

Mr. H. C. White, of Chambersburg, Pa., is at the Somerset House.

Several letters in this column, has made its appearance in several families in this place during the past week.

Dr. Salin's patients had better take notice of new dates from now on, as there is an entire change in days and dates.

"Walt" Sorber and M. L. Spangler, of Stoyestown, have rented houses in Berlin and will soon become residents of that place.

The meat market of George Davis, in the Rifer Block, was last week purchased by J. A. and Norman Saylor, who will hereafter conduct it.

A normal school will be opened at Stoyestown, Monday, April 23rd, with O. Saylor and P. H. Fry as teachers.

Invitations are out for the marriage of F. W. Busing, of Chicago, and Miss Cora A. Doner, of Berlin. The wedding will take place at the home of the bride next Tuesday.

Henry Houselet and Charles Miller, of Stoyestown, German citizens, who reside just south of town, are being seriously ill and doubts are entertained for their restoration to health.

From present indications there will be only two or three new dwelling houses erected in this place during the coming season, although there is a constant demand for houses to rent.

Missionary services will be held in the Reformed Church, Lanesville, at 10 a. m., and in the Reformed Church, Somerset, at 7:30 p. m., next Sabbath evening.

A corps of civil engineers have been making surveys in the neighborhood of West Berlin during the past two weeks. Their movements are very mysterious and they decline to state their object.

We are informed that Prof. P. S. Will, of Rockwood, will open a normal at New Lexington, April 23rd, to continue two weeks. He is a graduate of Clark State Normal and is widely known as an experienced teacher.

If you don't believe that there is vigorous kicking being done by the tax payors of the several districts in the county on account of the recent tax levy, you should attend the appeals now being held in the Commissioner's office.

The committee on Historical Statistics of the County Centennial Celebration of Somerset County, at a meeting held March 14, selected W. H. Koutz, Esq., to deliver the historical and statistical address, at the celebration to be held July 15th.

Benevolence for "The Merry Milk-Maid" to be given Thursday, 29th inst., in the Opera House, for the benefit of the Children's Aid Society, are going merrily on, and it is claimed that the entertainment will be one of the best ever given by home talent.

Out of a total of 224 applications to discontinue liquor in Cambria county, Judge Barker has granted 167. A large number of the 60 applications refused were from Johnstown, and when the action of the Court became known in that city will excite interest.

The pastor's theme at the morning services, next Sabbath morning in the Presbyterian Church, will be "The Herd of Fools." It will be in remembrance of the unfortunates who in this week died first in their grand-olden "Lois," preaching in the evening at 7:30.

We learn from Pittsburgh papers that the engagement of E. E. Kierman, Esq., and Miss Alice Clark, of this city, has been announced. The bride is the daughter of her father, Mr. Kierman, was a former resident of this place and is well known throughout Somerset county.

At the close of last week County Superintendent Berkey had visited, with two or three exceptions, every public school in the county, and a number of school districts were visited during the past two weeks he was compelled to travel on foot owing to the bad condition of the roads.

Frank Shively, who recently disposed of the remains of his lost and shoe store at public auction, will remove in the near future to Bristol, Pa., to engage in business. Britton has experienced a big boom during the past two years, and Westinghouse Electric Works having located at that place.

Many were the predictions that the present would be a good season for making maple sugar. The fact that the weather has been so good on the fact that we had had an unusually severe winter, and it is true that a "hard winter" is a "good sign." The sap is stronger after hard freezing weather, but the water last too long. The season for making maple sugar in this latitude generally commences the latter part of February and rarely closes the first of April. More than half that period has gone and there has been no sugar making weather to speak of.

A unique entertainment was given Saturday afternoon and evening, at the residence of Mr. George H. Love, by a number of young ladies and gentlemen of the Presbyterian Church. Two fares were collected, requiring about twenty minutes each to receive, were given, after which a plain lunch was served. Two or three performances were given at the residence of Mr. Love, and a number of prizes were given to the children. The number given in the evening in order to gratify the large crowd in attendance. A small admission fee was charged and a large amount of money was devoted to the cause of the children.

Simon, son of John Wagaman, of the town of Berlin, was killed on the morning of the 25th inst. by the B. & O. near Cook's Mills, last Friday morning. Wagaman was employed as a freight brakeman and was in the act of descending from the top of a high car when he fell. He was 25 years of age and was a native of Pennsylvania. He was married in 1910 and has a wife in Pennsylvania, and a daughter to come here. In January his wife was arrested in Chicago. His two wives and three small children, by his first wife, were in the trial. The first wife was Miss Lulu Hahner, of Vanderhill, Pa.

