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FIRE DOES \$7,500 DAMAGE IN ANDOVER

Calhoun Clothing Co. Stock a Total Loss—C. W. Williams' Grocery Store Badly Damaged Building Saved But Damaged.

Damage approximating \$7,500 was caused early Monday morning, as the result of a fire that originated in the gents furnishing and clothing store of the Calhoun Clothing Co., on the corner of Main and Center Streets.

At one time it was thought that the entire building would be burned, and the east side of Main Street was threatened with disaster owing to the extreme cold weather and the low water pressure.

The volunteer fire department were early at the scene and had they been supplied with chemical apparatus they would have smothered the flames in short order, with less than a fourth of the damage that was done.

More than enough property could have been saved by its use at this fire alone than would be the cost of its installation. The heavy damage by water, smoke and the removal of goods from the grocery store of C. W. Williams and hardware shop of Henry Livermore, together with a large part of the clothing stock of the Calhoun Company would not have been had a chemical been available when the firemen arrived.

Instead, the firemen had to fight the fire with water, when the pressure was very poor. The first hydrant they coupled on to, at the corner of Main and Center Streets, was out of commission, either being frozen up or in some other way out of order.

The second hydrant, in front of the Fowler Bargain Store, responded with a lazy stream. Another line was laid to the hydrant corner of Main and Greenwood Streets, in front of the Andover State Bank; water was obtained from this hydrant but a few minutes, however, when it quit and the line had to be taken up and relaid up Center Street to the hydrant on the corner of Center and Church Streets. From this hydrant, after about five minutes nursing, water was obtained.

COUNTY INSTITUTE

The Women's Christian Temperance Union of Allegany County held their annual institute in the Methodist Episcopal Church, at Scio, Feb. 13-14, Miss Emma Ross, of Wellsville, presiding. The meeting was opened with greetings from Mrs. Elizabeth Flint and Revs. Hedrick and Sawfelle, of Scio.

County superintendents of departments: Mrs. Fannie Derr, Bible School Work and Mrs. R. B. Burrows, Franchise, spoke in behalf of their work.

"What Would National Prohibition Mean?" was ably presented as follows:

To Business—by Goe. C. Ross, Wellsville.

To Public Health—Rev. Hedrick, Scio.

To Public Morals—Rev. Sawfelle, Scio.

To the Evangelization of the World—Rev. Robinson, Wellsville.

The Suffrage Hour—

"A Study in Government," Mrs. Fannie Backus, Andover.

"How Would the Influence of the Church and Home in Politics be Increased if Women Had the Vote?" Mrs. Nellie Erb, Wellsville.

"How Would the Benefits of the Public School Education be Increased if Women Had the Vote?" Mrs. Edith Smith Davis.

The address in the evening by Mrs. Edith Smith Davis, of Milwaukee, Wis., Supt. of Scientific Temperance Investigation and Instruction of the World and National W. C. T. U.; was of wonderful power and eloquence. Mrs. Davis' perfect acquaintance with every state in the Union and throughout all Europe in her years of extensive travel and research, provided a source of knowledge possessed by few public speakers, together with a pleasing personality and richness of voice.

The final sessions were given over largely to business and the many departments of work. The music and an hour of entertainment by a company of boys and girls were arranged by the Scio Union, and appreciated by the audience.

The guests were entertained in the church parlors for luncheon and dinner by the ladies of the local Union.

pressure was obtained and held during the fire.

The fire started from a small gas stove in the Calhoun Clothing Co. store. W. S. Calhoun arrived at the store at about 7:30, and lighted the gas. He then went out to get a morning paper and cigar while the store was warming up. He was gone from the store from ten to fifteen minutes, and upon returning found it a seething mass of flames.

It is supposed that the gas pressure came on during his absence and the flames shooting out of the stove caught some of the garments near by, and it was but the work of a moment to set the entire interior on fire.

The flames were confined entirely to the clothing store. At first it was believed that the entire upper floor of both the clothing store and the C. W. Williams' grocery were ablaze, as a dense cloud of smoke was issuing from every window. The water was applied in the second story over both stores and the great amount of damage to the Williams' stock from the water would have been saved had the firemen been able to locate the fire at first.

The Damage

The Calhoun Clothing Co. stock had just recently been inventoried at \$5,000. They carried \$4,500 insurance.

