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BEST ADVERTISING MEDIUM IN NORTHERN CAMBRIA COUNTY.

FOND MOTHER'S DEVOTION!

It Resulted in a Horrible Death by Burning.

A TERRIBLE MISTAKE.

Mother Thought Her Child Was in a Burning Building and Went to After Him—Received Injuries From Which She Died Five Hours Later.

One of the most striking instances of a mother's devotion in the annals of heroism was that of Wednesday afternoon, when Mrs. John Cosso entered a burning building in quest of her child and received injuries from which she died about five hours later.

The Cossoes reside in that part of town known as Robinsonville in a house adjacent to the residence of James L. Holes. In the rear of the house is a shanty that has been used as a stable, store-room, etc., and which on this occasion contained a quantity of straw. A little son of the family, a boy about five years old, was playing in the shanty about 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon, and seeing the straw concluded that it would make a pretty blaze.

To think was to act, and procuring some matches he set fire to the pile, with fatal results. The blaze exceeded his anticipations and becoming frightened at the fire and smoke he ran out of the shanty and hid behind the house.

His mother saw the fire, and knowing that the boy had been playing in the burning building but a few moments before, braved the flames and entered, all the time calling him by name. The little fellow heard his mother's voice, but was too frightened to answer, and the brave, self-sacrificing woman, supposing the boy was still in the building, pushed her way farther into the flames.

In a twinkling her clothing caught fire and she was compelled to retreat, but not before she was frightfully burned. Jas. L. Holes saw her predicament and hastened to her assistance, tearing what clothes he could from her back, but it was too late. Her burns were fatal and she inhaled considerable of the flame. The physician states that the shock alone was sufficient to cause death.

Her flesh hung in shreds and she was blackened and burned from head to foot. A physician was summoned, and he did what he could to alleviate her sufferings, but she died at 8:30 o'clock the same evening, after experiencing excruciating agony for several hours. She leaves a husband, who is a miner employed at Flannagan No. 8, and several small children. The funeral will be held at St. Mary's R. C. church on Friday morning at 8:30 o'clock, conducted by Rev. Father Pierson. Interment in the Cassidy cemetery.

When the alarm of fire was sounded, the firemen responded promptly and in a short time had a stream of water playing on the flames, and the blaze was extinguished without communicating to any of the adjoining buildings.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

Meeting of the Convention of Sub-District No. 1, of District No. 2.

At the annual election of officers for this sub-district No. 1, of district No. 2, United Mine Workers of America, held at Barnesboro last week, the following were chosen to serve for the ensuing term:

President, Wm. McPherson, Barnesboro.
Vice President, Andy Ednie, Hastings.

Secretary-Treasurer, Michael McTaggart, Barnesboro.

Executive Board, Wm. Dukes, Nant-y-Glor, Dennis Sullivan, Carrolltown; John Hogan, Spangler, Alex. McTaggart, St. Boniface; Daniel Joseph, Barnesboro; M. Brown, Hastings.

Auditors, Thos. Quinn, Patton, Miles P. Harrigan, Carrolltown.

Our Foot Ball Team.

Patton is organizing a foot ball team that proposes to make them all "turn green with envy and defeat," especially hereabouts. It is said the big coal town will have an especially strong line-up.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

Patton is already bragging about the foot ball team they are going to put in the field this fall, with which they expect to knock the spots off any eleven put up by the surrounding counties. It's alright to have confidence in your team, but wait until you are justified in the matter before you commence to brag. Then brag with all your might.—Curwensville Review.

THE CHURCH DEDICATION!

Greek Catholics of Patton Have a Red Letter Day.

AN IMPOSING PARADE.

Greek and Roman Catholic Societies Made a Fine Showing—Impressive Ceremonies at the Sacred Edifice—Mirth and Good Fellowship at Firemen's Hall.

A bright sunshiny day, although lowering clouds threatened to mar the occasion early in the morning, but which were soon dissipated, with a good crowd of happy, earnest people, combined to make the dedication of the Greek Catholic church, with its attendant festivities, one long to be remembered by the members of that congregation.

It was the only Labor Day feature in town, aside from the picnics at Short's Grove and Firemen's Park, and it was a success beyond the most sanguine hopes of its projectors. Greek Catholics were present from all parts of the county, and good music and interesting ceremonies entertained the visitors throughout the day and far into the night.

The dedicatory exercises proper were held at the church a little after ten o'clock in the morning. The different societies met at Firemen's Hall and the parade was formed at that point. It was a most interesting spectacle and elicited much favorable comment. John Jacobs was the chief marshal and mounted on a magnificent horse lead the line of march. Following him came the Patton Silver Cornet Band, followed by the following societies in full regalia: Patton Roman Catholic, Barnesboro Greek, Spangler Greek, Hastings Greek, Patton Greek and Patton Society N. R. C. G.

The stars and stripes occupied a conspicuous place in the parade, each society having a color bearer with a large and beautiful National flag.

