

The News of Carbondale.

TWO FAMILIES ARE HOMELESS FROM FIRE

Fierce Blaze in the Italian Settlement on Belmont Street Destroys Dwelling Owned by Frank Wells and Tenanted by Mrs. Ellen Houston and Joe Younall—Tenants Lose All—Eight Hundred Dollars Insurance on House.

Fire yesterday afternoon destroyed a dwelling in the Italian settlement on Belmont street, below Clark, leaving two families homeless. The houses that were their shelter. The visitation is doubly severe on one of the families, as the mother, Mrs. Ellen Houston, and her children, have no father's support to depend upon at present.

The dwelling, which was owned by Frank Wells, the carpenter, was insured for \$500. The house he valued at \$1,000. There was no insurance on the effects of the tenants, Mrs. Houston and Joe Younall, or Young as he is called. The loss of these is incalculable. They are not only without homes, dependent upon the charity of neighbors, but they saved none of the belongings, save the clothing they wore. The flames made such headway that in a few minutes the house was a small-size inferno, and there was no chance to save anything. Their flight to safety was the chief concern of the two families, in which there were several small children.

The origin of the fire is apparently a mystery. One family, the Younalls, or Young, say the blaze commenced in the cellar, under the part of the house occupied by Mrs. Houston. Mrs. Houston says she has no knowledge of its origin. She was in the front room pinning when one of the Youngs broke in on her with the alarming cry of fire. The first knowledge of the fire was a matter of dispute between the women while the flames were destroying their home, as warm as the blaze itself. The Youngs insisted in impressing on Mrs. Houston that the blaze had its start in the Houston cellar. Mrs. Houston, however, seemed to satisfy them towards the end of the heated exchange, that she knew nothing of the fire's origin, and that it was one of the Youngs' family who warned her and that she had to hustle to save her children.

How ever, the fire developed into a lively one before it was in progress. The alarm was sent in from Belmont street and Clark avenue. When the firemen arrived, the house was a scene of confusion. The fire had reached the second floor, and the flames were leaping from every part of the house. There was then no hope of saving it; the aim was to keep the flames down so as to preserve the numerous floor-built dwellings on either side.

The firemen had much to contend with in quenching the flames. The water pressure was weak at first, owing to the clogging of the fire hydrants, a dose of mud and stones spitting out of the nozzles when the streams were turned on. The sun rolled from the house in clouds of blind and choked the men at the nozzles, while the heat was fairly blistering. The house was a big-sized tenement and offered splendid material for a fire that might get any headway on the fire companies.

There was no escaping from the house, and after battling for a couple of hours, the taps for out were rung in by Chief McNulty, who was one of the first on the scene, and who directed the firemen. The house was virtually destroyed, though some of the partitions remain. It will have to be removed throughout.

No other dwelling was damaged. However, it was necessary to keep them fairly soaked with water from garden hoses. The destroyed house stood in the heart of the Italian colony, and if the flames spread, it is hard to tell what the whole settlement would have been wiped out.

THE BELL IS CRACKED. Methodist Congregation Disappointed Over the Discovery.

The officials of the Methodist church were sorely disappointed, this week, when the cover in the church was visited for the first time since the fire, and the bell was found to be broken. The fracture of the much-prized bell, because it was a relic, is a severe one. A fairly big-sized piece has been chipped out and there is a crack of several inches.

The bell is useless and is now of no value to the church, except for the sentimental importance that attaches to its possession. The bell has an interesting history, having been used to call various important meetings and assemblies.

"NO FRILLS." Just Sensible Food Cured Him.

Sometimes a good, healthy commercial supply of poorly selected food is as lucky if he knows that Grape-Nuts Breakfast Food will put him right.

A Cincinnati traveler, John N. Case, Jr., says: "About a year ago my stomach was in a bad way. I had a headache most of the time and suffered misery. For several months I ran down until I lost about 70 pounds in weight and finally had to give up a good position and go home. Any food that I might use seemed to nauseate me. My wife hardly knew what to do until one day she brought me a package of Grape-Nuts and I tried to eat it. I told her it was no use, but finally, to humor her, I tried a little and they just struck my taste. It was the first food that I had eaten in nearly a year that did not cause any suffering. Well, to make a long story short, I began to improve and stuck to Grape-Nuts. I went up from 125 pounds on October 24, 1900, to 194 pounds on October 6, 1901. My brain is clear, blood all right and appetite too much for any man's kitchen. In fact, I am thoroughly made over and owe it all to Grape-Nuts. I talk so much about what Grape-Nuts will do that some of the men on the boat have nicknamed me 'Grape-Nuts,' but I stand today a healthy, rosy-cheeked man, a pretty good example of what the right kind of food will do. S. V. A. B. S. You can put this in if you want to. It is a true story without any frills."