C. W. Williams is seriously ill at his home on Center Street, and information as to the amount of his insurance is not available. The loss to the building, owned by him, will be about \$1,000 estimated. He had a heavy stock of groceries, probably around \$7,000. He had some insurance, undoubtedly enough to cover his loss, as he has a large stock left, that he will be able to dispose of in these hard times at quite a sum even though they are damaged by water, smoke and breakage.



BURDENS OF THE WAR—WHY NOT THE VOTE?

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE AT ELMIRA

Gridley, Fuhrman & Martin Co's Elmira Plant Has \$30,000 Fire Same Time Andover Was in Flames, Monday.

The hardware store of Gridley, Fuhrman & Martin Co., of Elmira, was visited by fire Monday morning, at about the same hour Andover was wondering if there would be anything left of the town after fire got through.

The damage to their big stock is estimated at \$30,000. Insured. The fire originated in the rafters on the third floor of the building.

The damage by fire was confined to the third story of the structure, but tremendous damage was done to the hardware stock on the second and first floors by the volume of water which was used in quenching the blaze. The entire loss is covered by insurance. Twelve years ago the same firm suffered loss in a bad fire.

While it was impossible to give a definite estimate to-day, members of the firm say the damage to the stock will be in the neighborhood of \$24,000. The loss to the building, which is owned by the Austin estate, is estimated at \$1,500.

The fire was discovered about 7:45 o'clock this morning but not until after it had gained terrific headway in the third floor of the building, which is used for storage purposes. A number of theories are advanced as to the cause but Chief Espey and members of the hardware firm believe that it originated from the chimney which runs up through the Personius, Malone & French building adjoining the Gridley structure. It is thought that the overheated chimney ignited some paper cartons which were packed about it. The blaze started in the upper rafters of the floor, burning fiercely until sparks ignited the flooring and other material beneath.

George White, a clerk, and five tin-smiths, who were working in the front part of the third floor, were the first to discover the fire by the smell of the smoke. Particularly enough, the tin-smiths had passed through that part of the floor where the fire started but a half hour before, but at that time no spark or smoke was observed. Doors, which blocked them off from the rest of the story, prevented them from noticing the blaze at once and checking it.

MERCURY WENT LOW FUEL EXHAUSTED

People in Western New York Towns Suffer When the Weather is Bitter Cold and Gas, Coal and Wood Scarce.

If "Honest Abe" Lincoln was ushered into this world 108 years ago with as cold a reception as was given Andover last Monday, the reason for his sturdy, virile life may not be wondered at.

The mercury nearly knocked the bottom out of the tubes of Andover thermometers. In some localities 29 degrees below zero was reported, and at the Andover State Bank thermometer, the one most Andover people regulate their weather by, the cold registered 21 degrees below.

Hornell Conserving Coal

The mercury this morning registered as low as 22 degrees below zero, the depth to which the fluid descended depending upon the length of the thermometer tube and the veracity of the owner of the instrument.

Regarding the coal and gas situation there is practically no change. The gas is practically "out of sight" and only a limited amount of coal is available. Of wood, there is none.

At one of the leading coal dealers this morning it was said that coal is being delivered in sacks about the size of the ordinary sugar sack. Not many sacks were being delivered to any one person. The dealers have taken the situation by the throat and regardless of orders, influence, money or any other thing are dealing out the coal supply in order to accommodate the most people and reduce the suffering to the lowest degree.

Gas Short, Coal Scarce in Corning

Corning, Feb. 13.—With the mercury at ten or twelve degrees below zero, the announcement came forth late yesterday that there are only 5 tons of hard coal in Corning. Some soft coal is to be had from local dealers but this is being dealt out sparingly. Should the present severe weather continue and a storm occur which would prevent railroad traffic for a few days, the situation here would be indeed alarming.

Jamestown Will Seize Erie Trains to Secure Coal

Jamestown, Feb. 13.—Mayor Carlson to-day ordered the chief of police to proceed to the Erie station, stop any train carrying

HAVE THEY FOUND PENNY?

Elmira Sheriff Receives Telegram Asking if They Still Want Man

Elmira, Feb. 12.—Is Jack Penny, under arrest in Boise, Idaho? Sheriff Hoke to-day received a communication from Sheriff Emmett Pfof, of Boise, asking if the authorities of this county still want Jack Penny.

