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SAVES BARN AFTER BEING ON FIRE FOR FIFTEEN MINUTES

E. M. Berkley, with Home near Town Sees Building Aflame As He Approaches his Home at Night. Sounds the Alarm and With Buckets Puts Out Fire.

FIFTEEN HORSES AND THIRTY CATTLE WERE INSIDE.

One hears of barns being burned, but rarely is it reported that a barn has been afire for fifteen minutes or longer and then it has been extinguished with an application of a few buckets of water. Such was the experience of Mr. E. M. Berkley who lives about a mile north of town on the Berlin road. Some evenings ago, Mr. Berkley was attending a bank meeting of the Second National in town and was on his way home a little after ten o'clock and as he approached to within sight of his dwellings he noticed a light in the barn; he thought at first that some one was in the barn with a lantern, but as he advanced the light seemed to be growing brighter, but finally he came to realize what he was fearing that his barn was on fire.

He called for help with all his might, running quickly to the stornbarn where the fire was coming through the weatherboards and was eating up the straw in the yard under the roof. He secured a bucket of water from the secured a bucket of water from the nearby pump and dashing its contents upon the flames, saw after a few bucketsful that he was going to win. By this time horses and cattle were neighing and bellowing in affright, and while there was yet a great deal of smoke, the fire was conquered, and it was almost a miracle that it was

so, for everyone knows the high combustibility of dry straw.

There were fifteen head of horses and about thirty head of cattle that would have had no way of escape, had not the fire been detected in time. While about all of the grain was out of the barn, there was one large mow of hay, and a great abundance of straw.

It is believed that the barn was unintentionally, though recklessly set on fire by a tramp, for the next evening, when one of the boys was throwing down straw above where the fire was burning, he discovered an empty whiskey bottle and a place where some one had lain down, it is thought the night before. The supposition is that a tramp had slept there and in connection with his bitters he lighted his pipe and threw the burning match down, not caring where it went and it landed in some straw and soon began to smolder and later was ignited into a flame. It is even thought that the tramp besotted with drink and indifferent to what happened or didn't happen, remained unperturbed through the commotion.

All in all it was indeed, a close call for that valuable barn and its thousands of dollars of stock. To have escaped such a disaster must ever be a source of gratitude to Mr. Berkley and his family.

WERE MARRIED SIXTY YEARS

Rare indeed are those, who as man and wife start out together in life between the ages of twenty and twenty-five years who retain the companionship of each up to three score years.

On Monday, Bishop C. G. Lint and wife at the parsonage of the Church of the Brethren received many congratulations from some of their friends on the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary.

Both of the venerable couple are past eighty years and infirmities of age are weighing heavily upon them, both being ill, and the bishop unable to leave his bed. For about sixty years he had proclaimed the gospel. He was for many years, more than fifty years the pastor of the local church. The name Lint was originally Lind, the same as that of the great singer, of Sweden, Jenny Lind and in fact those living here descended from the same forbears.

WINDBER DRUGGIST KILLED.

Dr. C. T. S. Shaffer, aged about 38 years, druggist and surgeon for the Berwind-White Coal Co. of Windber, was almost instantly killed in an automobile accident two miles north of Tyrone on Sunday evening. The physician in company with his brother-in-law, and sister, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. McMurray, of Altoona, his brother, W. E. Shaffer and a Mr. Hill, of Windber, were driving towards Tyrone from a visit to Phillipsburg.

When near Vall station, Dr. Shaffer who was driving the car, seemed to lose control of it. He made an effort to skirt another car on a narrow road and in doing so drove his machine into a deep ditch, turning the car over three times, completely demolishing it. Dr. Shaffer was picked up in an unconscious condition and died within a few minutes. The car had just been purchased Saturday by Dr. Shaffer. His wife died three years ago.

TO COMMENCE WORK ON SPUR AT ROCKWOOD

Orders were received at the office of Superintendent Charles A. Steiner, of the Western Maryland Railway, in Cumberland, from the general offices in Baltimore to begin work last Monday morning for the construction of a spur connecting the line of that company with the Somerset and Cambria Branch of the Baltimore and Ohio at Rockwood. This follows the turning over of the coal trade in the Boswell and Jenner fields from the Baltimore and Ohio to the Western Maryland.

Orders were also received for surveys for similar work in the Fairmont region of the Consolidation Coal Co.

FIREMEN'S ANNUAL BANQUET

The Firemen's eighth annual banquet was held last Friday evening in the reading room of the fire engine house and was quite a success not so much from the numbers present as that every note of the city band and every sound of voice had the right ring.

The City Band under the able leadership, of Prof. C. W. Baldwin, gave a few fine selections on the street beginning at eight o'clock and then they very delightfully filled in the time in the engine house, for the assembling guests. The decorations in the dining room were very pretty and if executed by male hands alone shows that those of the sterner sex have some of the aesthetic strain in their makeup. There were flowers on the tables, due to the generosity of Druggist H. L. Collins.