WAYMART SMALL-POX SEQUEL

Fred Woodley, Who Attended School There, Supposed to Have the Disease. A sequel to the small-pox case, which kept the village of Waymart quarantined for several weeks, is the taking down of Fred Woodley, a young man who attended school in Waymart. Woodley is sick at his home in Alec, Damascus township, Wayne county. He went home ill about a week ago. Dr. Cusker, of Narrowsburg, who was called to attend him, diagnosed Woodley's ailment as small-pox. Dr. Duaneberry, of Honesdale, who has had experience in small-pox cases, has been called into the case to watch its progress.

A YOUTH CAUGHT ROBBERING A STORE

Hubert Brennan, of South Main Street Hill, Accidentally Discovered by Merchant C. W. Seaman in His Store on Church Street. Was Hiding Under Cash Drawer. The Boy Arrested—Has Been in Various Scrapes Before.

Hubert Brennan, of South Main street hill, a lad not more than fifteen years old, was caught last night robbing the grocery store of C. N. Seaman on North Church street. Brennan was accidentally discovered in the store by Mr. Seaman, himself, who returned to the store about 9 o'clock, to balance his cash. When he approached the cash drawer, the proprietor noticed the lad almost under his feet. He was trying his best to draw himself back under the counter, where the cash drawer was located, in order to escape notice. Mr. Seaman nabbed the youngster. His pockets were filled with cigars and some sweet meats. If left undisturbed it was his intention to tackle the cash drawer, which would have yielded good results as the day's receipts were there.

Mr. Seaman marched the youthful burglar out of the store, and meeting Patrolman Bell handed him over. The boy was locked in a cell in the city station and will be given a hearing this morning. Brennan gained an entrance to the store in approved burglar style. He sought the rear of the building and after surveying the ground, decided on breaking a window as the most effective means. He smashed a pane, breaking enough glass to admit his small body. As there are no tenants close to where he cracked the window the noise of the scattering glass was not heard. Once inside he made for the things that were most attractive to him, tobacco and sweet meats, stuffing his pockets until the bulged. The cash drawer was about to be tampered with when Mr. Seaman came on the scene and brought about a climax that was wholly unexpected and unlooked for by Brennan.

The boy had nothing to say and did no whimper when Mr. Seaman and later Patrolman Bell took him in charge and locked him up. Brennan has shown a tendency to steal for the past year or more. He has been associated with a crowd of youngsters who have broken into several stores, making away with a load of toys and sweets. The police look upon Brennan as the leader of the gang. In fact his companions peached on him as such last summer when the fair store was robbed. Brennan was arrested at the time, but, with the others, he was allowed to go on the promise of his parents that his behavior would be corrected and regulated by them.

Several weeks ago Brennan ran away from home, going to Wilkes-Barre, where he was taken and returned to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Brennan. A few weeks later he ran away again, but came home himself within a few days. Steps will probably be taken to have the lad committed to a reformatory.

CONCERT BY LOCAL TALENT

Successfully Given at Dundaff Methodist Church.

The concert which was so successfully given at the Methodist church, Dundaff, on Tuesday, was participated in largely by musicians from this city. The programme was as follows: "The Sailors' Glee".....C. E. Leslie Choral society. "Annen Polka".....Strauss Anna and Rose Thiele Choral society. "Pie as a Pie".....Mrs. M. B. S. Dana Stella Montgomery and chorus. Petite Symphonie.....M. Moret A. P. Thomas and M. Rivera. "Back 'Mid the Clover and the Corn." Orpheus quartette. Cornet solo, selected.....G. H. Ackerman "We Rock Away on the Billows Gay." Choral society. Mazurka de Concert.....Ovide Musin Prof. Thiele. "The Sleigh Ride".....Randall Choral society. Cornet solo, selected.....G. H. Ackerman "Mermaid's Evening Song".....Glover Flora Burdick, Mrs. Decker and Mrs. Perry. Popular Air.....H. Vieuxtemps "Doan you cry ma Honey".....Orpheus quartette, America.

The Orpheus quartette is composed of W. M. Clark, first tenor; E. O. Roe, second tenor; A. D. Thomas, baritone; R. M. Shepherd, basso. Miss Carrie T. Bronson is accompanist. Prof. Thomas also directed the choral society.

A Remarkable Picture.

Mark Kennedy, of South Main street, an attaché of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad company's car accountant's office, is in possession of a picture of the Lackawanna yard at Scranton, showing over 200 dead engines, the consequence of the coal strike. It is a remarkably interesting picture.

New Century Club's Year. Perhaps the pleasantest assembly of the New Century club, of the season, was on Monday afternoon at the home of the Misses Moss, at Simpson. It was "President's Day" for the club, and the last of the year. Mrs. Willis A.

