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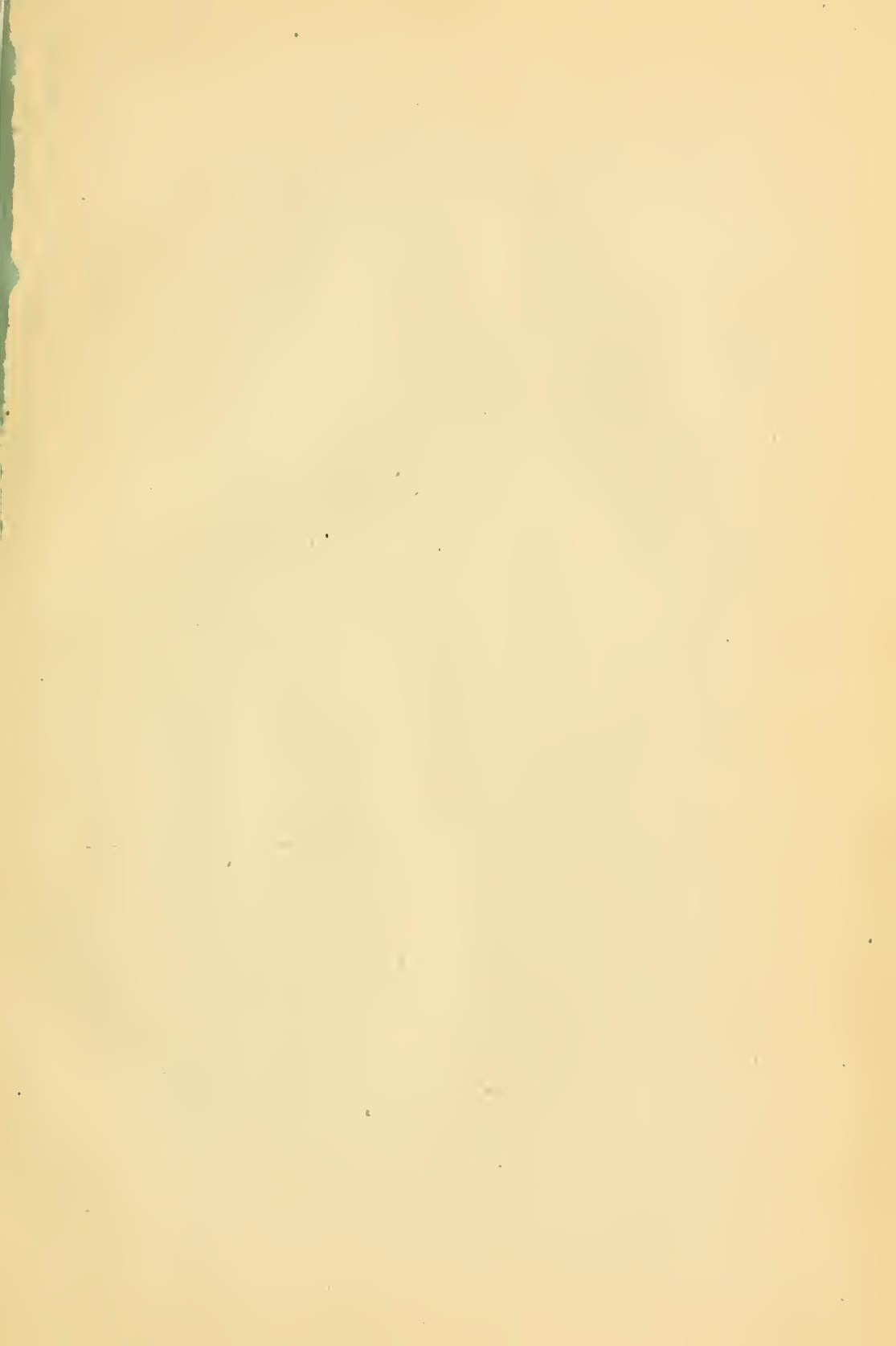
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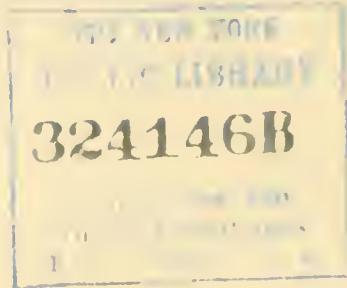
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DEDICATORY.

