

BIG FIRE AT MAHANAY CITY.

Eight Dwellings Destroyed in the Western Limits of the Town.

Special to EVENING HERALD.
MAHANAY CITY, Jan. 11.—Shortly before midnight a fire broke out on West Centre street that threatened to become a very disastrous one, but vigorous and faithful work on the part of the fire department eventually stayed the flames and many houses that appeared to be doomed at first were saved. As it is, eight dwellings are in ashes and two others are badly damaged. That the fire proved so disastrous was due to occupants of the house where the fire started neglecting to give an alarm. They turned their entire attention to removing their effects. When the fire companies reached the scene the entire building was ablaze.

The scene of the fire was in the extreme western limits of the town, on the north side of Centre street. The flames started at about 11:30 o'clock in a shanty at the rear of No. 615, a house owned and occupied by John Kovell. Nearly all the residents of the vicinity had retired and were aroused by the noise made by the removal of effects from Kovell's house. The fire had already attained much headway. The flames spread rapidly east and west on the north side of the street and destroyed Nos. 609 and 611, owned by John Dolphin, Esq.; 613 and 615, owned by John and Mike Kovell; 617 and 619, owned by Dennis Whalen, and 621 and 623, owned by Anthony Shewers, of Shenandoah, were badly damaged by water. All the houses were lined on Centre street and but two double blocks on the square escaped. They are located at the eastern end of the square and owned by Patrick Burke and Felix Trokosky.

All the buildings were two-story frame structures. Those owned by the Kovells were valued at \$2,000 each, and were insured for \$800 each. Dennis Whalen's loss is \$2,000 and has \$1,500 insurance. Mrs. Donahoe's loss is covered by insurance.

The fire raged until 2:30 this morning and the firemen worked until 3:30. The hose companies kept streams on the ruins until noon to-day.

Three men were injured during the fire, but none of them dangerously. C. & L. Policeman Charles Kleindenz was struck by the head of an ax flying from a handle in the hands of a fireman and sustained an ugly scalp wound. He is a member of the Citizens Fire Company. Michael Hobbs, of the Humane Company, had his left hand badly cut by glass. John Brownmiller, assistant foreman of the Washington Hook & Ladder Company, had his hands severely burned.

Violin, Mandolin, Guitar, Banjo and Autoharp strings at Brumm's. 1-7-4f

PUBLIC SCHOOL MATTERS.

Annual Report of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

The sixty-second annual report of Nathan C. Schaeffer, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, for 1895 gives the following statistics: Number of schools, 25,548; superintendents, 134; male teachers, 8,928; female teachers, 17,400; average salaries of male teachers per month, \$44.52; female teachers, \$38.34; number of pupils, 1,070,012; cost of school-houses, purchasing, building, heating, etc., \$3,724,538.63; teachers' wages, \$9,394,329.30; cost of school text-books, \$924,305.30; other supplies (Philadelphia excepted) \$454,507.90; fuel, contingencies, etc., \$4,089,830.10; estimated value of school property, \$46,617,100. Last year the salaries of teachers in Philadelphia aggregated \$2,998,070.71; houses, additions and repairs, \$341,920.53; books, fuel, stationery, etc., \$252,011.97. The total expenditures for all the schools of the state during the year aggregated \$18,992,651.12.

The Pennsylvania School Journal for January devotes nearly six columns to the paper on "Educational Responsibilities of Parent and Director under Existing Laws," read by School Director T. R. Edwards, of town, at the sixteenth annual convention of the School Directors of Schuylkill county and comments upon it very favorably.

There Never Was a Better Cure Than Pan-Tina for Coughs, Colds, At Grubler Bros., drug store.

The Lyon-Dunn Contest. The court appointed by Governor Hastings to conduct the contest of Hon. T. H. B. Lyon against Orphans Court Judge E. M. Dunn adjourned yesterday afternoon to meet January 29th, to consider the points raised by Judge Dunn's attorneys to quash the contest.