Anderson's Saly Dore. A dispatch from Valparaiso, Ind., Monday, says: The case of Oscar Anderson, the bigamist, on trial for two days here, ended in a verdict of guilty, the jury fixing the penalty at five years in the penitentiary. Anderson is a young man who came from Pennsylvania to attend school, leaving a wife and three children at Conowingo, Pa. After being here a short time he met Miss Margaret Tennant, daughter of George Tennant, of Freeport, O. Last August Anderson and Miss Tennant were graduated in the scientific class, and August 21st were married. Early in the winter they returned to Conowingo and a wife in Pennsylvania, and sent for his daughter to come here. In January his wife was arrested in Chicago. His two wives and three small children, by his first wife, were in the trial. The first wife was Miss Lulu Hahner, of Vanderhill, Pa.

Wagon Easter Comes. A friend of the Boston Transcript, "E. M. H." writes: "I was attracted by the suggestion in your paper, regarding the coming of the 'wonderful' Easter, and I have given the reasons of the 'movable nature' of the Easter feast." The following clever riddles are added. They should be taught in the primary schools: "Thirty days has September, Every person can remember; But to know when Easter comes Puzzles even scholars some."

Household Economy. One of the strong points of the Cinderella Range is its cleanliness and economy. It has an extra deep ash pit, with ballast ash pan, and is so constructed that the ashes cannot accumulate under the grate, which is the cause of the many grates burning out. Sold and guaranteed by J. B. HOLDERBAUM, Somerset, Pa.

THE FIRE FIEND

Visits Salisbury on Monday Night and Wipes Out Leech's Hotel and a Number of Other Houses and Residences.

LOSS BETWEEN \$30,000 AND \$75,000.

The ancient village of Salisbury was the scene of a disastrous conflagration Monday night, when all of the buildings on the west side of Main Street between C. J. Hay street and Union Street, and all of the houses on the opposite side of the street between the late residence of Samuel Gledhill and Union street, were wiped from the face of the earth forever.

The buildings destroyed were Leech's new hotel, Saylor's & Livingsood's clothing house, Roach's Bros. hardware establishment, the Dr. Stutzman property, Dr. Leech's handsome new residence and drug store, a building occupied by Mr. Kemp's saddlery and Short's barbershop, and the residence of Mrs. Oliver P. Byer.

The total loss is estimated at between \$30,000 and \$75,000, partially covered by insurance.

As near as can be learned, the fire was first discovered at 1 a. m. by Dr. Speicher, who was awakened by a bright glare in the office of P. Livingsood's shoe job printing office, located on the opposite side of the street from his residence.

Over Saylor & Livingsood's clothing house, an alarm was raised at once and the town's people were also alerted, responding, and before twenty of them had collected at the scene the entire building was a mass of flames. The fire was calm and crisp but the firemen created a major problem in a remarkably short time and the flames had leaped across the street and communicated with Dr. Speicher's residence, and a few minutes afterwards had communicated with the adjoining buildings.

The only means at hand for fighting the fire was a bucket brigade, and the people of the town exerted their best efforts to counter the flames. All attempts failed until after all of the buildings mentioned had crumbled in ashes. A frame building occupied by W. A. Leech's eating house, was torn down in order to keep the flames from communicating with other buildings on the east side of Main street.

The entire population of the town and many people from the surrounding country, who had been attracted by the noise and flames, turned out and helped to fight the fire and assisted in saving household goods and merchandise from destruction. Very little of the lumber, however, was carried out of the burning buildings, and much of the household furniture saved was badly damaged.

At 2:30 a. m. the fire had spent its fury but the people clustered around the smoldering timbers until daylight dawned. The people of the town opened their homes to their unfortunate neighbors and provided places in which to store their goods that had been saved.

The Leech Hotel was erected less than two years ago by Henry Leech, who was conducting it at the time of the fire. It was a large frame structure, located by the railroad, well equipped for entertaining the public.

Saylor and Livingsood's clothing establishment was one of the largest in the south of the county and carried an immense stock of goods. During the fire the entire plant of the shoe job printing office was wiped out, entailing a heavy loss on the owner, Mr. P. Livingsood, late editor of the sparkling Salisbury Post.

