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\$10,000 FIRE DESTROYS THREE BARN

Cortright, Blakney And Fowler Properties Wrecked By Blaze Wednesday Night; Cause Unknown

THEATRE PANIC AVERTED BY STAGE MANAGER JOHN CARROLL; 3000 WITNESS HEROIC WORK BY FIREMEN; LIVE STOCK SAVED; BUILDINGS PARTIALLY INSURED.

THOMAS HEALEY, ALLEGED FIRE BUG, ARRESTED.

Is Given A Hearing Thursday Afternoon Before Squire Smith, and Held Under \$500 Bail.

Thomas Healey was arrested Thursday on a warrant sworn out by Eugene Cortright charging him with wantonly and maliciously setting fire to and burning the barn of C. A. Cortright and Son. The warrant was served by County Detective N. E. Spencer, and he was taken before Squire Robert A. Smith where he was given a hearing late Thursday afternoon and as a result of the hearing he was held under \$500 bail. He pleaded not guilty to the charge.

At the hearing Attorney Chester A. Garratt appeared for Mr. Cortright.

Calvin Brown testified that when Lee Eie, the Chinaman, who was the first man to see the fire, came to the barn to notify the men to look after the fire, Thomas Healey called him a bad name and told him to go back and mind his own business.

E. C. Skinner testified that he seemed to have a standing grudge for some time against Cortright, and had said a number of times that he was going to get even with him. It seems Healey was discharged for drunkenness and incompetency, and a new man had been engaged to take his place at the Cortright barn. Even yesterday Healey persisted in threats to get even with Cortright and said "he would get even before tonight" and that "he knew what he was talking about."

The testimony having been heard Squire Smith committed Healey under \$500 bail.

Fire broke out Wednesday night, shortly after nine o'clock, in the hay loft of the barn owned by C. A. Cortright & Son, and used by them as a livery, at the rear of the Lyric Theatre in the No. 1190 block, Main street, destroying three barns before its course was checked. Damage was \$10,000. The alarm was turned in over the Consolidated phone from the fruit store of A. Barbieri, just across the street, at 9:05 p. m. by Lorenz Bried, and a general alarm was sounded, all the fire companies, viz, Honesdale Protection Engine Co. No. 3, Hose Company No. 1, Alert Fire Company, Chemical Fire Company promptly responding. When they reached the scene of the conflagration the flames had gained such rapid headway that their efforts were confined to saving the adjoining properties. It was a long and stubborn fight that the volunteer firemen of Honesdale waged, and it was midnight before the last stream of water was turned off.

The origin of the fire is a mystery. From all accounts it started in the hay loft of the Cortright barn. Eugene Cortright, when seen early Thursday morning by a Citizen reporter and questioned as to the probable source of the fire, said: "I haven't the least idea. It started in the hay loft, so they all say. There was a couple of tons of baled hay stored in the loft. I never allow any one to smoke in the barn. My loss will be about \$5,000 on which I have about \$2500 insurance."

The patrons in the Lyric Theatre were given quite a shock by a number not on the bills of the repertoire company appearing there in a week's engagement. Shortly after nine o'clock John Carroll, stage manager, walked on the stage, and announced that there was a fire in a barn next door, but that the audience need not be alarmed.

Smoke began to issue from the footlights before he had finished speaking and the crowd beat a hasty and orderly retreat from the fire zone to a place of safety out doors.

The Lyric theatre itself was somewhat damaged, one cornice being burned off, but not sufficiently to conceal the show scheduled for Thursday night. The members of the troupe ran to the lobby of the playhouse and took their trunks with them to a place of safety.

The flames gained rapid headway licking up everything in sight. Notwithstanding the heroic efforts of the firemen the fire spread to Peterson's and Blakney's barns adjoining and they were speedily reduced to ashes. Bucket brigades on adjoining houses kept the roofs and sides wet thus preventing the flying embers from destroying the adjacent dwellings.

The barn right to the rear of the Cortright barn is the Honesdale Milling Company's barn. The barn to the north of the livery stable barn is owned by Mrs. Emma Brown.

