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THIRTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLAR FIRE IN HEART OF THE BUSINESS DISTRICT OF REYNOLDSVILLE

Disastrous Blaze Gave Firemen a Five Hour Fight and Made Necessary a Call for Aid to the DuBois Fire Companies.—Originated From an Overheated Stove in a Millinery Store and Gained Headway Through Lack of City Water.

VERY SMALL INSURANCE CARRIED ON THE BURNED BUILDINGS

For lack of a bucket of water at 9.50 Saturday evening, thirty-five thousand dollars' worth of Reynoldsville property was destroyed before midnight, seven business places were damaged, three families rendered homeless and two firemen severely burned. As in the case of the blaze which swept the east end district August 31st, the city water pipes were practically dry when the alarm of fire was given and it was fully a quarter of an hour before the firemen could secure water enough to make an effective fight.

The fire originated from an overheated stove in the building occupied by Miss M. E. Dailey's millinery store. When discovered the blaze was small and parties dashed to the restaurant adjoining for a bucket of water; they failed to draw a drop and when they returned the fire was creeping swiftly along the wall. They fought it with brooms and like instruments with little effect except to spread the flames. The structure was built of wood, was old and dry, and adjoined two other wooden buildings with but thin walls between. In a very few minutes the entire group from the Imperial hotel on the west to the store of W. H. Moore on the east was wrapped in flames and there was every indication that the east side of Main street between the hotel and the brick structure of Priester Bros. would be destroyed. All the buildings were of wood, covered by a tin roof beneath which the fire crept swiftly along untouched by the water which had finally filled the empty pipes.

When the firemen finally secured water, five lines of hose were turned on the burning mass. The building occupied by Miss Dailey's millinery and Frank McClure's billiard and pool room were gone beyond hope of saving and all efforts were directed to checking the fire in Norman Butler's Imperial restaurant, adjoining the \$75,000 Imperial hotel, and in Moore's building. The restaurant building burned to the ground but under such a constant play of water that the hotel with which it was connected by a passageway, was not injured. Inside the Imperial, guards were stationed in every room of the three stories along the heated wall and no damage was done.

In the rear, stables lined the alley very close to the end of the burning buildings. Firemen with a line of hose fought constantly there and none of the barns burned, nor did livestock perish, as reported. At eleven, the fire was still unchecked and fear of wholesale destruction of the business district led to a call to Chief Griesemer, of the DuBois fire companies, for aid. The DuBois people responded generously, nearly a hundred persons, including members of the Union and John E. DuBois Fire companies, with the city fire engine, boarded a special train on the B. & P. R.'s and being given the right of way, came thundering down the rails at a speed rarely attempted on the sinuous R. & F. C. The fire engine was unloaded near the foot of Fourth street and a line thrown into the Sandy Lick creek. Hose was strung up to Main street, two smaller lines were there attached and the DuBois firemen thenceforth co-operated with the Reynoldsville companies under Chief Milliren, remaining until the end of the long fight, about three o'clock in the morning, rendering valuable service.

W. Harry Moore lived in the rooms over his grocery and two of his children, sleeping when the fire broke out, were rescued with difficulty, owing to the dense smoke which penetrated the rooms long before fire broke through. After they had been taken out, a group of firemen attempted to mount the stairs to the second story and had just commenced the ascent when a terrific explosion of natural gas overhead knocked them down the steps and burned two, Ralph Carr and Leon Westcott, about the face. Carr was so se-

verely injured that medical treatment was necessary.

Fire repeatedly broke out in the second story of the buildings above owned by H. T. Peters and J. T. Butler and M. M. Fisher and to protect them the fireman played liberally with the hose in all, causing damage by water to the business places beneath, occupied by the Velvet Ice Cream and Candy Co., Butler's barber shop, Rodgers' cigar store and the Bijou nickelodeon. It was difficult to fight the fire in this section owing to its division into small rooms with thin board partitions which furnished fuel to carry the fire along. There was a tin roof over the building and fire crept along beneath unchecked until the firemen managed to tear off huge strips of the tin and get the nozzle beneath.

By twelve o'clock the united efforts of the companies had secured control of the fire, though it required three hours longer to completely reduce it and a second alarm was given at one time when the blaze seemed to be getting beyond control in the second story of the Fisher building. The upper stories of Peters & Butler's and Fisher's building were badly gutted.

Very little was saved from any of the buildings. Norman Butler lived over his place of business and both restaurant fixtures and household goods were consumed. Damage estimated at \$2,000 with \$1,300 insurance.

Miss Dailey, the milliner, will lose about \$100 on her stock, which was covered by insurance.