Roach Bros. hardware store, carried one of the largest lines of hardware, agricultural implements, etc., in the county, and was one of the most flourishing establishments in the Elk River region. The loss to this firm was very heavy, probably \$15,000, insurance \$8,000. Many of the people present at the fire hesitated about entering the hardware store on account of the explosive character of the goods, and it is perhaps well that they did, because when the stock of cartridges, powder and oils, exploded, the noise and rattle created was deafening and resembled the firing of artillery.

Dr. A. F. Speicher's residence was completely destroyed, and the house was filled up with modern improvements and was one of the most convenient and valuable residences in the county. It is reported here that Dr. carried \$2,000 insurance on his building, which will cover only a little more than one-half of his total loss.

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Certain unscrupulous dealers and their agents have been telling persons interested in the purchase of a new car, that they will express a preference for my work, that I have quit business in Berlin, and an enticing my efforts entirely to County. I desire therefore to say to all my friends that I have not quit my County work from my Berlin shop, that I am still in the County, and that I have for the past five years been running the largest works of the kind in Western Pennsylvania, at Greenfield, Pa. I have been in the County during all that time and am now running the Berlin works with my old time vigor, and have at present the largest and finest stock of cemetery work ever exhibited in Somerset county. By doing so large a business at the two shops I am enabled to purchase marble and granite lumber than any of the small dealers, who are trying to compete with me, can sell. I have the best work, carried on by night some time ago. John Campbell of Uniontown, who is a clerk in the Secretary of Internal Affairs' office at Harrisburg, is a son of the unfortunate man.

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Ex-Mayor Rose Writes a Fanciful Letter.

To the Editor of the Johnstown Tribune: SIR—I never want to flourish under false pretenses. Your notice in last evening's paper of the presentation of a case by my father, Henry W. Rosey, Jr., Rose-fishioned out of a bag which had done service in the house where I was born, places me in a false position. I do not want to flatter or brag, but for the credit of having been born in Somerset County, I know old Mother Somerset has produced many men who have filled a large space in the field of law, social and political reform, and religion, and would be glad to have the inspiration of the nativity which enabled them to become great men, towering head and shoulders above their fellows. But I must be brief, for the occasion that fate ordered otherwise. The best information I have on the subject—I was, personally, too young to distinctly remember the event—is that some years ago, my father, Henry W. Rosey, Jr., of the Somerset territory, the star that stood over my nativity was poised directly over the southeast corner of Vine and Market streets, in the "Town of Conemaugh," which was then a part of "Town of Conemaugh" forms part of the First Ward of the City of Johnstown.

I desire this correction to be made because I know persons will expect more of me if they believe I was born in Somerset; they will insist on my achieving greatness; they will want me to run for Congress, will insist on my buying Somerset County, will insist on my buying syrup, buckwheat, and other commodities, and will not be put off by my telling them my wife makes all purchases for the house; and a hundred other matters will be brought up. I prefer to be known as a plain citizen, so as to prevent persons who realize what a great advantage it is to have been born in Somerset County and who know I did not secure that blessing, going and bragging about themselves, denouncing me as an impostor. No; do not put me in that plight. Tell the truth—I was born in Cambria County, near the town of Michels Run, Johnstown, March 12, 1895.

Somerset Normal. The Somerset Normal School will be opened on or about May 29th. The objects of the school are to prepare students and those expecting to teach for the work of teaching; to advance pupils of the schools in their respective grades; and to give special instruction in such of the higher branches as may be desired by the students. For further information address the teachers.

E. E. PATTER, V. R. SAILOR.

New Pension Bill. Capt. Skinner, of the U. S. Pension Agent at Philadelphia, Pa., under date of March 6, 1934, was advised by the Commissioner of Pensions that it was not the intention of the Interior Department to issue increase certificates in any of the cases favorably acted on by the Act of March 2, 1934, which provides for the payment of the rolls provided at less than six dollars per month, shall have their pensions increased to six dollars per month.

In order to facilitate the payment of the additional amount provided for in the Act of March 2, 1934, the Commissioner of Pensions has directed that the regular quarterly payment at the old rate of the additional amount provided for in the Act of March 2, 1934, shall be accompanied by a circular which should be attached to the pension certificate in the possession of the pensioner, as the same may be exhibited to the officers before whom the vouchers shall be presented, in explanation of the difference in the rate expressed in future vouchers and that contained in the pension certificate.

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