All the people in the Brown properties had their things torn up ready to be removed at a moment's notice. The first house on the north side of the Cortright barn is occupied by G. P. Sommer, the jeweler. In the second Edward A. Lindsay lives. The third, a big flat, was on fire several times, and the firemen worked hard to save it. This flat is occupied by the families of Harry Penwarden, O. M. Spettigue, Jr., Jacob Rief and County Detective

N. B. Spencer. The next Brown house is occupied by George Lorenz and County Superintendent J. J. Koehler.

When the flames were discovered in the Cortright barn, a determined effort was made to save the eleven horses that were stabled there. Geo. M. Barry did splendid work in rescuing the imprisoned animals and taking them to a place of safety in the barn of the Hotel Wayne. Rev. G. S. Wendell, pastor of the First Baptist church, was an early arrival on the scene of action and assisted in saving the horses. One of the steeds was so badly burned about the head and breast that it is feared it will die. A large wagon load of harness was carted off from the Cortright stables.

No material damage was done to the Caulfield Marble works. A large shed, where the men work, to the rear of the establishment didn't catch fire because the wind blew in the opposite direction.

Three Barns Burned. The barns destroyed were C. A. Cortright and Son, livery, complete loss.

The store house of the Fowler Milling company completely destroyed.

The Brown barn was also completely destroyed. William G. Blakney however getting his horses out all right.

Prof. H. A. Oday, the Chief of the Honesdale Fire department, was early on the scene. Tall giant that he is, he towered above the rest of the zealous firemen, and fought like a good fellow, directing the placing of the streams, and preserving good order and discipline.

Officers Levi De Groat and John Canivan handled the crowd with ease, and there was no disturbance whatever, although the streets were lined with people. North of the Durland-Weston Shoe Company, for a distance of two blocks, the streets were packed with a solid mass of people. Main street was filled with a thronging, bustling crowd who were called to the early evening fire from the skating rink, the theatre and the moving picture show to a play that was no less exciting and far more realistic. Fully 3000 people witnessed the conflagration.

From the Walter W. Fowler barn, purchased by the Honesdale Milling Company and used by them for storage purposes, a good many loads of all kinds of provisions and barrels upon barrels of gasoline and coal oil were removed to a place of safety in advance of the consuming flames. Mr. Fowler got his auto out. His loss is about \$1500.

All the people in the adjoining properties had their goods packed up, ready to be moved at a moment's notice.

Several barrels of molasses got afire, and as the flames crept around the smoke from the blazing syrup flashed full into the eyes of the firemen, almost blinding them at times, and hindering them in the performance of their duties. Frank W. Schuerholz ruined a good suit of clothes. Charles W. MacMullen fell from a roof and was bruised considerably.

Every time for twenty years when the engine has been tried out (and it was tested recently at the Lackawaxen bridge) there has always been a fire within a couple of days after it. It was so this time.

The damage was about \$10,000, probably half of which is covered by insurance.

The engine team was not used last night, for the horses were in Cortright's barn. It was swiftly brought into action from the City Hall, a hundred yards away.

The Honesdale Milling Company carried \$2600 insurance.

Orchard Demonstrations Arouse Interest

MORE SPRAYING AND BETTER CARE OF TREES THE RESULT

The public interest that is being taken in the lectures and demonstrations on orchard subjects by Professor Surface's inspectors is extremely gratifying. More spraying for insects, scale and fungus diseases will be done this spring than ever before in Wayne county. Two demonstrations were given in Wayne county. (Continued on Page Eight.)

Mrs. A. J. Rehben returned Monday from a short visit with her mother and sister in Philadelphia.

The Honesdale schools closed on Wednesday afternoon for the Easter recess.

Married on Wednesday afternoon, April 12, at the Methodist parsonage, by the Rev. Will H. Hiller, Raymond Dennis of Girdland, and Miss Lottie Welsh, West Damascus.

MARCH MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL

Question Raised "Where Shall We Put Our Refuse?" Treasurers' Report; Electric Lights Installed

ENGINEER JOHN LYONS GETS VACATION—"WHERE DOES SEVENTEENTH STREET BELONG?"—BILLS PRESENTED AND ORDERED PAID; GOOD ROADS AND MAIN STREET PAVING DISCUSSED.