This little volume is dedicated by the Authoress to the Burgess and Council of Edenburg, as a token of respect to the present officers, their antecedents and successors.

H. A. K.

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### PREFACE.

In this volume, we offer to the citizens of Edenburg and vicinity, either past, present, or future a brief review of events, and the names of men, women and children, who have composed society and business circles, since the place was first settled by the proprietors. This work has been intended for years. To keep in remembrance the names of every family who has ever lived in this place, was no easy task, and should any be omitted it is because their names are not in the papers which have been published in the town, or that memory has failed to recall them. Our town, which was once a small city, has a greater historic record than any in the State, in the same length of time. It has been, as it were, TRIED BY FIRE! The heroism of our citizens has been a marvel to all outside of the town. These terrible conflicts, seem to be a bond of union to those who endured the scourge. The benevolence of her citizens in church work and other enterprises is an interesting subject to Edenburgers wherever they may be, and this little volume will serve in a measure to preserve from oblivion the noble acts of heroism and benevolence of her citizens. With the purest motives, and kindest feelings we send it out with Greetings.

EDENBURG, Clarion Co., Pa., May 10, 1887.

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## Edenburg and Edenburg People.

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### *THE ADVENTURER.*

“Stand up erect! Thou hast a form,  
And likeness of thy God—who more?  
A soul as dauntless mid the storm  
Of daily life—a heart as warm  
And pure as breast e'er wore.”

Years ago, in country places, the owner of a farm of one hundred acres of land was called rich. The wonderful appreciation of the value of real estate, the extraordinary luck of speculators, has entirely revolutionized the opinion of a fortune, and now, a man who possesses a million is barely called rich. Thus young men are deterred from attempting adventure, or, if they attempt, are soon discouraged and the project abandoned for something more easily accomplished. The history of any town, or country, is a delineation of the character of the leading men and women it it, and of its status, religiously, morally and intellectually, in connection with its business interests. The town of Edenburg, situated in Beaver township, Clarion county, Pennsylvania, has had a greater diversity of experience, within a short period of time, than any other in the State. To understand its history correctly, it first becomes necessary to give a sketch of its leading men before it became a borough.

Mr. J. G. Mendenhall, the principal proprietor of this *live* oil town, was a Quaker by birth, and always used the plain language in his family. He was born in Bald Eagle Valley, Centre county, Pa., on the 14th day of May, 1806. His ancestors came from England in the ship with William Penn, and settled in Chester county, Pa. From these all the Mendenhalls in the United States have sprung.

"Hate not husbandry, which God hath ordained."—Son of Sirach.

Mrs. Sigourney in her lovely strain has written :

"When the Creator's hand had placed  
 In this terrestrial scene,  
 Man, in His own high image formed,  
 Majestic and Serene,  
 Bade He this ruler of the globe,  
 To mountain summits soar?  
 Or for the wealth of gold and gems  
 Its secret mines explore?  
  
 Or blow the rocks to atoms?  
 Or boil the floods to steam?  
 Or with harpoon and hook†transfix  
 The people of the stream?  
 Or bring with forge and hammer  
 Enormous shapes to light?  
 Or study till the mid-night toil  
 Enwrapped the brain in night?  
  
 No, 'twas the Arbiter's command,  
 'Mid that delightful glade,  
 To "dress and keep the garden" where  
 His Eden home was made  
 And where no more his alien head  
 In Paradise might rest,  
 To till the earth from whence he came  
 Was still his Sire's behest.

