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PRICE CENTS

ARRESTED FOR ARSON

Mrs. Anne Niemann, a Suspect, Committed to Jail on Serious Charge—Evidence Strong Against Her—Told Number of Conflicting Stories.

Mrs. Anne Niemann, widow of the late Charles Niemann, of River street, was arrested for arson Wednesday morning in J. B. Robinson's insurance agency by Detective N. B. Spencer.

The warrant was issued to the complainant, Detective Spencer, by Esquire R. A. Smith, after the former had made an examination of the home of Mrs. Niemann, following Tuesday's morning's mysterious fire. From evidence gained Detective Spencer felt justified in taking the action that he did.

Mrs. Niemann was presented before Esquire Smith and before he had chance to read the complaint to her, Mrs. Niemann had the floor and in fact kept it. The complaint read for arson, wantonly and maliciously and with intent to destroy and burn said building, set fire to a certain dwelling house belonging to Attorney Frank P. Kimble and situated across the Farnham bridge, Honesdale, being the west side of River street.

Mrs. Niemann talked and talked and then some more. In the meantime Detective Spencer told the Justice that he had made a thorough examination of the place and had found an old sweater thoroughly saturated with kerosene oil placed in the studding of the said building against the woodwork in the cellar of the house. He also stated that paper, straw, and old clothes were found protruding in different parts of the cellar. Matches were strewn upon the floor and that fires were burning in two places at the same time. He related to Justice Smith how the firemen stated Mrs. Niemann told them there was no fire in the building and how she tried to prevent them from entering the cellar. Mrs. Niemann also told the Justice that there was no fire in the place. After listening to the phonographic-like words that fell out of Mrs. Niemann's mouth the Justice held Mrs. Niemann under \$200 bail. Being unable to secure any one to go her bail Mrs. Niemann was turned over to Sheriff F. C. Kimble's custody.

After the fire Mrs. Niemann and her daughter made several visits to Mr. Robinson's insurance agency. She said her claim for damage amounted to \$15. The fire, by the way, did not reach the first floor and consequently no damage was done to the contents, which are meager. At one time the house was nicely furnished but after Mr. Niemann's death a few months ago the widow conducted a sale. Nearly all of the household effects, it is claimed, have since been disposed of. Mr. Niemann carried \$500 on his machinery and second-hand articles that he had for sale and a separate policy of \$500 was carried on the household furniture.

It is claimed that Mrs. Niemann has means whereby she could give security and be released from jail. She is a woman about 55 years of age and has one daughter, who lives with her mother. The young lady has appealed to Scranton relatives for aid.

BEAR ABUNDANT IN STATE

No Difficulty About Sport This Fall, Say Well-known Sportsmen.

"Bar huntin'" will be good in Pennsylvania this fall, as, judging from reports made to the State Game Commission's men, bruin is not only abundant but in some of the northern counties comes pretty near to being a nuisance. Bears have been breeding rather extensively in the last half-dozen years and the appearance of a lively specimen is reported from many camps this summer, including those on State forest reserves.

The bear season will not open until October 1 and the law permits the killing of an unlimited number of the animals by hunters, and farmers and woodsmen will probably bag many through traps, although the use of steel traps is now prohibited. The bears have been reported in many of the Central Pennsylvania counties the last few years, some being seen within a short distance of Harrisburg, and in mountain communities the farmers have been bothered by the depredations of bears close to barnyards and in gardens.

Many reports of bears were made to Dr. Joseph Kaibfus, secretary of the State Game Commission, on his recent tour of the northern part of the State and he expects the season to be marked by some excellent bear shooting. As a rule Dr. Kaibfus found game abundant in the state, the absence of forest fires and the conditions in the spring being favorable for propagation.

Rapid progress on the completion of the buildings at the Cresson sanatorium of the State Department of Health is being made and the installation of the heating system will begin this week. The contractors are required to have the buildings ready in the early part of October and Commissioner of Health Samuel G. Dixon hopes to have the first patients sent to the establishment before November. The new sanatorium is already attracting much attention and has had a number of visitors from other States.

WOMAN APPEALS TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

SCRANTON, Aug. 15.—Mrs. John Weidmann, whose husband died on Tuesday at the Hillside Home, appealed to the District Attorney today regarding the death of her husband. The matter was turned over to the county coroner.

WAYNE COUNTY POULTRY ASSOCIATION.

