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FIERCE CONFLAGRATION SWEEPED OVER EAST END

Seven Business Blocks and Dwellings and Four Stables Leveled to the Ground, Entailing a Property Loss of Over Thirty Thousand Dollars.

FIREMEN FOUGHT BRAVELY FOR THREE HOURS

MONDAY afternoon about 5.30 o'clock fire broke out in a barn owned by King & Coleman in the east end of town and raged in uncontrollable fury for two hours after, leveling to the ground during that time seven business places and dwellings and four barns, besides damaging to some extent a dozen other buildings in the vicinity. The property loss alone will exceed thirty thousand dollars and the damage to household goods lastly moved from the burned buildings and those in danger of burning can hardly be computed.

The origin of the fire is not known. Milo Coleman had placed a horse in the barn in rear of King & Coleman's lot shortly after five o'clock and left the barn immediately. Ten or fifteen minutes later smoke was noticed issuing from the building and an alarm sent to the fire company. Hope Fire Company's wagon was galloping to the scene within two minutes after the bell rung and the East End Company also responded promptly. They attached hose lines and were at the barn before the fire had gained any great headway and there seemed little danger of a large conflagration. For some reason there was not force enough behind the water to throw it ten feet above the nozzle and the firemen suddenly found themselves utterly powerless in the face of the rapidly spreading flames. Bucket brigades were quickly formed to protect adjoining roofs and through their ceaseless work several nearby buildings were saved. Four barns owned by King & Coleman, James H. Spry and John Ross, the latter used by N. A. Headley, were very close together and the intense heat of burning hay rendered mere bucket fire fighting useless. In a very few minutes all the barns were blazing like a great furnace and the firemen with their tiny stream of water could do little more than stand by and watch it burn. The rear ends of James H. Spry's building, occupied by his grocery store and dwelling, and King & Coleman's frame block, occupied by Coleman's drug store, with Italian tenants on the second floor, soon caught fire from the intense heat. By this time the pressure in the water line had grown much stronger and the firemen fought valiantly at every point possible to check the spreading fire but still had only force enough to keep the exterior of the burning buildings and those adjoining wet. At this point, with four barns and two large frame structures wrapped in flames, with a rain of sparks pouring down and setting fire to almost every roof in the radius of a square, and the water utterly inadequate to successfully combat it, it was thought that the greater portion of the east end of Main street would be burned and a call for aid was telephoned to DuBois. The Friendship and Union hose companies, with the City engine of that city promptly responded; their engine and equipment was loaded quickly on a B. & P. R. y car and a wild ride to Reynoldsville followed.

In the meantime the fire had started on an irresistible sweep up the street. In Coleman's and Spry's buildings the firemen had to abandon their fight and devote their efforts to dwellings above and below. On the west side a group of firemen on the roof of George Harding's house made a remarkably brave and successful fight. The heat was so intense that their rubber coats shriveled up and burned and buckets of water had to be thrown over the firemen continually to prevent their clothing from burning. Despite this they held their position for over an hour and though, with but a feeble force of water, saved the house, accomplishing thereby a feat not one in the thousands of spectators thought possible when the seething flames shot highest.

On the east side the firemen were just as valiantly struggling, but with less success. The fire crept on, engulfing in one great mass of flame a vacant store building adjoining Spry's, a dwelling formerly occupied and owned by Mrs. Mary Lucas, then vacant, and finally a dwelling owned by Thomas J. Davis, all of which were leveled to the ground in a short time. Above the Davis property was the dwelling of A. G. Draucker, which had a slate roof and this probably saved it and the balance

of the square east from destruction. The firemen, driven back step by step, took their last stand there and by playing a continuous stream of water with what force they had, succeeded in holding the fire at bay and by 7.15 had fair control of the situation. It was then that the firemen from DuBois came rattling in, eager to assist but a few minutes too late to witness the hottest of the fight. It was not necessary for them to unload their engine.

While the heat was most intense houses owned or occupied by S. B. J. Saxton, Mrs. J. L. Test, N. A. Headley, Oscar Tapper, Frank Foley, John Ross and others caught fire on the roof, but in each case prompt work with buckets prevented much damage. At Saxton's it required extreme vigilance to save the house. It was so warm that green trees opposite Spry's commenced to burn and an ornamental bush at one corner of Mrs. Test's home, covered with a quantity of brown fuzzy blossoms, ignited from the heat with the quickness of powder, striking terror to the crowd who thought for a moment the house was doomed.

Nearly a score of families living nearby, whose homes were endangered, moved their household goods wholly, or in part, out of the houses and at nightfall the hill above Main street was covered with such articles and what merchandise could be moved from the stores of J. H. Spry, King & Coleman and Oscar Tapper.