Manville, the retiring president, gave the annual address, which comprehended the work of the year, and the report of Mrs. Raymond H. Reynolds, secretary and treasurer, was presented. The officers elected for 1902-03 were as follows: President, Miss Alice Butler; vice president, Mrs. Gilbert B. Sampson; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Maurice G. Watt. The following served during the past term: President, Mrs. Willis A. Manville; vice president, Mrs. Rollin A. Sawyer; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Raymond H. Reynolds.

CONDUCTOR JOHN HARVEY.

Compliment Paid Him by the Wilkes-Barre Record. The Wilkes-Barre Record shows a proper spirit of appreciation in the notice which it gives John Harvey, of this city, one of the most efficient passenger conductors on the Delaware and Hudson, and one of our highly esteemed townsmen. The Record says: "On the streets of this city may be seen almost any afternoon John Harvey, of Carbondale, a well known railroad man. Mr. Harvey entered the service of the Delaware and Hudson company twenty-nine years ago last April and has been a conductor for the past twenty-four years. He understands every detail of railroading and is familiar with the traveling public. Mr. Harvey has a home in Carbondale, where he resides, and has an interesting family. He may be seen on the river common almost every afternoon when off duty, enjoying the fresh air."

BASE BALL FRIDAY.

Alerts, of Electric City, to Get a Drubbing on Duffy's Field. Ho! for Duffy's field on Friday! The Alerts, of Scranton, want a drubbing. At least they want a game with the Crosscents, which means the same thing. They will get the game and the drubbing, maybe, on Duffy's field on Friday afternoon. This will be a good opportunity for Carbondale cranks to appreciate a lively game of ball. The Crosscents are in splendid trim and the Alerts, as they are called, are likewise in condition for snappy playing. We hope so, at any rate, for we would regret to see the Crosscents waste their efforts on a weak team. It is incidentally hoped that there will be a generous response to the offering of Friday, the expense of bringing the Scranton team here is considerable.

PETER L. NEARY FAILS.

An Old Carbondalian the First to Succumb Under the Strike. The agitation of the coal strike and the strike itself was responsible in a large measure for the assignment yesterday of Peter L. Neary, of South Main street, who has conducted, not a large, but fairly profitable business in Carbondale over fifteen years. Mr. Neary's business being largely credit, he found it impossible to realize on his debts to meet the importunities of his creditors. The assignment was made to C. N. Bronson, Lynch & Bronson, T. J. Kelly and C. Ditchburn's Sons, in trust for themselves and other creditors.

Installation of Officers.

At a regular meeting of the St. Aloysius Total Abstinence society, Tuesday evening, the following officers were installed: President, T. J. Gilhool; vice president, William Burke; recording secretary, James Conerton; treasurer, Frank Nealon. Pres. Gilhool, on taking the chair, delivered his inauguration speech, which was received with repeated applause. He reviewed the history of the society and impressed upon the members that by their efforts alone was success to be attained. The regular order of business was then taken up, and the entertaining committee was instructed to prepare an entertainment for the next regular meeting.

There Are Others.

The Wayne Independent of Wednesday reports under the caption "Carbondale Appreciates," the "Public Eye" mention given in "The Tribune to Geo. F. James, of the Carbondale Cycle club, with the following preface: "It is safe to say that all of Carbondale's best citizens are natives of Wayne county. Among the number is George James, son of John P. James, of Honesdale. The Scranton Tribune said of him the other day," etc. "We would suggest that there are enough of the 'best' citizens of Carbondale to be possessed around among more than the splendid Wayne county contribution. Some of our Honesdale friends have met them."

Miss Gerrity Resigns.

Miss Mary Gerrity resigned, this week, as composer on the Evening Leader. Miss Gerrity's resignation is preliminary to her entrance into another state of life, sometime during the month of roses and brides. This news will be met with many warm-hearted congratulations from her numerous friends.

Valuable Colt Stolen.

Elsewhere in today's Tribune is an advertisement offering a reward for the return or information of a colt that was stolen from the Patterson farm in Waymart on Tuesday night. There was a clue to its whereabouts, but it has not led to the colt's recovery as yet.

The Youngs in Trouble Again.

Hannah Young was put under bill by Alderman Atkinson on the charge of maintaining a disorderly house on South Archbold street. Her sister, Libbie Young, was likewise accused, but she has successfully evaded the complaint for several days.

Another Firm Dissolves.

Another Carbondale firm dissolved partnership this week. Moon & Seibold, who have been conducting a meat market on South Main street, have made a change. Mr. Seibold retires, the other partner, N. Moon, Jr., continuing the business at the same location.

At Convention in Olyphant.

Among the delegates attending the Total Abstinence Union convention at Olyphant are: T. J. Gilhool, J. V. Delaney, William McHale, Edward Gled, St. Aloysius society; M. J. Horan, Frank Kilpatrick, Mark Campbell, of the Knights of Father Mathew.