Frank McClure succeeded in saving some of his billiard tables and stock, but stands to lose \$2,500, with \$1,000 insurance. The buildings occupied by the above named were owned by Green & Conser, proprietors of the Imperial hotel. They carried no insurance and will lose about \$5,000.

W. H. Moore, the grocer, owned the building he occupied and was the heaviest loser. Practically all of his household goods and most of his stock was burned. His loss will total about \$15,000, with but \$2,500 insurance.

H. T. Peters lived over the Velvet Ice Cream and Candy store and his household goods were ruined by fire and water, as were the fixtures and stock in the store. His personal loss will exceed \$3,500, with small insurance. The building occupied by the candy company and Butler's barber shop was

owned jointly by Mr. Peters and James T. Butler and the damage caused by fire and water may reach \$5,000, with \$1,000 insurance.

James T. Butler estimates the damage to his barber shop and fixtures at \$150. No insurance.

The building adjoining on the east was the property of M. M. Fisher and was damaged to the extent of \$400, with no insurance. F. E. Rodgers occupied one of the rooms with his cigar store and had about \$50 worth of stock injured.

Owing to the compact wooden buildings in that section of Main street, insurance rates were prohibitively high, which accounts for the small amount carried by the property owners.

While the fire was raging, the thermometer stood below freezing and the firemen suffered much from cold and wet. With commendable thoughtfulness hot coffee and buns were prepared at the home of J. Van Reed and served to the firemen at their posts. It was an act keenly appreciated by the men.

Brockwayville Has A Destructive Fire

While Reynoldsville's Fire was Raging Brockwayville Also Suffered.

At one o'clock Sunday morning a fire broke out in Brockwayville which reduced four buildings to ashes causing a loss of about \$6,000, partially covered by insurance. The losses are as follows: W. H. Olmstead's grocery \$2,500; G. W. Horning's blacksmith shop \$1,500; Thomas Campbell's dwelling \$1,500, W. D. Highfield's household goods \$500. The firemen responded promptly to the fire alarm and could have saved all the property but blacksmith shop but there was no water.

A Dangerous Operation

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An announcement about a new flag will be made later.

The savings deposit for last week amounted to \$2.41.

Three games of basket ball in one week: Punxsutawney Monday, Falls Creek Thursday, Clearfield Friday.

No tardiness in room No. 7 for over a month.

The following teachers had no tardiness last week: Miss Schultze, Miss McEntee, Miss Myers, Miss Lewis.

Mr. Neesley, of DuBois, sold a great many postcards of R. H. S. last week. Watch for Durno the 22nd.

It is the effort that deserves praise, not success. Nor is it a question for any student whether he is cleverer than others or duller, but whether he has done the best he could with the gifts he had.

And from the wood-top craws the crow.

Teacher—What are you chewing?
Pupil—Gu-gum.

Christmas vacation begins Friday. Exams are over.

Game between Punxsutawney and Reynoldsville was another defeat. At the end of the first half we were ahead by one score. The second half ended in favor of Punxsutawney with the score 27 to 14. The score of game between Reynoldsville and Clearfield was 13 to 14 in favor of Clearfield. The game between Falls Creek and Reynoldsville ended with the score 30 to 18 in favor of Falls Creek. It was not the high school team.

B. P. O. E. MEMORIAL SERVICES.

Centennial Hall Beautifully Decorated—Music, Eulogies and Address Excellent.

It is the custom of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks to hold either private or public memorial services the first Sunday of December each year and this year the service was public and was held in Centennial Hall last Sunday afternoon. The hall was beautifully and elaborately decorated with Elk colors, white and purple, and palms, elk heads, flags, &c. The service was interesting and impressive. Charles M. Milliren, Exalted Ruler of Lodge 519, presided. The services consisted of music by orchestra, opening ceremonies of Lodge, opening ode, invocation by Dr. A. J. Meek, music by orchestra, eulogy by Lawyer G. M. McDonald, solo, Mrs. J. P. Eddy, address by Prof. J. J. Lynch, of St. Marys, closing ceremonies of Lodge, benediction by Rev. John F. Black, selection by orchestra. Mr. McDonald, our townsman, who eulogized the departed brother Elks, performed his part of the service in a very creditable manner. Prof. Lynch gave an interesting and fine address. There was a large audience present.

Jefferson County School Teachers

Some Interesting Data About Their Number and Range Of Salary.