Though under control at 7.15 o'clock, the firemen found it necessary to remain and keep the water directed on the flames until two o'clock Tuesday morning. Throughout the long fight the members of Hope Fire Co., the East End Fire Company and many citizens

wh assisted, did noble work in the face of overwhelming odds. Handicapped from the start by the lack of water, they did everything that could be done, risking life and limb unhesitatingly in saving what was possible.

The exact loss can hardly be estimated. The King & Coleman building was erected over thirty years ago and was one of the best known business stands in Reynoldsville, having been for many years the location of King & Coleman's drug and general merchandise stores. At the time of the fire Mr. Coleman occupied one of the rooms with a pharmacy. It is likely that the total loss to the firm will approximate \$10,000. There is no insurance.

James H. Spry, the grocer, was one of the heaviest individual losers. He owned to building in which he lived and conducted his store, one of the oldest established in the east end, and lost the greater part of his household goods and stock in store. He carried a small insurance but stands to lose from \$8,000 to \$10,000.

N. A. Headley, who used John Ross' barn, lost about \$50. Oscar Tapper, whose are goods and furniture was hustled to, lost considerable by damage to property.

The household goods of Mrs. Viola King were stored in the King & Coleman building and burned. Loss probably \$500.

T. J. Ivie and Mrs. Mary Lucas, who own the dwelling houses destroyed, at several hundred dollars each.

George Erding and many others had their property damaged. There was also a largess to residents in the district whose household goods were moved with more expedition than care.

Reynoldsville Boy Now Cruising On the Pacific

Following is part of a letter from Duncan Dunsmore, an electrician on the battleship, Colorado, written to his father, D. M. Dunsmore, in this place: Bremerton, Wash.,

Sunday, Aug. 16, 1908,
U. S. A. C. Colorado.

"The best laid plans of mice and men gang aft aglee."

The Colorado left Bremerton at 6 K. a. m. yesterday, Saturday, morning on our cruise to Samoa by way of San Francisco and Honolulu, and in three hours and forty-five minutes we were piled up on the rocks off Point Lip Lip. The fog was extremely thick and speed had been reduced and we were poking along blowing the whistles at intervals, when, without warning we struck. The ship keeled violently to port, then to starboard, and then righted on an even keel: the rocks could be felt very plainly grating under the keel. An anchor was immediately dropped to prevent further headway and both engines went full speed astern. All of the crew not on duty went as far aft as possible to lower the stern and raise the bow and thus got off by backing, but we were on too hard for that, so all we could do was wait for high tide. In the meantime wireless messages were sent to the Navy Yard at Bremerton for help, and the big tug "Navajo," was soon on her way to our assistance. We got out a 3,000 pound kedg anchor to drop astern and pass a line from it to our stern so that the stern would not swing around and go on the rocks too. To do this the anchor was placed in a boat and towed out. When they got ready to cut the line that held it to the boat,

the boatswain who had the knife, in his efforts to ket others out of danger got in it himself. When he cut the small line a coil of hawser from the anchor to the ship wound him and caught around his waist when the anchor dropped. For brief moment he stood holding that heavy anchor, then he, anchor and hawser, went overboard. Men jumped at him and got him out of the coil and hauled the boat and he was brought aboard the ship injured internally. He is in the sick bay and I believe is improving.

In the afternoon at 4.45 the tide came up. All hands went aft to lighten the bow, the lines started and we backed off and eshipped up the kedg anchor and heeled under orders from Washington, by wireless, returned to Bremerton. Wanchored last night up the sound and under way this a. m. and just got tied up to a pier. We go in dry dock to have the bottom inspected, if right we proceed, if not, we lose our cruise to Samoa.

I just saw Spry, of Emerickville; he is still on the Charleston and was over to hand out bring lines.

I was very much relieved to hear of Mr. Bing's death, seems as though he was a relative of me, I knew him so well. THE STAR spoke well of him, but no more than deserved. I will never forget him, old Sunday school teacher. I remem the last words he spoke to me on my furlough, "Always remember Je Christ, Duncan, and try to do what right." He was all right. I don't lk either of you knew him as well as I did. He taught my class for a long s. DUNCAN.

Macadamized Part Of State Road Open

Brick Paving Laid Through Rathmel and Curbing to the Junction.

