith says there is no doubt regarding Oil Creek coming under the head of navigable streams. His report was accepted and the committee will be appointed at once, with full power to act.

AN ASTRONOMICAL CLUB

To Have the Free Use of a Fine Observatory and Telescope. Wanted—A few more gentlemen and ladies to join our astronomical club. The free use of a five-thousand dollar (\$5,000) observatory outfit is offered to the members for the practical study of the grand and sublime science. Those only connected with intellectual and professional pursuits are asked to send their address to HENRY BERGER, Observatory Hill, Allegheny, Pa.

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Are evidences of taste and judgment. If you haven't seen those elegant Kid Slippers at 75 Cents you have missed much. Our \$1 Oxfords for quality and fit need not take a back seat.

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Is, without a doubt, as fine as taste could desire. More money can be invested in other goods, but to no better advantage. Leaving the Slipper Department to your personal review, we drift to the

YOUTHS' DEPARTMENT.

It is at this season when the small boy notices style as much as his father. He wants to wear about the same kind of a shoe, and he can find them. A new line of Patent Leather Button Boots are just in—they are beauties. Then there's the Russia—the Russett—the Kangaroo—the Calf—either spring or heeled, lace or button. EVERY WIDTH, EVERY SHAPE, EVERY SIZE.



OUR TENNIS SHOES are correct for all field sport; all the colors and checks—every department shows these goods. In fact, this great stock never contained such admirable footwear as it does now.

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Values and Prices That Can't Be Matched.

Bedford Cords, latest printings, at 8 3/8c, worth 12 3/8c. Llama Cloths, dark and light grounds, at 10c, were 12 3/8c. Figured Irish Lawns, 40 inches wide, at 12 3/8c, worth 18c. Canton Crepes, neat designs, at 15c, were 25c. "Freres Koechlin" French Satines, all this season's choicest printings, 25c, were 37c.

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The Spring Season is nearing an end. SPRING DRESS GOODS MUST GO. Cost cuts no figure now, so come at once for

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In Dress Goods and Silks. We won't wait until after the Fourth of July to reduce stock; we'll do it right now.

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THREE SPECIALS THIS WEEK.

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EACH ONE A BARGAIN.

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Wilton Carpets, Axminster Carpets, Velvet Carpets, Body Brussels Carpets, Tapestry Carpets, And all kinds of Ingrain Carpets. Everything new in style, choice in color. All at

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Wall Paper in every quality and style for wall and ceiling. Special styles in choice colors. You should see our stock before you buy.

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All the latest Summer shapes now on hand. Quick service; no provoking delays.

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Fall designs in Seal and all other Furs now ready for inspection. To have new garments made now, or old ones repaired or altered, means quite a saving in dollars and cents to you, as our summer rates are now on. I will guarantee a perfect fit, the very best of material and workmanship, and the lowest rates. Seal Garments preserved during the Summer.

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I will sell for one week 1,000 Solid Gold Rings, like the above, at \$1 each—ladies, gents and misses.

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It cures even when all other remedies fail. The simple application of this ointment, without the aid of internal medicine, eradicates every form of Skin Disease, from Simple Pimples to the most obstinate Eczema. 60 Cts. per Box. Sold Everywhere. Write for book, "Hints for Eczema and Skin Sores," free. JOHNSTON, HOLLOWAY & CO., Philadelphia. my11-16-wv

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CREDIT KOEHLER'S Installment House

We occupy the entire building 17 Sixth Street, MEN'S AND BOY'S Clothing on Credit (Ready-Made & to Order.) LADIES' CLOAKS & JACKETS, Watches & Jewelry, ON INSTALLMENTS. Cash Prices—Without Security.

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KAUFMANN'S GREAT MIDSUMMER REDUCTION SALE MEN'S FURNISHING GOODS.

A combination of causes will make purchasing in our Furnishing Goods Department a bonanza during the next ten days. Five celebrated manufacturers of Underwear, Neckwear, Night Shirts, Outing Shirts, etc., anxious to dispose of the balance of their summer stocks, knocked them down to us at our own terms. For every dollar's worth of goods we bought we paid about 33 1/2 cents, and for every dollar's worth of goods you'll buy, you'll have to pay about 40 cents. The difference of 6 1/2 cents will pay our expenses and leave us a fair profit besides. Provided, however, that we can turn the goods into cash within ten days. If buying a dollar's worth of goods for forty cents is an inducement to you, we shall succeed. Simultaneously with this sale, we shall also close out a big portion of our own stock at correspondingly low figures. On this we will have to stand the loss, but the season being late and our stock large, our business judgment approves of the action. Now, then, gentlemen, if you would consult your interest, read the following—then come in and buy:

MAUCHAUFFEE'S FRENCH UNDERWEAR.