The Town Council met Thursday night at City Hall, in March session, with President Martin Caulfield in the chair, all the members being in attendance with the exception of P. R. Murray. In addition to the council Mayor John Kubbach and Street Commissioner Lawrence Weidner were present. Hon. W. H. Dimmick was also among those present and after the reading of the minutes of the last regular and special meeting of March 16, which were approved, President Caulfield called upon Mr. Dimmick.

Among other things Mr. Dimmick said he did not come before the honorable body to find any fault; that on the contrary the council has given unusual satisfaction in discharging their many duties. But he appeared in the behalf of several townspeople and the Honesdale Improvement Association. "The question that confronts Honesdale to-day is where will we dump our ashes and garbage? We cannot dump the ashes upon the streets. That is prohibited by a borough ordinance. At present there is no place to take the refuse from our homes. All former dumping grounds have been filled up and the cartmen have been notified not to continue throwing garbage thereon. This spring it is more difficult than ever. There ought to be a place within a reasonable distance from Honesdale to take care of the refuse. Every well regulated town has a place of this kind." Mr. Dimmick suggested the old Delaware and Hudson canal. It was discussed among the council members and finally left with the street committee for disposal.

Treasurer's Report. Treasurer George W. Penwarden reported a balance on hand of \$575.45. During the month \$40 was received from Kretner Bros. for the privilege of tapping West street sewer; \$10 from E. F. Torrey for cleaning crosswalks and \$2 from Mayor Kubbach for the Nickette license.

Mr. Penwarden, committeeman on changing of electric lights, reported that the lamps at the corner of Tenth and Main streets had been erected and the one in Central park and the one at the state bridge had been removed to the center of the road, giving a much better light. He

was continued on the committee until the different lamps have been satisfactorily adjusted. The incandescent lamps for Erie street have not as yet arrived, but will be placed in position as soon as they are received.

Care of Trees. Under unfinished business the matter of the care and protection of Honesdale's maple trees was presented by the president. He claimed it was necessary to do something along this line, but did not favor springtime to do pruning. President Caulfield stated that the Honesdale Improvement Association had done a great deal toward beautifying this place and it was worthy of all the help and assistance obtainable and that he felt it was the council's duty to do all in its power to encourage them. "Honesdale, without its trees, would be lost," said Mr. Caulfield. Mr. Penwarden suggested that the street commissioner, accompanied by a committee, inspect the trees in the park and cut out the dead limbs and trees if necessary.

Chief Engineer John Lyons asked for a week's vacation. On motion of Mr. Penwarden, seconded by Mr. Canivan, it was granted.

All members of the council, including the Mayor, were invited to enjoy a "skate." A letter was read by Sec'y Kimble from the management of the Honesdale Roller Skating rink inviting the councilmen to be present at the opening of the rink. Complimentary tickets were sent which were afterwards distributed among the councilmen by the president.

Mr. Genung stated that Edward Katz desired a grade at the corner of Main and Seventeenth streets, as he intended building and wanted the grade before work of excavation was commenced.

This brought up the question, "Does Seventeenth street belong to the borough?" From what can be ascertained it appears that the street was never turned over to the borough. That at one time it was an alley and was used only as an accommodation for property holders living on what is now East street extension.

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WEEKLY PRIZE WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Lucky Kick Contestants Are Awarded Citizen Prizes For Excellence Of Kontributions

ARE YOU AMONG THEM? IF NOT, DON'T WORRY; ANOTHER CHANCE NEXT WEEK; REMEMBER EVERY LITTLE BIT HELPS, AND KICK.

THIS IS THE DAY WHEN EVERYONE GRABS THE CITIZEN TO SEE IF THEY'VE WON A PRIZE. WE TAKE PLEASURE IN AWARDING THE PRIZES THIS WEEK AS FOLLOWS: (1) HILDA VETTERLEIN, PAUPACK, SEE BELOW; (2) (FOR BREVITY) ORSAMUS R. WHITE, GALLIEE,—HE'LL NEED MORE THAN A DOLLAR TO SOOTHE HIS SISTER WHEN SHE LOOKS BELOW; (3) CLOTILDA LANE, WHITE MILLS, WHOSE KICK APPEARED IN THE LAST ISSUE OF THE CITIZEN; AWARDED BY ADVICE OF RECORDING ANGEL; D. M. PENNELL, HAWLEY, WHOSE KICK APPEARED IN THE LAST ISSUE OF THE CITIZEN, TO HELP HER GET THAT EASTER CHAPEAU. FOR DETAILS OF KONTEST SEE PAGE 2. SOME OF THE KICKS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Editor Citizen: I kick kause P. J. T. Tuttle spelled Kontagious with a c. F. S. KEENE. Answer: He ought to have known better, hadn't he?