The exercises at the church, which consisted of consecration and dedication, were both solemn and impressive and consumed from three to four hours' time. They were conducted by the pastor in charge and a Greek priest from Braddock, Pa. The sacred edifice was filled to overflowing and many were unable to gain admittance.

After the services were concluded the societies and most of the congregation marched to Firemen's Hall and the festivities were commenced. Here good cheer and good fellowship were paramount. A Johnstown orchestra furnished music for dancing and the old tunes of the fatherland were played to the rhythmic accompaniment of nimble feet. Refreshments were there in abundance and everybody had a good time.

Nothing occurred to mar the pleasure of the occasion, and it was with vain regrets on the part of the participants that the festivities of this red letter day in the Greek Catholic church of Patton were brought to a close.

PROPERTIES SOLD.

Sheriff Davis Disposed of a Number at Holesburg Monday.

At Ebensburg on Monday afternoon Sheriff Elmer E. Davis disposed of the following advertised list of properties for the north of the county:

Hastings opera house property, in the borough of Hastings, was bought by James McNeelis, the plaintiff, for \$50.

Interest of Winfield Jones in 141 acres in Cambria township was sold to Thomas W. Jones, the plaintiff, for \$25.

Interest of James Dick in 88 acres, etc., in Carroll township, sold to J. W. Leach for \$25.

The interest of the administrators of Uriah Lloyd in a piece of land in Susquehanna township was sold to Jennie M. Noley for \$35, and another piece in same township was also sold to her for \$10. The three properties of Wm. and Mary Allison in Washington township and Cresson were not sold, the money being made in full.

Citizen's Meeting.

All citizens who contributed to the fund to buy instruments for the band are requested to meet in Good's Hall Monday evening, September 9, to elect officers of manager and treasurer, as we desire to resign and the offices must be filled by men who hold an interest in these instruments. We have held these offices fifteen months and desire to retire in favor of some others. Please attend this meeting and help the good work along.

I. S. BILL, Manager.

C. W. HODGKINS, Treas.

—Is this your paper?

LIGHTNING'S MAD PRANKS!

Electrical Disturbances Made Sad Havoc.

MANY BARN BURNED.

The Most Destructive Storm in its Results That Has Ever Visited the North of the County—Many Crops Stored Away are Reduced to Ashes.

Electrical disturbances on last Friday and Saturday broke the record for destructiveness in this section. At least six barns were totally destroyed and the damage to others was considerable.

The first of which any record is known was that of Jacob Stoltz, on the Ashville road, between Chest Springs and Ashville, and it was struck by lightning about three o'clock in the afternoon and completely destroyed. The loss will reach \$2,000.

Soon after this the barn of Jacob Sharp in Allegheny township, near Ashville, was also set on fire by the electrical fluid and burned to the ground with its contents, entailing a loss of \$1,500.

Another loss of an equal amount was the barn on the McGarr property on the mountain top, occupied by Joseph Judge. The barn of a Mrs. Fye, a widow, was also struck and burned to the ground. Thos. Baker's barn in Clearfield township, two miles from St. Augustine, was also struck, but did not catch fire.

On Saturday morning about 5 o'clock a barn on the old Sheehan homestead, three miles from St. Augustine, was struck by the lightning and consumed with its contents. The barn was owned by Jas. Sheehan, of Patton, who purchased it about two weeks ago from Thomas Gettings. The contents of the barn included the year's crops, consisting of hay and grain, 150 bushels of threshed oats and 120 bushels of rye and were owned by Mr. Gettings. They were insured for \$500. There was an insurance of \$100 on the building.

Carroll township also came in for its share of the damage and the barn on the Henry C. Kirkpatrick farm was burned to the ground on Sunday. A young horse was lost in the blaze. There were a number of other barns and buildings struck during the two days, but the above probably represent the more serious losses.

At this time of the year, when all the crops have been stored, the chemical action therein has a tendency to draw the electrical fluid, which accounts in a measure for the losses sustained in this manner by the farmers each summer and autumn, but last Friday and Saturday the record was certainly broken for this section.

"The oldest inhabitant" even is without a parallel to cite.

REV. RADCLIFFE ORDAINED.

Interesting Services at the Baptist Church Last Thursday Evening.

At the call of the Patton Baptist church to the Clearfield Baptist Association asking the several churches having active pastors to sit with them in council to consider the propriety of setting apart to the work of the gospel ministry Bro. John E. Radcliffe, the following churches responded last Thursday:

Patton, Geo. Boone and J. Mitchell, West Liberty, Pastor J. E. Dean. Gettysburg, Pastor J. W. Crawford. DuBois, Pastor T. T. Vulkoff. Westover, Pastor F. I. Sigmund and Deacon H. M. Fry.

The council was organized by the election of Bro. J. E. Dean moderator and Bro. F. I. Sigmund clerk. After prayer the council proceeded with the examination of the candidate, and being thoroughly satisfied with his Christian experience, call to the ministry and statement of Bible doctrine, unanimously voted to recommend him to the church for ordination.

In the evening the following program was followed:

Ordination sermon, Rev. T. Vulkoff. Ordination prayer, Rev. J. E. Dean. Charge of Candidate, Rev. F. I. Sigmund.