The Wayne County Poultry Association have planned to make the exhibit at the fair this year one of the best in the history of the organization. The services of J. L. Purpie, associate editor of the Poultry Item, Sellersville, Pa., have been obtained to judge the birds.

Mr. Purpie will be in attendance all through the fair and will gladly answer questions on poultry either fancy or utility. Through his years of experience Mr. Purpie is well fitted for this duty, having visited a large number of the leading poultry farms in the United States.

There will be an exhibition many breeds that to the laymen are new. Among these are the Campines, a Belgian Breed noted for its beautiful plumage and its ability as an egg machine.

The Indian Runner Duck, the leghorn of the duck family will also be exhibited. It is hoped a pen of Sicilian Buttercups will also be shown. This is also a new breed in this section, although they were first imported from Sicily in 1862.

Don't forget to look up the poultry building at the fair. If you have some good birds don't be afraid to exhibit them; in this way you will learn their defects and the next year try and weed it out.

STATE COLLEGE DEAN SEES FUTURE ON FARM

Dr. Arthur Holmes Strow Out Use of Agricultural Colleges and What They Are Doing.

Philadelphia, Aug. 15.—Dr. Arthur Holmes, assistant professor of psychology of the University of Pennsylvania, will leave his present position in the fall to become dean of State college, filling a post which has been vacant for more than two years.

Dr. Holmes has been with the university for four years, and is one of its most popular professors, not only because of his academic work, but his strong personality as well. His resignation will be greatly regretted by the entire student body.

One of the chief reasons why Dr. Holmes was selected for this important position was because of his influence over the student, and his greatest task at State college will be to develop character in the men who have hitherto had no one to take personal interest in them.

Speaking of the agricultural possibilities for the young men of the country, Dr. Holmes says:

"There is no reason why farming should not be as much of a profession, requiring just as much specialization, as law or medicine. Given such scientific training, the returns will be as great, if not greater, than in many other professions.

"Farming formerly gave good returns even when blindly done, because the soil was rich enough to stand it; but now that all the free lands are taken up and the soil is becoming less fertile, owing to misuse, returns naturally decrease, and the cry is raising that farming no longer pays. Then along came the agricultural college, and the farmers' institute to point out remedies and new methods of farming, and we find scientific principles taking the place of the old blind methods, with the result that farming is again becoming a paying proposition, which our young men will take up.

"The economic reason is not the only cause, however, for the young men deserting the farms. I consider that the social instinct, the desire of youth to be with others of its kind has had quite as much to do with the flocking into the cities as any other reason. Here, again, we find a change. With the extension of the rural delivery, the telephone and the trolley, one no longer has to live in crowded cities to find an outlet for one's social, physical and intellectual needs.

"The Y. M. C. A. is beginning to recognize and cope with this problem by going into every small village and town and establishing a club room, with courses of interesting and instructive lectures. Then they organize a team of some sort and get the young men interested in various sports. Then, too, the throwing open of the school houses as social centers helps to increase the facilities for social intercourse and lessen the need of the cheap amusements of the city and render them less desirable.

Dr. Holmes was very enthusiastic over the prospects of good positions which he said were waiting for the graduates of agricultural colleges.

"When men just out of college can obtain positions as scientific managers of farms at \$75 or \$100 a month, with board and lodging thrown in, it can scarcely be said that farming is not a money-making proposition for young men. At that salary enterprising young men will save money until they have enough to buy farms of their own, when they will find their training well repaid."

TO LIGHT VILLAGE TOWN.

Former Commissioner John K. Hornbeck, of Equinunk, purchased a 12-horse power gasoline engine from E. W. Gammell on Wednesday which he will use in furnishing power to generate electricity to light the streets of Equinunk.

Mr. Hornbeck formerly used a waterwheel to generate electricity to light his own home. Being satisfied that he would receive the support of enough parties to make it a paying investment Commissioner Hornbeck purchased the engine.

THREE BOYS LOSE LIVES THROUGH FIRE AT BEACH LAKE

TWO IVES BROTHERS AMONG DEATH NUMBER

Other Brother Has Narrow Escape—Jumps From Second Story Window of Bowling Alley—Property Owned By William Ives, Father of the Boys—Fire Started 3:15 A. M. on Same Floor Where Boys Slept—John Gow, New York, One of the Victims.

Two boys, Elwood Ives and John Gow, were burned to death and two brothers, Neal and McKinley Ives, sons of William Ives, badly burned in a fire that consumed the latter's ice cream parlors and bowling alley at Beachlake, early Wednesday morning.