Editor Citizen: I kick for a town kurfew. RAYMOND REIRDON. Answer: You should have seen the size of the chap who wants the kurfew.

Editor Citizen: We kick because Honesdale is not more progressive. S. F. WELLS. Answer: Town Council'll get you if you don't watch out.

Dear Editor: I kick because my sister wears hobble skirts. Sincerely yours, ORSAMUS R. WHITE, Galliee, Pa. Answer: My, isn't she the stylish thing!

Dear Editor: I kick because the roads are muddy when I want to go out Sunday nights to see my girl. Respectfully yours, EZELL WHITE, Galliee, Pa. Answer: Well, as long as she doesn't kick what do you kare?

Mr. Editor: I kick because the health officer didn't bury his pony. W. H. HITTINGER, White Mills, Pa. Answer: We don't blame you, and

a health officer at that. Our advice to you is to procure 1 very bad cold in the head. Perhaps you can guess why.

Editor Citizen: I kick because: White Mills is a hole between two hills. And a very contented people, A woman standing in every door, And a church without a steeple. JOSEPH STEPHENS. Answer: That's about as bad as a man without a country, isn't it?

Editor Citizen: I kick because I have to work. And still they say I am a shirk. BLANCHE M. FOWLER, Gumbles, Pa. Answer: You have our sympathy. That's what they say about us.

Editor The Citizen: I kick because there is so much snow. And I have no rubbers to wear, So if I get the dollar you bet I'll buy me a pair. HILDA VETTERLEIN, Paupack, Pa. Answer: Here's your dollar. We hate to see any one get wet feet. Remember the rubbers and help us get that 5,000 circulation.

Dear Editor: While reading your kicks I have decided to kick, and I kick hard because I have to wash dishes three times a day. ANNA WEBER, White Mills. Answer: That's easy, Anna. Simply stop eating.

WASHINGTON NEWS

Extra Session Of Congress Going On

DISCUSSION OF ARBITRATION; LITTLE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION; RECIPRO-CITY TO THE FORE.

Washington, April 11, 1911.—The national Congress is again in session—the second extra session of the present administration. Speculation as to what Congress will do is varied. It is thought that the administration would be more than pleased if the Congress would ratify the reciprocity agreement with Canada and adjourn, but the Democrats who now control the house have much more ambitious program and indeed there are tariff reforms that cannot be enacted too soon. The period between the adjournment on the 4th of March and the 4th of April has been full of interest. The sudden mobilization of the army and its establishment on the Mexican border has been the subject of discussion throughout the length and breadth of the land. The ultimate purpose of the administration is not known, but preparation for any emergency is the wisdom in national affairs. It is reported that a large contingent of the force now on the Mexican border will sail in a few days for Honolulu. It is known that American interests in Mexico demand a strong American force near that perturbed territory.

The Peace Pact. There is again discussion of a peace pact between Great Britain and the United States and between France and the United States. With reciprocity with Canada and peace agreements with Great Britain and France, there would be little reason for the continuous expensive naval preparation of the last decade; but there is no assurance that the Senate will ratify such peace agreements as the two great Anglo-Saxon governments may arrange with each other. There are some Senators that are

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+ A special feature of next +
+ Wednesday's Citizen will be an +
+ interview with Mr. Willis P. +
+ Sweetnam whom Wayne Coun- +
+ ty knows as a summer visitor +
+ and one of the most celebrated +
+ burnt cork comedians on the +
+ stage to-day. +

THOMPSON'S TRIP

Honesdale Banker Returns From Delightful Tour

WITH MRS. THOMPSON VISITS BERMUDA, PORTO RICO AND PANAMA CANAL.

"Everything went like clockwork on our trip," said Andrew P. Thompson, vice-president of the Honesdale National Bank, in describing the delights of a Southern trip which he and Mrs. Thompson took, and from which they returned the first of the week.