The sheriff at once answered that Penny was wanted here and any information of his whereabouts would be very welcome news. Since the double murder of Chief of Police John J. Finnell and Detective Sergeant Gradwell here on March 23, 1915, a world wide search has been conducted for John Cramer, alias Jack Penny. Frequently something which looks like a clue is received, but no actual trace of the missing man has ever been found.

Sheriff Hoke is anxiously awaiting further reports from Sheriff Pfof, of Boise.

SHALL WE METER OUR WATER?

There is talk of an effort being made in Andover to have the question of adopting the meter system for our water plant voted upon at the annual village election. It is hoped that if the meters are installed and people had to pay for the water they allow to run free during a cold spell to keep their water from freezing they would find it cheaper to keep their water lines protected from the cold than to pay for the water uselessly wasted.

SNYDER—HURD

Miss Helen Hurd and Mr. Leonard Snyder, of Wellsville, were united in marriage at the Presbyterian manse, Monday, Feb. 12th, Mr. Williams officiating. The couple were accompanied by Mr. Carl Snyder and Miss Laura Hurd.

In a few weeks Mr. and Mrs. Snyder will be at their home on the Henry Snyder farm, which Mr. Snyder has leased. The News offers best wishes to the young couple.

CARD OF THANKS

To all friends whose sympathy and service were so kindly tendered in our time of sorrow and bereavement, we desire to extend our sincere thanks; also to those sending flowers.

John Cochrane and Family
Mr. and Mrs. David Bullard.

coal and divert it to local use to relieve the coal and gas famine.

Mrs. Hannah Bommer, an aged woman and widow of a Civil War veteran, James Bommer, was found badly frozen in her rooms in Spring Street this morning, with no fire in the house. She was quickly removed to the hospital and died a few hours later.

Never before was the gas pressure so low as it has been here today, the fires going out completely in many homes and offices. Several school houses were closed and the children sent home and many of the offices and work shops of the city were closed on account of the cold and lack of fuel. The temperature has been zero all day.

MILLER WOULD CHASE DEVIL FROM ANDOVER

Evangelist Hitting Hard Blows in the Paper Tabernacle—Meetings are Growing in Interest and Attendance.

The evangelistic tabernacle campaign opened in Andover last Wednesday.

The extreme cold weather and fear that the tabernacle would not be comfortable has detracted from the attendance somewhat, but the crowd is growing each day now.

There are about fifty voices in the choir and under the direction of J. W. Alexander are getting the songs well in hand and with the right swing and jingle. The choir is accompanied by Miss Minnie Clair with the piano and an orchestra.

Really the hottest place in Andover this week has been at the paper tent on Greenwood Street, where the meetings are being held. Not only have they been able to keep the temperature above 60 degrees, by the aid of huge wood stoves and building paper inside and out, but Mr. A. W. Miller, the evangelist, has done his full part in making things warm around the tabernacle. He surely slams into the faces of the people in a fearless manner.

The idea of the writer is that Mr. Miller fully believes in the gospel he is preaching, himself, and is in dead earnest. He typifies in his style the methods of the modern evangelist in that his sermons are full of wit, pathos and virile enthusiasm.

Sunday afternoon he talked to a good-sized audience, upon the subject of atonement.

Sunday evening over two hundred people listened intently while he preached about "The Bible, the Divine Word of God." In this address he brought out four very pertinent reasons for believing the Bible to be the Divine Word of God and then challenged the unbelievers to bring along their evidence that it was not.

His first reason was because of what the Bible had done for himself personally; his second, that Christ, when upon earth, approved instead of disapproving it; his third that the prophecies of the Bible had proven true and his fourth that scientific investigation agreed with the Bible, and had proven it right.

An endless chain of cottage prayer meetings were started Tuesday and will be maintained during the meetings. The afternoon meetings were opened Tuesday afternoon with a good attendance.

CHILDREN'S NIGHT

The Andover Rebekah Lodge will observe "Children's Night," at Odd Fellow Hall, next Wednesday evening. Bring sandwiches and one other article of food.

MRS. MINA BLOSS, Sec'y.

Our Appreciation

We wish in this way to express our heartiest thanks to those who so generously assisted on the occasion of our recent fire.

C. W. WILLIAMS
GROCERIES CROCKERY, FEED