While it was the firemen's banquet and was originated and carried on by them to a successful finish, it might have been called the Firemen-Citizens' Banquet in which the former were the hosts and the latter the guests.

All assembled at the dining tables when Rev. Goughnour asked grace, following which all prepared to make themselves ready; there was ample room for all to be seated except those who did the serving. All told there must have been nearly 100 present. The menu, while it may have lacked in some of the excrescences of the so-called finer menus, was not wanting in the basal parts as heaped high in the centre with barely sufficient circumference to contain the part allotted lavishly to each, being sour croust, wieners biscuit etc; after having done your duty by one of these plates, ice cream, cake and coffee made a complete meal, and you had your appetite satiated and without much fuss.

Mr. George W. Collins, the town's always dependable toastmaster was present and very happily elicited the best in those who were called upon to speak. The ball was very significantly started rolling when the chairman called for a standing rising three cheers for our brave unselfish firemen and the challenge was responded to most lustily. The toastmaster suggested that next year things be reversed and hosts and guests trade places.

Toasts or remarks were responded to by Mr. W. H. Deeter, Pres. of the Fire Department; Cashier R. H. Philson, Rev. H. L. Goughnour, Mayor Gress, Mr. George Donges, Editors Livengood and Cleaver. Reference was made by different speakers to

MINER KILLED BY FALLING SLATE

Michael Ludden, an outside workman at the Hamilton mine, now operated by Mr. Rowe, at Boynton, and whose home is on Keystone street, this place, suffered a concussion of the brain, caused by falling over a slate bank on Monday afternoon which resulted in his death the following morning.

Mr. Ludden after accident was able to arise and walk to the trolley car coming to his home with but little assistance, but when he arrived at the house, he fell unconscious to the floor and never rallied to consciousness, he dying at five o'clock the next morning.

The deceased was a worthy, industrious man. He leaves a wife and five children. He was born in this state and was aged 34 years. Mr. Ludden was a member of the Catholic church and high requisit mass was said at 9 a. m. to-day, following which interment was made in the Catholic cemetery. The funeral was conducted by Reich & Son.

DYNAMITE EXPLOSIVE AT LISTIE KILLS TWO CHILDREN

Five in the Morelli boarding house Sunday night at Listie, this county, resulted in the killing being blown to pieces and two children of Angelo Morelli Ferrie, aged four years and Arthur aged four months. The tiple of the Meyersdale Coal Co. was also destroyed.

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Instead of attempting to extinguish the flames by other means, water was thrown on the burning oil and the flames greatly spread. It is thought that the burning oil ran down a crack in the floor and reached the oil can and then a keg of powder in the cellar, besides several sticks of dynamite. The explosion of the powder was followed by the explosion of the dynamite and the burning building was in a moment a mass of ruins. It is believed that the children were killed by the explosion and that they

BUYS \$10,000 PROPERTY HERE

Fruit Dealer Damico located second door below the Second National bank building on Centre street, has close an extensive real estate transaction whereby he became the owner of all the property between Miller & Collins' store and the Colonial hotel. It is now occupied by the Bittner Meat market, the Lenhart pool room and Maust's restaurant. Mr. Damico for the present will continue the present tenants. The price paid by the new owner is the snug sum of \$10,000.

OUR NEW SERIAL.

Next week we will start a new serial "THE EXPLOITS OF ELAINE". In each issue of the Commercial a page of the wonderful adventures of the heroine will be given and the following Thursday evening the moving pictures of the same adventures will be given in the Summer Garden on Broadway. Watch for the beginning of this fascinating story in our next issue.

FINE FOR VIOLATING GAME AND FISH LAWS

Several Persons From Salisbury Arrested and Fined Before Squire Hay in Meyersdale. Used Explosives, Had Undersized Trout in Possession Etc.

OTHER PROSECUTIONS SOON TO BE BROUGHT UP.

Several persons, mostly in the vicinity of Salisbury have been arrested the past few days for violation of the game and fish laws.

Constable Harvey E. Bittner made the arrests on information made by F. B. Whitman, state game protector and the cases were heard before Squire Hay, of Meyersdale.

Christ Bowers and Albert Baker, of Boynton were charged with using explosives in fish. They filed bond for a hearing in the near future, the amount of bond being \$300.

Robt. Livengood, a young man of

Salisbury was fined \$20 for fishing on Sunday. He had been misinformed, and did not know that he was liable to a fine.

Clarence Garlitz, of West Salisbury confessed to having in his possession five brook trout undersized and was fined \$50.

Clarence Swatzwalter, of W. Salisbury, pleaded guilty to shooting a wild duck out of season and was fined \$10.