"We sailed from New York March 18 on the steamer Hamburg of the Hamburg-American line. We first touched at Bermuda, 700 miles out from New York, where we stayed two days. Then we went to St. Thomas in the Danish Islands, and were there about six hours. It's about 870 miles from Bermuda.

"From there we went to Porto Rico, San Juan, where we saw the American flag floating over the Morro Castle. We were there about two days. It's a beautiful island, with high mountains in the interior, producing coffee, sugar, bananas and all the tropical fruits.

"From there we went to Colon, Panama, in the Canal zone, where we had a special train, and went along the canal stopping at Bethune locks, Bas Obispo and Culebra cut.

Meets Honesdale People. "We met Major and Mrs. Edgar Jadwin, formerly of Honesdale, who accompanied us, he going as far as Culebra Cut, and Mrs. Jadwin as far as Panama.

"The people in Honesdale," remarked Mr. Thompson, "may be proud of Major Jadwin and the great work he has and is accomplishing there. He is a son of Hon. C. C. Jadwin, and went there soon after the War Department took charge. He is third in command, and has had charge of the Bethune locks. He has finished that part and now is working on the Bas Obispo dam and breakwater on the Atlantic side.

"Calvin Kimble is there too. I didn't meet him though. There are several there from this section. Impressive Canal Work.

"We were impressed with the wonderful work the thousands and tens of thousands of men engaged in that work, with all the appliances that modern machinery can assist in doing. "We landed in New York April 8. I didn't gain any in weight. We enjoyed summer weather. We weren't (Continued on Page Five.)

KISS KISS TA TA ?

W. H. O. Starts Crusade Against Osculation

WANTS EVERYONE TO SIGN PLEDGE TO DISCOURAGE KISSING.

Is the kiss in Honesdale doomed to go? "Stop kissing," is the injunction of the W. H. O. to people here. It includes everybody, men, women and babies, sweethearts and married folks.

W. H. O. stands for World Health Organization and Mrs. I. Rechtin, of Cincinnati, is president. Circulars urging upon Honesdale people to stop kissing have been received from Mrs. Rechtin and people are asked to take a pledge which reads as follows:

"In order to encourage good health and lessen the spread of consumption I desire to join the World's Health organization and hereby pledge myself to discourage the custom of kissing on the lips whenever it is in my power."

If anyone was to ask the W. H. O. what's in a kiss the answer would be "germs." Who's believe it? "Why not stop kissing," reads the circular. "It is a time honored custom and one person cannot stop it. It is only in unity that sufficient strength can be gained to convince the civilized world that kissing is pernicious and unhealthful."

W. H. O. members wear "Don't Kiss Me" badges. Truly, the way of the "kisser" is hard.

14 NEW CITIZENS

Papers Granted By The Naturalization Court

LIST OF APPLICANTS AND STATISTICS CONCERNING THEM.

Naturalization court was convened Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock when fourteen applicants for citizenship answered the customary questions, were vouched for by two witnesses each, and granted papers all within the space of 48 minutes. The names of the applicants, and their residences are: Charles Harman, Max Dennhardt, Oscar Emile Dennhardt, Leonard William Wagner, Honesdale; Samuel Grabow, Lakeville; Walter James Graham, Frank Jeko, White Mills; George Thomas Daniels, Carley Brook; Otto Brown, Ariel; Frank Suponcz, Josef Hervatin, Joseph Skubis, John Baber, Jos. Poloncin, Clinton township. All but three are married men, with children, and own their own property, which in the majority of cases is paid for.

A list of the applicants, their place of birth, present residence, date of arrival in United States, place of arrival, witnesses, and their residence is as follows:

Charles Haiman, Nova Alexandria, Russia, August 1, 1892, Marks Bregstein, Morris Freeman, Honesdale.

Samuel Grabow, Minsk, Russia, Lakeville, July 14, 1891, Frank P. Kimble, William Altemeyer, Honesdale and Arlington.

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SMILE !!

This coupon represents one vote cast for _____ for President of the Smile Club and one vote for _____ for Vice President.

Polls close 12 noon, June 16. For details see Editor's Corner.