The macadamized portion of the new state road, reaching from the Rathmel school house to the Clearfield county line, has been completed and is now in use. On the brick paved portion, commencing at the Rathmel school house, concrete curbing has been put in to the junction above Prescottville and brick laid to Benjamin Haugh's farm. One or two bridges along the route are now in course of construction. The road between Prescottville and the macadamized section is practically level and on the upper macadamized section there are only gentle, gradual grades hardly noticeable while riding over it. At many places cuts of six or eight feet had to be made, rendering construction costly, but the road now completed is one of the finest examples of such highway building in the state. The grade through Rathmel, unfortunately, had to be made rather high for houses on the lower side, but notwithstanding that it has improved immeasurably the appearance of that village. It is probable that by October 1st Hatten & Co. will have completed their work to the borough line and the road be open to traffic shortly after.

Low Water Pressure To Be Investigated

Town Council Instructs Fire Committee to Probe the Matter.

The regular monthly meeting of town council was held at Secretary Clement W. Flynn's office last night with all members present except J. V. Young.

Hose Company No. 2 requested council to purchase the company two lanterns and several nozzles. Request was granted.

The claim of W. T. Cox for damage for change of grade on Main street, was refused.

Clerk was instructed to send a letter of thanks to the DuBois fire department for aid extended August 31st.

List of bills for month of August read, accepted and orders for the amounts to be drawn.

Fire preventative committee was instructed to confer with the water company and ascertain the reason for the low pressure of water at fires in east end of town and make full report at the next meeting.

Monument Dedication.

On the 11th of November a monument erected by the state of Pennsylvania in commemoration of the charge made on Marye's Heights, Fredericksburg, Md., by her heroic sons on the 13th day of December, 1862, will be unveiled. Honorably discharged members of the eight regiments constituting Humphrey's Division in this sanguinary struggle, in whatever state they may live, are entitled to free transportation to Fredericksburg and return, upon application to the secretary of the Battlefield Memorial Commission, James M. Clark, New Castle, Pa. The Division, all Pennsylvania regiments, consist of the 123d, 126th, 129th, 131st, 133d, 134th, 91st, and 155th regiments. Application should be made at once for transportation.

Prepare Yourself.

The demand for well trained men and women was never greater than it is to-day. For those who are well equipped, positions are waiting. The Clarion Normal offers unusual advantages at a very low cost. Write to the principal, J. George Becht, Clarion, Pa., for catalog and information.

Estray Notice.

Strayed on the premises of the undersigned at Rathmel Junction, August 2, 1908, a brown colored yearling heifer, both hind feet white. Owner must come and claim heifer and pay costs or she will be sold according to law.

M. E. HENRY.

Card of Thanks.

We adopt this method of expressing our heartfelt thanks to our friends in Clearfield and Reynoldsville for their kindness and sympathy after the death of our beloved son.

MR. AND MRS. F. D. BIRD.

Dr. R. M. Boyles Died Wednesday Afternoon

Identified With the Early History of Reynoldsville and Vicinity.

WAS BURIED AT RIMERSBURG

Was One of the Oldest Odd Fellows in Western Penn- sylvania and Also Served in Union Army During War.

Dr. R. M. Boyles, who was identified with the early history of Reynoldsville, having embarked in business at this place thirty-seven years ago, died at the home of his brother-in-law, J. Van Reed, in Reynoldsville at 3.40 p. m. Wednesday, August 26, 1908, after an illness of over four months. Last April Dr. Boyles stepped on a rusty tack in the bath room at his home in DuBois and tetanus set in and was cause of his death. On the 29th of May Doctor was brought to home of Mr. Reed in this place. He lost his appetite and did not eat enough in the last three months to make one square meal for a hungry man, and during the last seven weeks of his life Doctor did not take any nourishment at all. A little water and some medicine was all he took during the seven weeks. Considering the fact that he was in a very weak condition when he quit taking nourishment, his was certainly a remarkable case. For almost three weeks the family expected him to die any hour.

Dr. Robert Morse Boyles was born near Leatherwood, Clarion county, Pa., April 26, 1840, and was in his 69th year at time of death. He was a bright and apt boy and at the age of sixteen years he taught a public school. He graduated from the Glade Run academy at Dayton, Armstrong Co., in 1859. He commenced reading medicine under Dr. J. N. Beck at Rockdale Mills in the fall of 1859. He spent one term at Ann Harbor, Mich., and graduated in the Western Reserve University Cleveland, Ohio. During the civil war he was a member of the 126th Pa. militia, but most of his army experiences were confined to the hospital steward service, to which he was detached shortly after his enlistment.

July 4, 1864, Dr. Boyles was married to Miss Margaret Ann Bollman. Unto them five children were born, four of whom survive the father. Mrs. Boyles died in Reynoldsville in 1876.