Several other prosecutions involving large fines, for similar violations are now pending and will be shortly brought to trial.

MANY DEATHS IN SOMERSET COUNTY

MRS. MARY HERONIMUS. Mrs. Mary Jane Heronimus, aged 75 years, widow of S. M. Heronimus, died very suddenly last Saturday at Davis, W. Va. Surviving are one son, Robert, of Davis and three daughters—Mrs. H. E. Heinbaugh, Thomas, W. Va., Mrs. W. M. Faw, also of Davis; and Mrs. Jno. B. Dailey, of McRoberts, Kentucky. Mrs. Heronimus was well known in Meyersdale as she frequently visited her daughter, Mrs. J. B. Dailey, when the latter resided here on Meyers avenue.

MILTON C. LINT,

Who grew to manhood in Greenville township, this county, and later attended school at Valparaiso, in Indiana, died on Saturday at Kansas City, Kan. on Saturday, aged 63 years. Twelve years ago he visited in this section and he has many relatives living in Somerset county. Miss Alice Lint, of Meyersdale is a sister; Simon S. Lint, of Hooversville and Frank Lint, of Greenville township, are brothers.

MRS JOHN BROWN

Died at her home in Windber, April 14, aged 75 years from a complication of diseases. These children survive: Hugh, of Hooversville; John, of Pittsburgh; Adam, Portage and James at home. Mrs. Brown was a devoted member of the Presbyterian church. The remains were interred in the East End cemetery by the body of her husband who died last February.

MRS. EMMA SHAULIS,

Aged 36 years, died at her home near Trent, on April 5. She is survived by her husband and four small children; also by her parents, five sisters and four brothers. The funeral was held at the Brethren church, Rev. H. Kimmel officiating. Interment in the family cemetery.

MRS ALICE WECHTENHEISER

Mrs. Alice Lohr Wechtenheiser, widow of John Wechtenheiser, died at her home in Central City, April 16 in her 69th year. She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. John Gordon and three sons, Frank, William and George, all of Central City. Deceased was born near Stoyestown and was a member of the U. Nited Brethren church.

DR. WM. RAUCH,

A son of the late Henry Rauch, of near Jennerstown, died, at this home in Johnstown, Monday, from Bright's disease, aged 55 years. For over 20 years he has been a successful practitioner in Johnstown. His wife and one daughter survive. Interment at Jennertown on Wednesday morning.

MAY RESTRICT HUNTING.

Governor Brumbaugh has signed the Crow bill authorizing the game commissioners to close any county for hunting deer, elk, squirrels, wild turkey, quail, ring-necked pheasant, Hungarian quail as may appear necessary to citizens of the county. This act repeals the act of 1913, but the counties closed under it may remain closed to hunting upon the petition of 200 citizens.

John M. Killen and wife, Mary, attendants at the county home and hospital, charged with assault and battery by Dr. H. Wilson, superintendent of the institution on Tuesday entered pleas of guilty before Judge Ruppel. Killen was fined \$50 and sent to jail for ten days. His wife was let off with a fine of \$5.

\$140,000 COAL DEAL RECORDED

Among the realty deals in Somerset County recently recorded at Somerset is that showing a conveyance of coal land from Mahlon W. Keim Sr. to the Scalp Level Coal Mining Company for a consideration of \$140,000.

Other deals recorded are as follows: Peter Lohr to Elias Crissey, Que-mahoning Township, \$61; Elias Crissey to Robert P. Crissey, Hooversville, \$1,500; Franklin W. Schmucker to Edward H. Schmucker, Somerset Township, \$4,500; M. B. Smith to Rachael Noon, Windber, \$335; William T. Geddes to Blanche K. Poorman, Windber, \$2,500; Albert Wentz to Tena Seese, Paint Township, \$2,350; William H. Bruner to John W. Barclay, Jefferson Twp, \$2,500; Geo. Rok to Banks Lumadue, Paint Twp, \$70; Willis Wingard to Geo. Rok, Paint Twp, \$110; Adam Lehman to Mary Jones, Paint Twp., \$50; Geo. B. Kalpenbaugh to Jacob Kalpenbaugh, Paint Twp., \$150; Casper Wahl to J. P. Smeerman, Salisbury, \$1,075; Simon P. Naugle to Andrew Anderson, Windber, \$350; Henry J. Menser to Effie M. Dixon Somerset, \$2,750; Adalaine Lape to Geo. W. Pritts, Milford Twp., \$600; Wm. S. Kennel to David J. Ansell, Milford Twp., \$700; Catherine Critchfield to David Ansell Milford Twp., \$700; Jno. Prunia to Embrus Dida, Jenner Twp., \$130; Henry S. Schell to Mahlon W. Keim, Stonycreek Twp., \$1; Chas. P. Myers to Annie I. Myers, Meyersdale, \$1; Wilmore Coal Co. to Mt. Coal Co. in Conemaugh Twp. \$1; Mahlon A. Berkey to Wm. Penrod Windber, \$1750; Albert Flick to Sol. Ashe, in Jefferson Twp. \$1778; David Fuller's heirs to Herbert W. Jones, W. Salisbury, \$1775; Israel Bruner to Park L. Bruner, Milford Twp. \$7,000;

THREE WILLS PROBATED.