Charge to church, Rev. J. W. Crawford. Hand of Fellowship, Rev. J. E. Dean. Benediction, Rev. John E. Radcliffe. J. E. DEAN, Moderator.

REV. F. I. SIGMUND, Clerk.

MARRIED.

At Elmira, N. Y., on Monday, July 22, 1901, by the Rev. Minister, of the M. E. church, Mr. Henry F. Good, of Patton, Pa., and Miss Anna C. Hoxie, of Chicago, Ill.

—Whose COURIER are you reading?

IN AN EYE'S TWINKLING!

Peter Litzinger Was Called From Life's Scenes.

WITHOUT A WARNING

He Dropped Dead While Waiting for Supper at the Catholic Picnic—Respiration Had Ceased Before He Touched the Ground—Was Seventy-Nine Years Old.

In the twinkling of an eye, Peter Litzinger, an aged resident of this place, passed from the scenes of life to take on immortality on last Monday evening about 5 o'clock.

Mr. Litzinger was attending the Catholic picnic at Short's grove with his wife, and while waiting for a seat at the table with his supper ticket in his hand dropped dead, without any preliminary warning whatever. He was feeling as well as usual and neither he nor those around him had any thought of final dissolution until he suddenly staggered and fell against H. S. Buck, who was standing at his side, and then to the ground.

Mr. Buck lifted his head and felt of his heart immediately, but it was evident that respiration had ceased before he touched the ground. A physician was immediately summoned, who pronounced the cause of his death as apoplexy.

He was 79 years of age and resided on a farm about one and a half miles from town. Mr. Litzinger was three times married and leaves a large family of children, all of whom are grown up.

The funeral was held at St. Mary's R. C. church on Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock, conducted by Rev. Father Pierson, and was attended by an unusually large number of people. The interment was in the Catholic cemetery at Carrolltown.

TRANSACTIONS IN REALTY.

Properties in This End of the County That Changed Hands Recently.

Andrew Carl et ux to Catherine Hartman, Clearfield township, \$300.

Simon B. Kring et ux to Frank McGee, Spangler, \$450.

Wm. Davis et ux to William M. Smith, Ebensburg, \$3,500.

B. W. Litzinger et ux to Frank F. Prof. Gallatin borough, \$200.

Executor of Henry Fox, Sr., to Alexander C. Fox, Carroll township, \$1.

Nathaniel W. Sample, by treasurer, to James Riley, Ebensburg \$3.06.

John Sanker et ux to Mary A. Brawley, Cresson township, \$14.

The Other Twin Dead.

For the second time within a week, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Beckwith, of Lang avenue, have been called upon to stand at the open grave of a beloved child. Last Wednesday they buried an eight-month's old daughter and three days later the little one's twin brother, who also died of cholera infantum on Wednesday. Both were laid in the same grave. Rev. Dr. Deaver conducted the last funeral on Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the residence. Interment in Fairview cemetery.

Arrested for Libel.

Warren Worth Bailey, editor of the Johnstown Democrat, was arrested Wednesday evening at Ebensburg, charged with libel by ex-sheriff Geo. M. Wertz, who alleges that Bailey's paper on Tuesday morning libeled him in an article relating to complaints of Windber people about a foot race last Friday at the Johnstown Driving Park association meet, in which a Windber man was defeated by a negro. Bailey entered bail for court.

Notice.

All Odd Fellows are cordially invited to attend the basket picnic at Westover on Tuesday, Sept. 10th. The secretary being unable to obtain the names of all Odd Fellows, takes this method of extending a cordial invitation to all members of the order to join with Patton Lodge on this occasion. Train leaves Patton at 10:47 a. m.

Progressing Rapidly.

The excavating for the Russian Orthodox church on Fifth avenue has been completed and the stone work commenced. The building will be a brick case office about 22x32. Jos. D. Messinger, of this place, has the contract for its erection.

—The COURIER office has just received a handsome and full line of stationary of every description, which will be printed in the most approved style and at the lowest possible figure. Send in your job work.

The Mirror

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"As the windows are so is the store," so they say.

Look into our "eyes" and see us for a new hat, tie, pair shoes, shirt, or suit of clothes.

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You get the best every time and styles right up to snuff.

Watch our windows. Everything marked in plain figures and only one price.

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These powders will never fail to cure the worst forms of Headache or Neuralgia. Four powders in package.

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If you purchase any one of our own preparations, and it does you no good, we will, upon the receipt of the empty bottle or package, return your money just as freely as we took it.

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In addition to this Positive Guarantee, given above, we give you our CASH REGISTER CHECKS, which are worth 5 per cent of your purchases when you have saved \$5.00 worth.

We give these with every purchase of 5 cents or more and to a thinking person this is a saving worth considering.

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C. W. Hodgkins, Prop'r.

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\$14.00 Suits now \$11.00

\$11.00 Suits now \$8.00

\$8.00 Suits now \$6.50

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Are you going to take a trip this summer? If so, see our new line of trunks and valises just received.

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