The boys slept on the second floor of the bowling alley, which is located on the main road leading to Beachlake and near the Duneden boarding house. They had retired after a busy day and night's work, business being pretty brisk Tuesday night in the ice cream parlors, as a dance was conducted there that evening. The bowling alley building is about 125 feet long and the sleeping apartments of the boys were at the extreme rear on the second floor. Fire broke out at 3:30 Wednesday morning near where the boys slept. The alarm of fire was given and hundreds of summer guests who are stopping at that popular resort answered to the call and offered their assistance.

When it was learned that there were three sons of Mr. Ives and a city boarder sleeping in the building, people became almost frantic and a desperate effort was made to rescue them if possible. Work was commenced at once in battering down the front door. As the door fell in, the head of Elwood Ives, 17-year-old son of Mr. Ives, fell out. But alas! he was dead. He had been suffocated by the smoke. Gentle hands removed his remains from the burning building. His skull and part of the trunk were all of the body that was intact. It was too late, his soul had departed, leaving behind his grief-stricken parents, two brothers and many sympathizing and sorrowing friends.

Elwood endeavored to make his escape and had come the entire length of the building, descended the stairs and then tried the front door, but it was locked. The finding of his body cast a gloom over the community.

The remains of John Gow, of New York City, aged 8 years, were found after a diligent search in the debris Wednesday morning. It was first hoped that he had escaped but his charred bones told a different story. From the position they laid it was evident that he had not moved from the cot but had been suffocated by the smoke. A message was sent to New York City Wednesday morning telling the father of his misfortune. Grief-stricken, he came on Thursday to care for the remains of his son, who had been spending his vacation at that place.

Coroner P. B. Peterson was called at 8 o'clock Wednesday morning. He viewed the charred remains of Elwood Ives and John Gow and stated that there was no occasion for holding an inquest. He stated that all that remained of Elwood Ives were his head and part of the trunk of the body.

Dr. Purcell, of Narrowsburg, was called and gave attention to Neal and McKinley Ives, the

former being quite seriously burned.

Neal and McKinley Ives, younger sons of Mr. and Mrs. William Ives, barely escaped with their lives, which they did by jumping out of the second story window. They were both badly burned and are also suffering from bruises and shock.

There is no evidence as to how the building caught fire. A dance was held at the place Tuesday night and it is possible that a lighted cigarette or cigar butt thrown down by some careless and thoughtless person started the conflagration.

Another theory is that the place might have caught fire from electric wires, as the place is lighted by electricity, a gasoline engine furnishing power for the generator. Had there been a storage battery this might have been more probable, but as there was none this theory office is again blasted.

Beachlake has become a popular summer resort, there being at present over 300 guests boarding at the different houses. In view of the fact that entertainment must be furnished, Mr. Ives erected a four ten pin bowling alley, with ice cream parlors attached. The boys, it appears, chose to sleep over the alley rather than in their own home during the summer, it being cooler, they claimed, which accounted for them occupying apartments in that building.

Mr. and Mrs. Ives have the profound sympathy of their many Wayne county friends in their bereavement.

Neal Ives, who was badly burned internally, died as the result of his burns Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock. He suffered untold agony as his back, arms and hands were severely and deeply burned. He inhaled the deadly fumes of the fire, which caused his death. Despite the fact of being burned so badly, Neal walked from his home to his grandmother's, Mrs. John Neal, a distance of about a town block, Wednesday morning, where he died at 7 o'clock that night. Mrs. Neal cared for the boy and practically raised him. From the time Neal entered the house until after he had passed away, Mrs. Neal did not speak a word and paralysis was feared, but she regained her speech Thursday morning and is apparently well today, except to be suffering from the shock.

The funeral of Elwood and Neal Ives will be held at 10 o'clock Friday morning from the Methodist Episcopal church at Beachlake. Rev. Mr. Seymour will preach the sermon. Both bodies will be placed in the same casket and sorrowing and sympathizing friends will tenderly lower the remains of the brothers into one grave in the Beachlake cemetery.

Besides their parents, Elwood and Neal Ives are survived by three brothers, McKinley, who escaped by jumping from the second story of the bowling alley, Edward, Victor and one sister, Elizabeth.

NOTES.

The White Mills fire department was called out Wednesday morning, parties seeing the Beachlake conflagration mistook it for a fire back of White Mills.

