

The Bloomfield Times.

Tuesday, December 13, 1870.

LOCAL DEPARTMENT.

OUR TERMS

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CORRESPONDENTS will please bear in mind that letters received later than Saturday evening, or the down mail on Monday morning have to lay over until the following week.

NOTICE.

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J. L. EVINGER, Centre.
GEORGE CRIST, Green Park.
JOHN BIXLER, Sandy Hill.

It is stated that on taking up the body of a child of Mr. Isaac Hoffer, at Lebanon, recently, the head and upper part of the breast was found to be completely and perfectly petrified.

One Day last week several "tramps" lured a tame bull belonging to J. Shumaker, near Manheim, into a wood and killed it. They took off the hide and sold it to a tanner for \$2.

What was the Matter?—A few days since, Mr. Kell, residing near Blue Ball, killed several hogs, one of which, when cut open, was as yellow as gold, smelled very badly, and seemed nearly rotten. Before being killed, this one ate with as good an appetite, and appeared as well as any of the others. It was dragged out and buried.—We recorded two such instances last fall.

Landisburg claims to have raised some fine hogs this season, and a correspondent furnishes the following list of those killed and the net weight:

Table with 2 columns: Name and Weight. Includes George Shuman (308 lbs), A. Burne (418 lbs), D. Charities (278 lbs), D. Keck (277 lbs), J. M. Wilson (303 lbs), L. O'Neil (370 lbs), Dr. Ellerman (404 lbs), S. Campbell (40 lbs).

There are, besides, several heavier ones yet to kill.

We call the particular attention of our readers this week, to the advertisement of Messrs. JARDEN & Co., 136 South Front St. Philadelphia, Agents for Carsons Stellar Oil.

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For The Bloomfield Times.

The Markelville Calamity.

Mr. Editor—Sir, although we had three shocking events in our county last week, the one near Markelville attracts special attention. We hear different reports in regard to the origin of that dreadful fire, and some of a most astonishing character. But while the thing appears to be a mystery, it is certain that the fire originated by some means or other, and it is evidently calculated to teach us all some important lesson. What that lesson may be, perhaps no one is better prepared to comprehend than young Mr. Boyer, whose life—it appears, from his own statement—has been providentially spared on this occasion. We hope a little time will reveal more light in regard to the origin of this terrible calamity.

E. DORTCHBURG.

Church Notices.

In the Methodist church, prayer-meeting on Thursday evening. Preaching on Sunday-morning, at 10 o'clock by Rev. W. Shuber. Other Church notices not sent in.

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THE MARKELVILLE TRAGEDY!

Coroner's Inquest, and The Verdict of The Jury.

So many rumors were in circulation regarding the origin of the recent fire at Markelville that an inquest was requested by Thos. J. Boyer. Coroner Clemson accordingly held an inquest on Thursday and Friday last, the remains of the deceased being raised for that purpose. Below we give an abstract of the testimony taken, and the finding of the jury.

Thos. J. Boyer was sworn and testified as follows.—Before going to bed I and my mother put some wood in the oven to dry, and filled the coal oil lamp as sister Bessie was not very well, and mother wished to leave a light burning. About 3 o'clock I was waked by some means, and looking out of the window I saw that the house was on fire. I then ran to the stairway and the flames and smoke was coming up and I turned and went into my room again raised the window and jumped out. The window was at the North end of the house, I fell in the gutter and laid there some time, I do not know how long as I was stunned, I got up as soon as I could and ran around the house. I thought I could get into the house at the hind door. The back porch was then all on fire, I picked up a rail or board at the bee house and knocked in the bed room window where the family slept, and called for them several times I do not know how often, I then threw a crock which was hanging on the fence, in the same window, called again, but heard nothing. I then ran to the house of Mr. Lesh, my brother-in-law, waked him and ran back calling for help. When I got back the house seemed to be alive all over. When I knocked in the window of the bed-room the smoke and sparks came out, and prevented me from getting to the window. * * Mother and I had rendered tallow at the spring house the day previous. The lamp was set on the kitchen table by my mother before I went to bed but where she put it afterwards I do not know. The kitchen door was always left open into the bed-room where they slept. The front porch was on fire when I came back to the house. The window that I jumped out of, was about 22 feet from the ground, my clothes were all burnt up. I cannot tell how the house caught fire.

Dr. Ard, sworn.—I made an examination of the 4 persons, one male, one female, the sex of the other persons, was not recognizable. I found nothing to indicate death except fire. I should think to the best of my judgment that it would be impossible for death to be produced by smoke or fire without a change of position, or a mighty struggle. I missed on last Wednesday a week about 6 o'clock in the evening 7/8 ounces of chloroform, I am in the habit of leaving my office open. The effect of chloroform is to produce insensibility and destroy nervous sensation. The amount of 7/8 ounces, sprinkled in an ordinary room would produce insensibility to as many as might be sleeping there.

Dr. Van Camp, affirmed.—I examined the remains of the 4 persons said to be John Boyer and his wife and 2 children. I could not tell by the appearance, by what means they came to their death. The remaining portions of the lungs gave evidence of congestion which might have been produced by suffocation from smoke or gasses. I was present at the taking out of the bodies and my impression is that none of them had moved except one, which seemed to be toward the foot of the bed, I also agree with Dr. Ard as to the effect of chloroform, or gasses.