The will of Flora E. Coffin, late of Jenner Twp. was probated on Monday. She made the following cash bequests: To her sister, Missouri I. Groff, \$100; to her brother, James G. Coffin, \$100; to brother, Edw. P. Coffin, \$100; to her brother, Wm. A. Coffin, \$500 in trust for the payment of certain sums to individuals and charities as to which he has been instructed. She leaves the balance of her estate to her brother, Wm. A. Coffin, who is appointed executor. The will was dated Nov. 18, 1911 and witnessed by Park Hoffman and Jno. Hoffman.

H. R. Fawner, late of Meyersdale made cash bequests as follows: Mrs. Chas. Plitt, \$400; Chas. Plitt \$100; Mrs. Belle Hoffmeyer \$400; Albert Fawner, \$5; Lizzie Fawner (divorced wife of the testator) \$1. He directs that the balance of his property shall be divided equally among Mrs. Chas. Plitt, Chas. Plitt and Mrs. Belle Hoffmeyer. Mrs. Plitt is named as executor. The will was dated July 18, 1913 and witnessed by Robert Williams and W. H. Hay.

Ether Lowry, late of Shade Twp. directs that her estate shall be equally divided among Herman Lowry, Mary Cook, Susan Lohr, Minnie Miller and Miss Rella Miller. Testatrix's son, Herman Lowry and son-in-law Ira Miller, are appointed executors.

MRS. ROSE BAUMAN.

Mrs. Rose Bauman, aged 71 years, died recently at her home in Northampton Township. She is survived by five sons and two daughters.

THE RELATION OF CHRIST

TO THE EUROPEAN WAR

On Sunday evening, May 2, the third of the Bi-monthly Sunday evening Union Meetings of the Meyersdale churches for 1915, will be held in the Zion Evangelical Lutheran church, Dr. A. E. Truxal, the pastor of Amity Reformed church, will preach the sermon of the evening. He has chosen for his subject one that should interest every person in and about Meyersdale, "The Relation of Christ to the European War," will be the subject discussed. The fact that this timely and important subject will be discussed by the Nestor of the Meyersdale ministers, will, no doubt make this meeting one of the best in the entire series. All persons should plan to attend.

heroic and commendable work of the firemen at the late conflagration. The volunteer fire fighter was pretty well though not adequately discussed. To show the fire ladders some practical appreciation of their services, a collection was taken up and what was collected that night and subsequently raised it is thought that about \$100 will be realized.

R. H. Philson, F. J. Thomas and J. J. Bowser were appointed a committee to solicit subscriptions from those citizens outside of those present.

About eleven o'clock, an adjournment was declared sine die, with each carrying home the idea that a touch of nature makes the whole world kin.

The leading officers of the Fire Company are as follows: W. H. Deeter President; treasurer, Fred Hare; chief, James Campbell; secretary, Lawrence Siehl.

We are hearing of rumors of peace in these war times.

SOMERSET CO. WEDDINGS.

Miss Stella Tomlinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Tomlinson, of Buffalo Mills, and William Oran Duppstadt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Duppstadt, of Stonycreek Township, were married by the Rev. I. Hess Wagner, pastor of Trinity Lutheran church.

Mrs. Lucy Fleegle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Rose, and John Horner, son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Horner, both of Windber, were married by Justice of the Peace W. J. Vickroy.

Miss Mary Elizabeth King, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Domer King of Westmoreland county, and Chas. Irvin Klein, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Klein, of Somerset Township, were married at Somerset by the Rev. I. Hess Wagner.

Miss Mabel L. Barnhart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver G. Barnhart, of Coleman, and Stewart M. Dickey, son of Mr. and Mrs. John William Dickey, of Friedens, were married at Friedens by the Rev. J. C. McCarty, pastor of the Lutheran church.

Mrs. Mary Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John James, and David Griffith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Griffith, both of Jerome, were married at Jerome by Justice of the Peace Joseph Kuhlman.

Miss Viola Grace Friedline, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Friedline, and John I. Holder, son of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Holder, both of Jenner Township, were married at Jennerstown, by the Rev. John W. Albers.

ODD FELLOWS TO ATTEND

PREACHING SERVICES. The local order of Odd Fellows will attend preaching services next Sunday evening at the Lutheran church. Short addresses will be delivered by the pastor, Rev. D. W. Michael and Rev. A. S. Kresge.