Didn't Want Non-Union Men.

Because it was learned that Contractor John O'Neill, of Scranton, proposed to hire non-union men to place the iron girders on the new Ford Brewing company's plant, President Krantz, who

was so informed, refused to allow the work to progress without union labor. The union price was \$2 per day, O'Neill abandoned the job as he had figured on labor costing him \$1.50 per day. Union men will be employed and the work resumed.

Meetings of Tonight.

George Randolph camp, Sons of Veterans, Branch 29, C. M. B. A., Carbondale canton, Patriarch's Mill-tant. THE PASSING THROUGH. Mr. and Mrs. George Herbert visited in Scranton yesterday. C. F. Whittemore, of L. R. Powell & Co., of Scranton, was in the city yesterday. Deputy Factory Inspector E. W. Bishop, of Dunmore, was at the American, yesterday. William Crago, who has been visiting his mother for some time, will leave today for the Adirondacks, where he has a position as civil engineer on a railroad there. Michael Murphy, who has charge of the men who load and unload the paraphernalia of the Forepaugh-Sells Bros' circus, visited at the home of his mother on Sand street.

Martin Flynn, proprietor of the Lackawanna Valley house, Scranton, and his wife, were at the Harrison house yesterday. Mr. Flynn made an interesting visit among his legion of friends in Carbondale, which is his former home. Rev. and Mrs. M. D. Fuller left yesterday for Harrisville, N. Y., where they will spend several days. The male band, numbering twenty-two musicians, under the leadership of Thomas Douth-wal, made their appearance on the streets yesterday afternoon and played a number of selections in a thoroughly enjoyable manner. The band is composed of players of Jermyn and Mayfield and we hope to hear them frequently while the strike lasts.

Arthur Jones, James Owers, Peter Simmons, George Jones, Thomas Moxem, Norman Williams, John Smith, Martin Coyle and William Williams are camping at Lake Chapman. Thomas Henwood, of Second street, who has been quite ill for the past week, is improving. Three of Mayfield's young men, James Quinn, William Evans and John Sullivan, left yesterday for New York. E. F. McCarty, of Mayfield, has secured a position as telegraph operator on the Boston and Maine railroad. J. R. Vandemark, of Carbondale, a former Jermyn resident, was a caller here yesterday. Will Flanagan, a well known resident of the East Side, left yesterday for New York City. John Feeney, of North Main street, has secured a position in Pittsburg. School Directors Hunter and Waters are hustling to get the new flag pole in position at the school yard.

TAYLOR.

A pleasant reception was tendered Arthur Morgan, the popular young baritone, at his home in West Minooka on Tuesday evening previous to his departure for Buffalo, N. Y. Mr. Morgan added much to the pleasure of the occasion in rendering several pleasing solos and refreshments were served. The guests present were Misses Gertrude Thomas, Daisy and Gussie Reinhardt, Alice Nicholas, Bertha Rose, Bar, Jessie and Alice Morgan, Miss Gibson, Miss Bush and Miss Miller, of Scranton; and Messrs. John and William Morgan, Chester A. River, John Crane, Harry Thomas, Albert Rose, Arthur Morgan, Fred and Edgar Rose. The funeral of the late Joseph Hall will take place from the home of Mrs. James Nash this afternoon. Services will be held in the house, Rev. A. Weber officiating. Burial was made in the Forest Home cemetery. Today the Reds will battle with the West Scranton Alerts on the Riverside base ball grounds at 2:30 p. m. The funeral of the young child of Mr. and Mrs. John Weibel, of Main street, took place yesterday afternoon. Services were held at the house. Rev. A. Weber officiated. Burial was made in the Forest Home cemetery.

PECKVILLE.

Mrs. Hattie Barber, relict of the late Edgar Barber, died yesterday morning at her home on Main street, aged 62 years. Deceased was ill only a few days and succumbed to pneumonia. The funeral will take place from the late residence at 2:30 o'clock Friday afternoon, Rev. F. Gendall, officiating. Interment in Prospect cemetery. The Ladies of the Women's Christian Temperance union, also of the Ladies' Aid society of the Methodist church, will meet in the lecture room of the church on Friday at 2 p. m., to attend the funeral of Mrs. Edgar Barber. The Mount Jeannet Coal company have removed their mules from their mines and put them out to pasture.

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170 pairs Men's Russia Calf Fine Shoes, congress and lace; worth \$2.50 and \$3.00. Sale price \$1.98	478 pairs Ladies' Vici Kid Button and Lace, Kid and Patent Tip Flexible Sole Shoes; made to sell at \$2.00, \$2.50 and \$3.00. Sale price, \$1.49, \$1.79 and \$1.98	Ladies' Oxfords at 75c. and 96c. Misses' Shoes and Slippers, all prices.

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