Mr. Ives carried a large stock of cut glass in his bowling alley, which was a heavy loss.

Elwood Ives, the young man who lost his life, was spending his vacation at the home of his parents, being employed at Binghamton.

MISSING MINER VISITED GRAVITY.

Robert Patterson of Throop, Had Conversation With Mrs. Shaffer on Thursday—Was Bound For Hawley.

Robert Patterson, the Throop miner, who has been missing from home since a week ago last Thursday, was in Gravity, Pa., on Thursday last and Mrs. A. W. Shaffer, correspondent for The Tribune-Republican saw him and talked with him. Mr. Patterson disappeared ten days ago and Mrs. Patterson requested the Scranton police to find him as she feared that he had met with foul play.

Following is the letter received from The Tribune-Republican correspondent at Gravity:

Dear Sir:—In your paper of yesterday, August 13, appears the picture of Robert Patterson, of Throop, whose wife wishes information as to his whereabouts. I saw and conversed with this man, plainly the original of the photograph in your paper of yesterday, on Thursday, Aug. 8, last. He claimed to have been a miner, to have left his home in Throop on Monday, Aug. 5, on account of family troubles. He had passed through Marshwood and Wimmers before reaching our place and seemed to have a "tie" pass to Hawley, where he wanted to find work on the new washery. From his conversation, he was leaving home for good."—Scranton Tribune.

CELEBRATION TO BE BEST EVER HELD

Committees Have Matters Well Under Way—All Are Working Hard for Big Event, August 27-29, in Honesdale.

Hurrah for the Wayne county celebration! It will be held in Honesdale August 27, 28 and 29. All arrangements are being made for the big event, which from all reports, will go way ahead of Old Home Week three years ago.

At the meeting held last Tuesday evening all committees reported progress. All members were present and much enthusiasm was manifested.

The privilege committee has made arrangements for a carnival company to give exhibitions on the Delaware and Hudson culm bank. Merry-go-rounds, ferris wheels and other amusement novelties will be here, which will enable our people to pass through the "great white way." The plot of ground near the Union station has been secured and arc lamps will be placed thereon.

The music committee has made arrangements for concerts to be given on the green south of the city hall.

Main street will be in flying colors from one end to the other. Flags, bunting and streamers will predominate. The committee desire all to decorate that can. It is their desire to make Honesdale one moving flag. The City Hall will be one of the first public buildings that will be decorated.

The committee on transportation have secured reduced rates on the Delaware and Hudson road. Midnight trains will also leave Honesdale during the celebration.

The line of march of the civic, automobile and firemen's parades will be published in a forthcoming issue of The Citizen.

The Grangers have the chance of their lives offered to them by the committee. Liberal cash prizes will be awarded.

A letter from Chief H. A. Oday states that he will be here August 24 in time to participate in and enjoy the celebration. He stated that the Independent Hose company of Dunmore were planning to come to Honesdale and intended taking a prize home with them.

The soliciting committee find it hard to secure the funds subscribed. They desire those who have subscribed to kindly remit the same, as every business man realizes that his own affairs would not thrive long unless he had money to carry it on.

11-YEAR-OLD GIRL BECOMES MOTHER.

Iowa City, Ia., Aug. 15.—The youngest mother recorded in Iowa medical history is an 11 year old girl from Davenport, who gave birth to a healthy 8½ pound child at the University Hospital today. The hospital authorities did not make public the girl's name.

ARRESTED FOR SELLING LIQUOR WITHOUT LICENSE

Italian Laborers Sold Beverage by Bottle Near Farview—Detective Spencer's Nice Work.

Phillip Cherri and Tony Perri, two laborers on the grounds at the Farview Criminal Insane Hospital, appeared before Esquire R. A. Smith Wednesday morning, charged with selling liquor without a license, the complaint having been made by Detective N. B. Spencer.

These Italians bought as high as 15 kegs of beer at a time. At first they drank the beer with their meals and paid for the beverage as a part of their "mess." This was too tame for some, which led to violating the State law, selling without a license. Esquire Smith told the prisoners they had no right to sell the beer, but could drink it at the table. He held each under \$100 bail. It is expected that the damages will be settled within a few days and the violators released from jail. They will, however, be held for October term of court.

DRINK F POSSIBLE

Mrs. Bessie Rolison, Prompton, Nice Woman Only When She Drinks—Seven Witnesses Testify Against Her.