Mr. Mendenhall was one of nature's husbandmen. When this part of Clarion county (then Armstrong) was a wilderness, he wandered hither in search of a location, to make a home for himself and young wife, whom he had shortly before married, *nee* Miss Susan Spencer

of Half Moon, Pa. After making a trip from his home mostly on foot, he came to what is now Clarion county in the year A. D. 1830, and purchased what is known as the Daniel Kiser farm, where Elk City stands. He purchased the farm for \$700. He returned to Centre county and brought his wife and household effects, and settled in a small house in which the former owner, Mr. Dale had lived. The house was small, but large enough for two. One of the first things which he did was to plant a Lombardy poplar in front of his door, which grew to be a majestic tree and a reminder of his first home, until the vandal oil man destroyed it. Frugality and industry crowned his efforts, and in six years after he purchased this farm, on account of its mineral value in ore, he sold it to the firm of Black & Co., who had a large furnace near, for the sum of \$5,000. He then purchased a wooded tract of 20 acres, the present site of Edenburg. After this he made two other purchases, which made him a farm of 188 acres. After clearing his first purchase, he built him another home, and although in a measure in the wilderness, he built large enough to be able to accommodate strangers, and many were entertained by his hospitality. He purchased two other farms in the vicinity. One he called Jerusalem and the other Egypt. These were both good oil fields in late developments. Mr. Mendenhall was a remarkably social man, had much pleasure with his friends and neighbors. He had one especial trait of character, that of being very fond of pets. His large barn was always filled with choicest stock and poultry. At one time he had a "Deer Park." With these animals he was on very friendly terms, but one incident shows the

sagacity of the deer. After donning a new suit of clothes he wandered into the park one day. An "old buck" not recognizing the new clothes, made fight, and it was a very narrow escape that his life was spared. He changed his new suit for the old one and went again to the Park, and the same old animal came to him and *fawned* upon him as usual. Farms were being improved all around him. In 1834 he with his few neighbors, felt the need of a postoffice, there not being one nearer than Shippenville. Consequently application was made to the P. O. Department, and the request was granted. Mr. Mendenhall was requested to name it, and he called it Eden, and was appointed postmaster. After some time the office was discontinued. When it was again restored, there was another "Eden" in the State and they called it Knox, and he was again appointed postmaster, which he continued to be (with P. F. Kribbs as his assistant) until January 19th, 1874, when he resigned in favor of J. T. Crawford. Up to this time and afterward, the mails were carried from Emlenton to Shippenville on horseback. J. T. Crawford continued through the most exciting "oil times." When he took what he had saved from the very remunerative position at that time, he accepted Horace Greeley's advice and went west. He and his interesting family are now among the enterprising citizens of Nebraska. The successor of J. T. Crawford, was J. Wilbur Orr, a genial, social man, who with his accomplished assistant, Miss Mary Flick, were very acceptable officers, but, as frequently happens, "Cupid with his dart," crept into the office, and soon the postmaster and assistant united their interests for life. Soon after he resigned in favor of



Peter Spargo, and removed to Akron, Ohio, where he is in a flourishing business now. Mr. Spargo, a very clever man and an acceptable officer, held the position until his demise on the 18th of March, 1885. After his sudden death Mr. E. E. Kribbs kept it by special appointment by the P. O. Department for one month. The administration having been changed, Mr. W. B. Delo received the appointment, who with his amiable assistant, Miss Mary Austin are the present incumbents. It is still a salaried office.