Nothing finer and cooler for the summer season—received the Golden Medal at the Paris Exposition—at the following unprecedentedly low figures: 100 dozen Mauchauffee's celebrated French Underwear, all sizes, worth \$1.25, AT ONLY 50c. 100 dozen Mauchauffee's extra fine French Yarn Undershirts and Drawers, soft as silk; worth \$1.50, AT ONLY 65c. 200 dozen Mauchauffee's celebrated 2-thread French Balbriggan Underwear (Shirts, sizes 34 to 46; Drawers, 28 to 44), trimmed with red neck; worth \$1.75, AT ONLY 75c. 70 dozen Mauchauffee's finest 2-thread Balbriggan Underwear; worth \$2.25, AT ONLY 98c. 50 dozen Mauchauffee's extra size Balbriggan Underwear for fat men; worth \$1.50, AT ONLY 69c. 5 cases fine Domestic Balbriggan Underwear, in flesh and gold colors; worth 60c, AT ONLY 35c. 3 cases finest Domestic Colored Balbriggan Underwear, silk finish; worth 75c, AT ONLY 39c. 3 cases of finest Domestic Balbriggan Underwear (frequently sold by unreliable dealers as the genuine French Goods); worth \$1, AT ONLY 42c. 35 dozen Conradi Friedmann's Pure Silk Underwear; worth \$4, AT ONLY \$2.50. 20 dozen genuine French Silk Plaited Balbriggan Underwear, value, \$3; AT ONLY \$1.50.



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\$1.00 For extra fine Madras Cloth Outing Shirts, with Natic Collar (see cut), in very latest pink and blue shades, fine as silk, soft as down and cool as a cucumber; regular price being \$2.

75c For choice from 3,000 finest Madras and Cheviot Outing Shirts, mostly odds and ends and broken sizes, all with laundered collars and cuffs; light and dark patterns; regular prices \$1.50 to \$2.50.

65c For the celebrated "Eagle" Brand Outing Shirts, with patent non-shrinkable neck-band; never sold below \$1.25.

48c This is the greatest bargain of them all! Pause and ponder: Only 48c for genuine Silk-mixed Madras Outing Shirts, sizes 14 to 17, and usually sold at \$1.

GREAT SALE OF NIGHT SHIRTS

That'll Awaken the People and Put to Sleep Competitors.

Messrs. Steiner & Sons, the manufacturers of the celebrated "Universal" Night Shirt, have closed the balance of their stock to us at prices that make it possible for us to name the following ridiculously low prices:

32c For good Muslin Night Shirts, cut full length, trimmed bosom, pockets and cuffs; regular price, 75c.

49c For extra quality Muslin Night Shirts, with handsomely embroidered or silk-trimmed bosom, cuffs and pockets, full length; regular price, \$1.

59c For very fine Muslin Night Shirts, with 2 rows of handsome silk or Swiss embroidery; extra long; regular price, \$1.10.

74c For finest Night Shirts, made of best "Pride of the West" muslin and richly trimmed with silk embroidery; regular price, \$1.50.

98c For finest Cambric Night Shirts, trimmed with exquisite silk embroidery in beautiful floral designs; regular prices, \$1.75, \$2 and \$2.25.

A lot of PAJAMAS, worth \$3, at \$1.63.



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No doubt of it—we sell more Neckwear than any five stores in town combined. During the next 10 days, however, we shall surpass even our own best records and sell as much Neckwear in a day as we have ever sold before in a week. These prices will do it:

25c FOR FINE SILK ASCOTS, in stylish light and dark patterns, and worth 75c.

25c FOR FINE SILK PUFFS, in fine Summer, China and Crepe Silks; worth 75c.

25c FOR FINE SILK 4-IN-HANDS, in fashionable figured China and Foulard Silks; worth 75c.

25c FOR FINE FLOWING END SCARFS, in extra fine light and dark Summer Silks; worth 75c.

25c FOR LATEST ENGLISH SILK BOWS, for high-back turn-down collars; silk covered shield; worth 65c.

36c For your choice from a large line of fine Neckwear, in Puffs, Tecks and 4-in-Hands; sold formerly at \$1 and over.

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500 dozen fine 4-gar: tan and grey; worth

1 Half Hose, in black, brown, y 10c per pair.

170 dozen finest Drop Stitch, Fast Black Half Hose, double soles; spliced heels and toes; worth 40c;

At 19c per pair.

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100 dozen fine White, Laundered Dress Shirts; guaranteed extra grade Muslin bosom and perfect fitting; worth \$1; at only 39c.

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