We have counted the school teachers in each district in Jefferson county, as shown by the list furnished in the December School Herald, and find the whole number to be 362. If every teacher attends the county institute, as they should, they will make a fair sized audience in the opera house. Eleven districts are boroughs and twenty-two are townships. Punxsutawney borough has 42 teachers, the largest number, and Worthville borough has one teacher, the smallest number. Winslow township has 30 teachers, the largest number in any township, and Clover township has 3, the smallest number in any township. The lowest salary paid is \$40 a month and the highest \$25, paid the superintendent of the Punxsutawney schools. Other principals get \$187.50, \$168.67, \$118.75, \$115, \$100, \$80, and \$65. The principal of the Punxsutawney high school gets \$100, Brookville \$85 and Reynoldsville \$85. Many teachers get \$50, and a few get more.—Brookville Democrat.

FIRST REAL COMIC OPERA.

"Gingerbread Man Co." With Sixty People Coming to Punxs'y Saturday, Dec. 12th.

When such towns as Williamsport, Reading, Johnstown and Altoona say "It's the best musical show of the season" you may accept it as the truth. After breaking all records for Thanksgiving week at the Garrick Theatre, Philadelphia, the "Gingerbread Man" will come to Punxsutawney, Saturday evening Dec. 12th. As their date falls on Saturday, the regular \$1.50 prices have been eliminated and the prices for this engagement will range from 25c to \$1.00. Special return cars to Reynoldsville after the performance has been arranged for. Tickets now on sale at National hotel, Reynoldsville.

The Cost of Barrels.

The farmer with his potatoes and his apples, the miller with his flour and meal, the hardware man with his nails, the cement manufacturer, and the many other users of the faithful slack barrel, that combination of staves, hoops and heading, which is not intended to hold water or something stronger in fluid form, used forest products last year having the enormous value of \$15,800,253. The average man would little suspect that the humble barrel plays so important a part in the expense accounts of the American farmer and manufacturer, yet figures compiled by the Census in co-operation with the United States Forest Service develop this interesting truth. Moreover, statistics taken directly from reports from 950 cooperative mills in all parts of the United States show an increase of \$1,560,688, or 11 per cent, in the value of last year's product over that of the previous year.

Trunks, suit cases and traveling bags at Millirens.

The only place to buy your home-made candy is the Reynoldsville Candy Work.

See the new winter underwear at Millirens.

Municipal Ownership And Purchase of Steamer Asked By The Citizens Last Night

Life Crushed Out By Fall of Coal

Henry Scheetz, of Rathmel, Caught Beneath Five Feet Of Top Coal.

At 2.30 p. m. on Thursday, December 3, 1908, Henry Scheetz, a coal miner, was crushed to death by fall of top coal in the "Shinebone" mine, part of the Big Soldier mine. Scheetz and his seventeen year old son, Henry Scheetz, Jr., had been working in a room which they worked out, had taken their tools out of the mine, the track had been torn up and Mr. Scheetz went back into the room to knock out a couple of posts. His son and two track layers cautioned him not to go back into the room, as it was dangerous to go in, and it was not necessary for him to go, but he laughed at the others and went in and unexpectedly, before he had knocked out any of the posts, the top coal fell on him crushing his life out. It took over an hour to get the body of Mr. Scheetz from under the coal and rock, which was about five feet deep. Deceased resided near Rathmel and the body was taken to his late residence.

Funeral services were held in the Church of God at Rathmel at 3.00 p. m. Sunday, conducted by Rev. Dr. A. J. Meek. The funeral was large. The Knights of Pythias of Rathmel, of which Mr. Scheetz was a member, attended the funeral in a body. Interment was made in Beulah cemetery beside father of deceased, George Scheetz, who died about twelve years ago. Hughes & Fleming had charge of the funeral.

Henry Scheetz, Sr., was born in Germany June 7, 1869, and was thirty-nine years old last June. His parents moved to Reynoldsville when Henry was about nine years old. He remained a resident of our town until several years ago. His mother, Mrs. Gertrude Scheetz, still resides here at corner of Hill and Fourth streets. Deceased is survived by wife and two children.

List of Jurors From This Section

Drawn for Term of Court Commencing January 11th, 1909.

Following is list of jurors drawn from this section of county for term of court commencing January 11, 1909:

GRAND JURORS—JAN. 11.
Reynoldsville—Samuel Miller, Wm. Broad; McCalmont twp—Simon A. Pifer; Washington twp—Albert Smith; Winslow twp—A. A. Stewart.

PETTIT JURORS—JAN. 11.
Reynoldsville—C. R. Hall, Harvey S. Deter; West Reynoldsville—C. O. Anderson, A. R. Schuckers; Henderson twp—John W. Zufall, Simon F. Lott; McCalmont twp—John Pomroy, Wm. L. Lingenfelter; Washington twp—John Moore, Edward Weiser; Winslow twp—James Sarah, A. C. Murray.