Mr. Mendenhall was not only a farmer but a merchant. He had a dry goods and grocery store at one time. J. W. Coulter, with J. B. Patrick for clerk, succeeded him. Richard Shippen, with J. T. Wilson for clerk, succeeded Mr. Coulter. Prosperity attended all Mr. Mendenhall's business efforts, but alas! a shadow fell upon his pleasant home. The wife of his youth sickened and died, leaving him with one living child, J. S. Mendenhall, who when about eighteen years old, went to California, where he spent most of his early life. Mr. J. G. Mendenhall, at the loss of his life partner, although cast down, was constrained to say "My Father, the hand is Thine, who doeth all things well." He afterward married Miss Eliza Sloan a very amiable lady, by whom he had four children, viz: M. Ariminta, now Mrs. Travis, now residing in Edenburg. Griffith S. who still resides at his home. S. Louie, now Mrs. Henry Kelly, of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho Territory, and Ella Genira, now Mrs. W. L. Jeffords, now living on the old homestead grounds. When the youngest of these children was ten years old, he was again bereft of his

companion. On the 29th of November, 1871, he was married to Miss Jane B. Keatley, of Strattanville, Pa., who was left a widow at his death, and who still resides in her home in Edenburg.

The next merchant who came to the little town of Edenburg, was P. F. Kribbs, and he came *to stay*. For several years he alone furnished dry goods and groceries, to the inhabitants of the surrounding country. Mr. Kribbs is one of those busy men, who earns what he has by the sweat of his brow or the activity of his brain. He and his excellent wife and children were always busy. Benton and Ellery, when quite small boys, would rise at four o'clock, A. M., and wend their way with their load of provisions, etc., to the nearest railroad station and return in good time in the evening with their loads of merchandise. From this course of trading, with lumber interests and oil production, P. F. Kribbs now stands among the leading business men of the country. Two large brick blocks with the sign, "P. F. Kribbs & Son," and a beautiful brick residence, second to none in the town are among the evidences of the fact. It is often remarked that "man is the architect of his own fortune," but observation in the past has led us to conclude, "That the frugal hand of woman often lends her charms." So we think to Mrs. Kribbs much is due for Mr. Kribbs' prosperity.

"The trusting wife and mother,  
 Makes indeed a pleasant house,  
 There's naught too good to handle there,  
 The fond mother does her best to rouse,  
 Ambition in a sweet and loving fear."

Every house is a home where love and harmony dwell.

Mr. P. F. Kribbs is a son of the late Capt. George Kribbs, who was one of the pioneer settlers and a prominent citizen, and whose farm was very prolific in yielding the oleaginous fluid in early oil developments. Mrs. Kribbs is a daughter of Daniel Knight and a sister of Dr. Knight, of Salem. Mr. and Mrs. Kribbs have had eight living children, viz: Benton A., a worthy young man now a partner with his father; E. Elmer, a law student at Ann Arbor, Mich; William, a theological student at the Lutheran Theological Seminary, at Gettysburg, Pa.; Charles, a student in Edinboro State Normal; Florence, now Mrs. G. A. Karns, of Franklin, Pa; Susie and Mabel, Misses at home. Georgie, the pet of the household was taken from the family group one year ago. Although his place in the household is vacant, he lives in memory as no other can.

"No longer fettered by the power  
Of flesh and pain—his prison bars—  
With joy must hail the golden hour,  
That speeds his flight above the stars."

In the spring of 1874 Mr. Mendenhall razed the old homestead and built on the same site a fine residence, which when completed presented a fine appearance outwardly and was handsomely frescoed throughout, and stood where the Clarion County Bank now stands. His home was surrounded by a variety of lovely shade trees of the choicest kind of his own planting, and adorned by the exotic and lovely flowers planted and cultured by his wife and daughters. His was a lovely and loving home. When strangers and friends visited their home, they were invariably charmed by the easy grace which pervaded the household. His three daughters and son formed a quartette and could render