Mrs. Bessie Rolison, of Prompton, was arraigned before Esquire R. A. Smith Thursday morning on a charge of disorderly conduct, drunkenness and using profane language. Seven witnesses testified against Mrs. Rolison, the complaint being brought against her by Mrs. Adams, of Prompton.

Mrs. Adams was sworn and testified that Mrs. Rolison used bad names and talked about people in a slanderous manner, and that she used language unfit for children to listen to.

Mrs. Mumm sworn. "On August 8 Mrs. Rolison abused me and my 16-year-old daughter. She said that my daughter was with her husband, and that my daughter had \$8 of his money. Mrs. Rolison is in the habit of getting drunk and is then disorderly."

The Justice asked Mrs. Rolison whether she had anything to say about this and she said: "My husband came home drunk one day and I asked him what he did with his \$8 and he said he gave it to the girl at the boarding house."

Mrs. Clara Mumm sworn. She corroborated Mrs. Adams' testimony, stating that Mrs. Rolison was drunk and disorderly and used bad language. On the 16th the postmistress ejected Mrs. Rolison from the post-office owing to making a disturbance. Said Mrs. Rolison kept the town people awake different times by her loud talk.

Theresa Minor sworn. Mrs. Rolison is a town nuisance. She disturbs the people at midnight. I live on the hill and I often hear her from my house.

Mrs. Romich sworn. I can hear Mrs. Rolison from my home. She has spells at night and daytime. She calls names unfit to repeat before children and ladies.

Annie Lassey sworn. Mrs. Rolison calls people bad names and says nasty things about them. She hasn't a good reputation in Prompton.

Mrs. Frank Bodie sworn. Mrs. Rolison uses profane language and called Mrs. Adams vile names. She is very boisterous at times and says things unfit for children to hear.

Mrs. A. E. Snedeker sworn. Mrs. Rolison came into our store and was very disorderly and used profane language. I ordered her out and told her not to come in again. When she is herself she is as nice as anyone need be.

Mr. Datsman sworn. Mrs. Rolison is a nice little lady except when she gets intoxicated. She then uses language unfit for a lady to use.

W. S. McMullen sworn. I heard her misuse Mrs. Adams. Drink caused the trouble. When straight she is as good as the best of us. She gets intoxicated quite often.

In reply to the Justice when he asked Mrs. Rolison if she had anything to say she remarked that "Mr. McMullen brings lots of this drink to my house that causes this trouble."

Frank Bodie, sworn. I never heard a man use as vile language as Mrs. Rolison used when she talked to Mrs. Adams lately. Mrs. Rolison is very disorderly sometimes.

Justice Smith told Mrs. Rolison she was guilty of the charges brought against her according to the evidence of the witnesses. He said he would give her time to get bail and unless she received it she would have to go to jail. Or she could pay the costs, which would amount to about \$25 and a fine not to exceed \$10. Mrs. Rolison, accompanied by Constable Hankins, then left the office to seek someone to go her bail.

Through her attorney, C. A. McCarty, Mrs. Rolison entered an appeal for the October term of court. Mr. McCarty furnished bail in the amount of \$100.

SCRANTON MAN ASPHYXIATED

Thomas Ford Found Dead by His Wife in His Home—Gas Jet Was Open—Was Purely Accidental.

(Special to The Citizen.)

SCRANTON, Aug. 15.—Thomas Ford, inside foreman of the Mt. Pleasant colliery, Scranton Coal company, was found dead in his room this morning by his wife.

The gas jet was partially open. It is presumed that it was accidentally turned on. Some articles of clothing were upon the bed and it is supposed that before retiring Mr. Ford removed his clothing and in some manner touched the gas cock, which allowed the gas to escape. From the position in which his body was found it appeared as if he had made an effort to get out of the room before being asphyxiated. He leaves a wife and four children. Mr. Ford was 36 years of age and was a promising young man.

FOREIGN BANK ORGANIZED IN WILKES-BARRE.

Scranton Men Interested—Capitalized for \$100,000 With a Surplus of \$250,000.

(Special to The Citizen.)

SCRANTON, Aug. 15.—Michael Dosak, a well known Scranton capitalist, was elected president of the "Slavonic" Bank of Wilkes-Barre today. F. P. McCormick was elected vice-president. The bank is capitalized at \$100,000, with \$250,000 surplus. It will be a foreign money exchange.