TRAVERSE JURORS—JAN. 25.
West Reynoldsville—P. J. Ward, Michael O'Brien; Henderson twp—Wm. T. Pifer, William Siff, Andrew Hoffer; McCalmont twp—W. M. Madill, Matt Stewart, John Stratiff; Washington twp—Abner Anthony, George Smith; Winslow twp—James Deemer, Elijah Trudgen; Falls Creek—D. B. McConnell.

Marked for Death.

"Three years ago I was marked for death. A grave-yard cough was tearing my lungs to pieces. Doctors failed to help me and hope had fled, when my husband got Dr. King's New Discovery," says Mrs. A. C. Williams, of Bac, Ky. "The first dose helped me and improvement kept on until I had gained 58 pounds in weight and my health was fully restored." This medicine holds the world's healing record for coughs and colds and lung and throat diseases. It prevents pneumonia. Sold under guarantee at Stoke & Feicht Drug Co. drug store. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

Committee to Wait on Council and Solicit Immediate Action.

INTEREST IS SHOWN

Measures of Far Reaching Importance Spring From Lack Of Fire Protection.—Debate Spirited and Free.

At a citizens' meeting held under the auspices of the Business Men's Association in the I. O. O. F. building last night steps of far-reaching importance were taken for the future protection of Reynoldsville property from fire and to serve their interests in the way of securing municipal ownership of the water system.

There was a representative attendance of local property owners and business men. After the routine business of the Association had been disposed of, President Breakey opened the meeting of the citizens for which a special call had been issued. Its purpose was to discuss the recent conflagrations in Reynoldsville and the causes which made them possible, viz., lack of water at the time of discovery. The discussion was thorough and fair. If the faults of the water system and its management were shown up, it was also given full credit for the efforts it has made to prevent a water famine. The heaviest censure was directed against the company's action in shutting off the water at night without providing a watchman at the tank to turn on the water instantly in case of fire alarm. A committee was instructed to confer with the fire protection committee of town council in regard to this.

A motion was made that a committee of five be appointed to wait on the town council and urge the immediate purchase of a fire engine. It carried and the committee appointed was, Charles M. Milliren, chief of the Hope Fire Co., W. H. Bell, Andrew Wheeler, Mayor S. M. McCreight, W. T. Cox and G. T. Woodford.

It was mentioned that failure to shut off the natural gas at the curb Saturday night had caused a number of gas explosions or fires which made the work and danger to the firemen much greater. The above committee was also instructed to see what could be done to prevent this in the future.

The matter of advocating municipal ownership of the city water system as a means of securing cheaper and better service was taken up last and called forth some interesting facts and figures regarding the local water plant, its value, earnings, charges and service. The debate was free and spirited and ended in the practically unanimous adoption of a resolution urging the town council to take the necessary steps to secure public ownership of the water works property.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Property Changes in Jefferson County Put Upon Record.

C. Sypprit to Andrew G. Olsen, for 10.50 acres coal in Winslow township, \$500. November 20, 1908.
David H. Young to The Woodwork Supply Co., for land in Reynoldsville, \$2,280. October 23, 1908.
Ginseppe Mazza to Carlo Macano, for undivided one-half lot in Winslow township, \$1. October 5, 1908.
Carlo Macano to Ginseppe Mazza, for undivided one-half interest in one-half lot in Winslow township, \$1.00. October 5, 1908.
Church of God, by trustees, to Rathmel Presbyterian church, for lot in Winslow township, \$400. November 16, 1908.
W. S. Blaisdell, by attorney, to John Bly, for 5 lots in Sykesville. \$162.50. September 14, 1907.
Flora C. Mowrey to J. Walter Moore, for tract in Washington township, \$5. November 12, 1908.

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December with all its festivities is upon us. We feel its presence and enjoy its influence. It is a season when we should think of giving rather than receiving and should look about the world to see what acts of kindness and charity we can do. It is also a time when we should lay aside all our disputes and disagreements and put on a friendly aspect. If we but bear in our hearts that happy expression of kindness and good cheer, it will echo and re-echo in the hearts and spirits of our friends. May we all feel on Christmas day, "Peace on earth, good will toward men."

Mr. Eckels, of Pittsburgh, was a school visitor on Thursday.

Mr. Criseman, of Brookville, visited our school on Tuesday.

Rev. McKay attended our chapel service Monday morning.

Mr. Dillman was on the sick list last week.

A picture of Miss Frances Willard will be presented to the school by the W. C. T. U.