Hon. John W. Ryan, counsel for Judge Lyon, protested against unnecessary delay, stating that the reasons for quashing the proceedings had been argued before the Attorney General. Mr. Schalek, in reply, said that that official contended it was the duty of the court to appoint to dispose of the questions brought before him. Mr. Schalek, in support of the motion, argued that Orphans Court Judge is a county office, therefore the proceeding was illegal; that the act of May 1874, under which the contest is brought, does not apply to the office of Judge of the Orphans Court; that it was the duty of the Governor under the law to have appointed Judge Cyrus L. Pershing one of the judges to hear the contest; that it was a manifest disregard and violation of the law not to have done so, and that therefore the present contest is illegal and has no authority in law. W. P. Ramsey, Esq., then argued for the petitioner at some length, after which the judges left for their respective homes.

A Double Reason for Quick Selling. We have put obnoxious prices on all seasonable goods, coats, shirts, blankets, underwear, etc. Our new building on the corner of Lloyd and Main streets will soon be in the hands of the builders; then comes moving time. We must sell 20,000 dollars worth of good, honest dry goods before ninety days are over, and we invite you to come and secure the bargains daily being offered during this closing-out sale.

L. J. WILKINSON, 29 South Main Street.

A Surprise Party. A surprise party was tendered Mrs. L. P. Beck, of Colorado Springs, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Hawley, on East Coal street, last evening. Mrs. Beck is a sister of Mrs. Hawley. An enjoyable time was spent by those present, who numbered about thirty. Refreshments were served during the evening.

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Mrs. Grinnell Credits Her Vigorous Old Age to Paine's Celery Compound.



It is an uncommon thing to learn of persons reaching the age of Mrs. Emylly Hyde Grinnell, and years of good health such as hers come only to those who make use of the very best means of keeping well.

No one will wonder that the bright-eyed old lady, whose mind to-day is as alert and clear as ever, should be anxious for others to try Paine's celery compound.

Mrs. Emylly Hyde Grinnell was born in Bennington, Vt., July 6, 1796, and is to-day living with her granddaughter, the wife of Martin Fowler, of Colchester, Vt., a beautiful town near North Edman Allen. Her father was a farmer and hotel keeper, and she lived upon the farm until her marriage. Mrs. Grinnell has none of the infirmities of old age. She rises at daylight, works about the house, and when the weather will permit walks outdoors. Her eyesight is so good that she threads a needle and spends many hours crocheting and doing fancy work. She keeps abreast of the times, and is remarkably well-informed upon many subjects. She declares that she does not feel any older than she has for years, and if people half her age enjoyed such good health as she they would consider themselves fortunate. She has seven children, four boys and three girls, two of whom are living to-day.

COLCHESTER, Vt., Oct. 11, 1895.
"Paine's celery compound has been my health preserver during the last few years. Whenever I have an ache or a pain a few doses of this medicine give me relief and strength. Few women, even though much younger than I, enjoy as good health, for my appetite is natural, my sleep refreshing, and

FIFTY POINTS.
Happenings Throughout the Region Chronicled for Hasty Perusal.

The man who forgets to shut the door is about very happy. Henry Price, of Ashland, is reported by Preston No. 3 colliery will resume operations on Monday.

The new Lutheran church at Epsy will be dedicated to-morrow. Sunbury secures a silk mill, through the efforts of the Board of Trade.

The Superior Court will convene at Scranton on Monday and organize. James Lavelle, of Girardville, is lying at his home at the point of death.

Michael Kelly, aged 78 years, died at his home in Ashland from the effects of asthma. Henry D. Ewald, of Orier City, has been committed to the county jail for refusing to support his wife.

Rev. E. H. Yocum, presiding elder of the M. E. churches in the Ashland district, is ill at his home in Danville. A. R. Ploppert, of West Coal street, was tendered a screenade by the German Maennerchor at his residence last evening.

John Gardias, of Morris, claims to have been robbed of \$12 and a silver watch by unknown parties while crossing the mountain. Among the malefactors before court this morning was one named Peter Hellow. Peter had doubtless been trying to live up to his name and got into trouble.

Schettly House. Oysters on toast to-night. Oysters. Clams. At the bar: All the delicacies of the season in every style.

Edward Jenkins Buried. The funeral of Edward Jenkins, the 14-year-old boy who died from injuries sustained on the scraper line of the Indian Ridge colliery on Wednesday, took place this morning and there was a large attendance of friends. High mass was celebrated at the Annunciation church and interment was made in the parish cemetery. O'Neill Bros. were the funeral directors.