A. B. Clouser, sworn.—I saw Thomas Boyer go into the office of Dr. Ard, on the 30th of November.

James G. Lesh, affirmed.—On the 2nd of December, I borrowed my father-in-law's gun, as I was going to butcher. Returned home about 11 o'clock p. m. My intention was to leave the gun at Mr. Boyer's, as I had a heavy load in it, and was afraid my children might meddle with it. I looked in the window from the road on the west of the house, saw no light, passed to the east along the road, and saw no light, went home not wishing to disturb them. * * I was awakened by Thos. Boyer rapping at my door and calling 'fire.' I got on my clothes, ran out, and up the road, and Thomas was crying all the time for help. I caught up with him at the cherry-tree between my house and the fire, and asked him whether the family were in the house, and he said they were. I then saw that both the windows at the east end of the house were dark, and thought there was hope. I therefore ran to the window at the east end of the bedroom and knocked it in with my hand. Just as I was about jumping in I was met by a dark volume of smoke. I suppose the window was from 4 to 5 feet from the ground. In a moment the window was encircled with fire. I ran to the next window in the same side of the house and broke in that, and smoke and fire came from that also. I then remarked to Thomas that it was over, and was impossible to save them. * * When I came up the road the fire made a great light—it was at twenty-five minutes before 4 o'clock.

W. S. Blain, sworn.—I came to the fire between 3 and 4 o'clock. The fire was then coming out of the two windows at the bed-room. I saw no fire anywhere else but at those two windows. I am positive there was no fire anywhere else on the outside of the house. Lesh and Thomas were at the hog pen. Thomas was lying on the ground at the time. When I came back the second time the doors and windows appeared to be all burst open, (I mean by the sec-

ond time when I came from Lupfer's.) When I saw those objects that I supposed to be the parents of the Boyer family, they were lying in a sleeping position.

James Blain, sworn.—I was awakened by a cry of fire about 3 o'clock on Saturday morning, the 3d of December. I live east of Boyer's house; ran out on the porch, and saw fire coming out of the window of the room occupied as their bed-room. It was going up the east corner of the house. I saw no fire on the porch at this time. It was calm at that time, but the wind soon came strong from the west, so that I thought there was no danger of the barn. When I came to the house I met Lesh and inquired where Boyer and the family was; he replied, "My God! they are all burned up!" and he seemed to think there was foul means used. * * My opinion is that the fire originated in the bed-room.

George W. Reamer, sworn.—I live about one-half a mile from Mr. Boyer's, I had a good view of the buildings. When alarmed at the cry of fire, my wife said it was ten minutes to 4 o'clock. * * * When I first discovered the fire, I think it was at the south-east corner of the house.

Mary S. Blain was sworn, and testified that she thinks the fire originated in the East corner of the house or bed-room, as she saw no fire in the West corner. Neither did she see any fire on the porch.

Philip Myers, sworn.—I helped to lift the bodies of Mr. and Mrs. Boyer, and the children, and think they were lying in a sleeping position.

Samuel Lupfer, J. K. Lupfer and J. P. Latchford, were each examined, giving their opinion that the fire originated in the East corner of the house.

B. F. Bealor, sworn.—As regards the position of the bodies of the Boyer family, they were found in a sleeping position.

The testimony was here closed, and referred to the jury for their decision, who returned a verdict as follows:

"We the coroner's jury come to the conclusion, that John P. Boyer, Jane A. Boyer, Elizabeth Boyer, and John Boyer, came to their deaths by having chloroform, or some other poisonous substance administered, and then the house set on fire to consume the bodies, by some person or persons, to the jury unknown.

Signed JOHN W. SMITH, W. R. S. COOK, ELIAS HARRMAN, JAMES BARKLEY, W. E. CLEMONS, WILLIAM BESON, CYRUS CLIMSON, Coroner.

Local Briefs.

The Teachers' Institute of this county will meet in this borough on the 26th inst.

We are sorry to say that the Altoona Daily Sun has suspended. The weekly will be continued as usual.

On Friday night last, a large stable attached to the Cumberland Valley Hotel was burned—supposed to be the work of an incendiary.

The Harrisburg State Journal says roses were in bloom in the yards in that city last week.

One night last week the barn belonging to the York county poor-house, was burned, with a large amount of vegetables, hay, live stock, &c.

A. J. Hartzel, of Newport, has been missing since the 22nd of November. His friends are much alarmed about him. Any person knowing anything of his whereabouts, will confer a favor, by addressing M. L. Hartzel, Newport.

On Wednesday morning last, Mr. Wm. Grier, of this borough, was slightly injured while helping to raise a small building on his premises, by a piece of timber falling, the end hitting him on the cheek bone.

On the last day of November or the first of December, a bottle of Chloroform containing nearly half a pound, was stolen from the office of Dr. Ard, in this borough. Rather a queer thing to steal, unless the thief had some very particular operation in view.

On Saturday, the 10th inst., Lewis Potter, general agent of the Pennsylvania Cattle Insurance Co., paid C. W. Taylor & Bro., of Millerstown, Pa., \$153 for a mule, insured by said Company, which was killed by the car at the Millerstown station, on the 17th of Oct. last. This company insures Horses, Mules, and Cattle against loss by theft, death, or accident, at low rates. Robert White is now canvassing Pery Co., to whom application can be made for insurance.

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Henry Wegener vs. J. W. Whitehead.
Elias Sikes vs. James Woods.
David Fry vs. John L. McClintock.
Way Foster & Co. vs. Dr. Joseph Eoy, owner et al.
Sarah Ann W. ber, et al. vs. the Tenn's R. R. Co.
John Sikes vs. Alchlight & Troutman.
Christian Helmsley vs. Henry Bridge & Henry Ayle.
William Hays vs. George W. T. Cole.
Jacob Tyson vs. Nathan Colyer.
Levi J. Meize vs. Francis J. Medley, et al.
Wilson S. Snyder vs. Charles Troutman et al.
Christian Helmsley vs. Henry B. Lidge.
Andrew Pannell vs. Wm. B. Levin.
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