In 1871, when the Low Grade railroad was being built and Reynoldsville was in the midst of the first boom that struck the town, Dr. Boyles moved to this place and he and J. Van Reed opened a store of general merchandise and drugs in a small wooden building at corner of Main and Fifth streets, where the Arnold block now stands. In 1873, after the building they first occupied was destroyed by fire, they erected the building now owned and occupied by E. L. Evans at corner of Main and Third streets, and opened an exclusive drug store. In 1880 Dr. Boyles was elected burgess of this borough for one year. He was a charter member of the I. O. O. F. lodge in Reynoldsville, and was one of the oldest members of that order in this section, having joined the order at Rimersburg in 1865.

In 1884 Dr. Boyles opened a drug store in DuBois and at the time of the big conflagration in that town in 1888 he owned two drug stores there and both were destroyed by fire. He started a new store, there as soon as possible after the fire. In 1894 he opened a drug store at Falls Creek and ten years later he sold his Falls Creek store. During his residence at Falls Creek the town was incorporated and he was the first burgess of the new borough. In the spring of 1905 he bought H. Alex Stoke's drug store and brick block in Reynoldsville and once more became a citizen of our town. In the fall of 1905 he sold his drug store to the Stoke & Feicht Drug Co. and retired from business. Last year he moved back to DuBois.

When fourteen years old the deceased united with the Presbyterian church at Leatherwood, brought his letter to the Presbyterian church in this place in 1871, and was re-united with the Reynoldsville Presbyterian church July 15, 1908. He departed this life without fear of entering the Eternal Land. He was ready for the transition.

Dr. Boyles is survived by two sons and two daughters, Mrs. Inez L. Keim, of Watsonstown, Miss Merta A., at

home, C. J. Boyles druggist of DuBois, and Lieut. C. H. Boyles, manager of the Falls Creek Drug Co. store and vice-president of the First National bank in Sykesville.

Short funeral service was held at the Reed residence at 7.30 Thursday evening and Friday morning the body taken on the 8.08 a. m. train on P. R. R. to Rimersburg where interment was made beside his wife and child.

Six members of the Reynoldsville I. O. O. F. lodge, L. J. McEntire, Philip Koehler, C. G. Strouse, H. W. Herpel, Dr. B. E. Hoover and E. E. Snyder acted as pall bearers and went to Rimersburg with the funeral party.

Detective Jailed A Trio Saturday

Charge Against Them Was Throwing Missiles at a Passenger Train.

Last Friday night Railroad Detective Lowery, assisted by a couple of railroad employes, arrested Edward Wolfe, G. W. and J. G. Troutman, who reside near Knoxdale, for throwing missiles at a P. R. R. passenger train. The trio were put off a freight train in the Reynoldsville yards Friday afternoon and then they loitered around the railroad crossing near the engine house looking for trouble. Arthur O'Donnell, Jr., was returning from work at the brick plant and they attacked him on the public highway and a train crew that was working nearby, gave him assistance. When the 6.08 p. m. east-bound passenger train rushed out of the big cut west of town rocks were hurled at the engine cab and one of them struck the cab with sufficient force to make a big dint in the cab. Had the rock been a little higher Engineer Mike Montgomery would have been badly injured, if not killed.

The trio were picked up by the detective near O'Donnell and brought to the Reynoldsville lockup. Saturday morning they were given a hearing before Squire Harry Martin on charge of throwing missiles at passenger trains. They were bound over to court in sum of \$500.00 bail apiece and being unable to furnish bail they were taken to jail Saturday afternoon by Constable W. W. Higgins.

Aged Henry Ernest Disappeared Tuesday

Walked Away from a Funeral In Paradise and Has Not Been Seen Since.

Henry Ernest, of Punxsutawney, aged about 75 years, who has been under the watchful care of his family for a year on account of mental trouble, was at the funeral of his niece, Margaret Reynolds, in Paradise yesterday afternoon and during the funeral service he walked away and up until the time we go to press this morning they have not been able to find him.

Paradise.

Ed. Little and John Cathers were in Big Run Sunday.

Mildred Sheesley, of DuBois, visited her mother in this place last week.

J. H. Lott lost three fat hogs. Too fat was cause of death.

Miss Maude Hollenbaugh took the first degree in Paradise Grange Friday evening.

The corn roast at J. H. Lott's saw mill Saturday night was well attended. Mrs. Mead Syphrit roasted the corn.

Ed. Little attended the Indiana fair this week.

Noah Syphrit and Fred Sheesley have been busy the past week hauling bark for J. H. Lott.

Earl Deemer attended the darkie campmeeting at Big Run Sunday.

F. M. Keys has our thanks for some choice eating apples left at THE STAR office yesterday.

Tan is the popular color for fall in women's shoes, we have the correct shades. Prices \$2.50 to \$4.00. Adam's.

Another shipment of those etched and tin capped jelly glasses just received and selling for 35 cents the dozen at Big-Stoke Co's.