The Angle Lamp gives most light for the least money. For sale at Brumm's. 1-7-4f

Becker and Dillman Sentenced. William Becker and Peter Dillman, of town, were arraigned before the Puttville court yesterday and convicted on a charge of assault and battery preferred by John Young. Each of the accused was sentenced to 30 days, \$5 fine and costs. This is the wind up of the fight that occurred at the corner of Main and Lloyd streets one night about three weeks ago.

I can walk quite a distance without feeling tired. People are surprised at my vigorous appearance and activity, which I believe, is the result of my using Paine's celery compound. It has cured me of constipation, and is of great help to me when over-tired.

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The Dangerous Water-back.
It should not be necessary to inform people that the kitchen water-back may be a very dangerous piece of the household economy, but the frequency with which accidents are caused by it in freezing weather shows that many persons either do not know this or never think of it. The water-back is simply a steam boiler—on a small scale, it is true, but still large enough to do great mischief. With a perfect connection between it and the system of water pipes it can do no harm, but when that connection is cut off by the freezing of the water pipes, which is apt to occur when the range fire is allowed to go out on a cold night, the effect is the same as sealing up a boiler. When the fire is rekindled an explosion follows. This is why so many kitchen explosions occur during a cold wave.

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"Y" Program.
The following program has been prepared for the meeting of the "Y" this evening: Singing, "Y"; prayer; declamation, "May Dosto"; instrumental solo, Ida Kehler; reading, Raymond Ehrhart; solo, Miss Brown; declamation, "Miss Harro"; comic reading, Mr. Bees; "News of the week," Mr. Bashore; critic, to be appointed; singing, "Y."

Schettly House For Sale.
The property and good will of the Schettly House, on North Main street, is offered for sale. The proprietor contemplates leaving in the South. For further particulars apply at the Schettly House. 12-16-4f

A Mahanoy Plane Girl Dead.
Miss Mary Lamey, of Mahanoy Plane, aged 17 years, died from an enlargement of the heart at the Jefferson hospital, Philadelphia, Wednesday evening. The young lady had been in that institution with the hope of being cured for the past two months. Her remains were brought to the home of her parents Thursday evening.

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BANK ELECTION.—The annual election of the stockholders of the Merchants' National Bank of Shenandoah, Pa., will be held at the banking house Tuesday, January 14th, 1896, between the hours of 1 and 4 p. m., for the purpose of electing thirteen (13) Directors to serve the ensuing year.

12-14-95
E. B. HUYER, Cashier.

STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.
FIRST NATIONAL BANK,
Shenandoah, Pa., Dec. 11, 1895.
The annual election of thirteen (13) Directors, to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the bank Tuesday, January 14th, 1896, from 10 a. m. till 12 o'clock noon.

12-14-95
S. W. YOSER, Cashier.

PROPOSALS.

Proposals will be received by the undersigned up to January 14th, 1896, for hauling during one year about 2,000 tons of buckwheat, coal for the Shenandoah Heat and Power Company.

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NOTICE TO CANDIDATES.

All persons who wish to be candidates on the Citizens' ticket at the

Spring Election
of 1896,

in the Borough of Shenandoah, must present their names and the required fees to the secretary of the Citizens' Standing Committee not later than the 17th day of January, 1896. By order of the committee,
T. J. JAMES, Pres.
W. J. WATKINS, Sec'y.

POLITICAL CARDS.

FOR HIGH CONSTABLE,
JOHN MATTHEWS,
Of the Fourth Ward.
Subject to Democratic rules.

FOR HIGH CONSTABLE,
JAMES EMANUELS,
Of the Fifth Ward.
Subject to Citizens' party rules.

FOR WARD CONSTABLE, (Fifth Ward.)
WILLIAM BENDER,
Of the Fifth Ward.
Subject to Citizen party rules.

FOR SCHOOL DIRECTOR, (Fifth Ward.)
CHARLES HOFFMAN,
Of the Fifth Ward.
Subject to Citizens' party rules.

FOR HIGH CONSTABLE,
EDWARD MASON,
Of the Fifth Ward.
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