very fine music. One of his early pioneer neighbors was Thomas Thompson. His farm was on the southside of the Emlenton and Shippenville road. Mr. Thompson's only son William went to the army and died in June 1865. Mrs. Thomas Thompson the aged mother of William Thompson still lives with her daughter, Mrs. J. I. Best, at the advanced age of 94 years. Mr. J. I. Best was a genial, social man, who purchased the Thompson homestead. The year following Mr. Mendenhall, Mr. Best also erected a handsome residence, but, unlike his friend Mendenhall, he let "the old house stand" as a relic of the past. It still stands with the creeping ivy and trellised vines climbing up its walls. Like an aged veteran it combines the past with the present. J. I. Best, a quiet unobtrusive man, ever ready to help in every good work was very liberal with his means. When oil production developed so rapidly he granted many leases and had large production. His family grew up around him, bright, cheerful and pleasant. An excellent wife and mother is Mrs. Best. But no circumstances in life can prevent the "fell destroyer," *death*, from making his visits. Year after year he came and plucked from the household the little buds of promise, until four had been taken. "No flower so sweet as the early bud, when the crystal sheen of morn gives it fresh perfume." So it seems death oftener plucks the morning flowers.

His eldest son, Willie, a very promising young man, died February 2d, 1880. It is ever thus with us here.

"When the tide of bliss is highest,  
When we closest clasp the toy,  
Then the heart feels grief is nighest,

Trembling, looking on our joy :  
 Soon the sky shall be o'ercast,  
 And voices ringing gladly.  
 And the pulses leaping madly,  
 To death's stillness shall have passed.,'

So it was, when everything was at high tide in business circles, Willie was called to go, his disease being a complication of rheumatism and heart trouble.

Mr. Best, who was at the time of Willie's death suffering from lung trouble, lingered until the following autumn, when on November 10th, 1880, he too passed peacefully over the "river from which no oarsman can make a return passage." He was greatly missed from the family circle, by the citizens of the town, and very much from the M. E. Church of which he was an official and liberal member.

"Swift the seasons come and go;  
 Thickly falls the drifting snow  
 O'er his peaceful grave we know,  
     But his feet  
 Have passed in at a pearly door,  
 And have trod the shining golden floor,  
 Fair and fadeless forever more."

— Mr. Best had seen Edenburg spring into existence as a town, as by magic, and seen it once almost reduced to ashes, a number of times very much marred by the devouring flames, and as often rebuilt. His aged father had his home with him and still resides in the home of Mrs. Best. "Grandfather Best" as he is familiarly called, is perhaps the oldest man in the neighborhood, being at present eighty-four years old, hale and hearty. When Mr. Best realized the inevitable, like a wise man, "he set his house in order," arranged his business and left it in the hands of his son-in-law, Mr. G. M. Cushing, to carry out his plans.

Mrs. Best is not in the best of health at present. Frankie, their eldest, now Mrs. Cushing, Miss Louie, Mr. Harry, Misses Jennie and Sadie compose the family who remain at home. Mrs. Cushing whose health is impaired has made several trips to the South for her health and has found them beneficial.

The Mendenhall farm is bounded on the west by the farms of Jacob and John Switzer. Jacob's sons, Samuel and Jerry, now occupy the Jacob Switzer homestead. They are frugal, industrious and wealthy farmers. Mr. John Switzer (now deceased) was an excellent citizen, an energetic kind neighbor and a true friend. His amiable wife and several of his children survive him. His son, Milton Switzer, resides on the farm. The Switzer farms have yielded much oil and have some producing wells at present. The Mendenhall farm is bounded on the north by Jacob Switzer, Jr.'s. farm, which has been a fine producing farm and is still yielding some oil. In 1876, Mr. Switzer sold this farm to the Van Vleck Brothers, who operated upon it for several years. The western part of this farm has been recently purchased by Mr. D. O. White, who has erected a handsome residence upon it, where he and his accomplished wife receive their friends with grateful hospitality. Mr. S. X. McClelland, who purchased the eastern part of the farm is improving it rapidly, although it had been traversed by oil teams until it was run up by roads in every direction; but by his energy and skill he is making it "blossom as the rose," and yield fair crops of the different kinds of grain. Mr. McClelland is proverbial for his great altitude and for having a kind, sympathetic disposition. Their home is a pleasant one. On the eastern

point of the Switzer farm, (now McClellan) and a small portion of the Joseph Gates farm, known since 1873 as the Marcus Huling's farm, is the suburban town of Forest Home and the Antwerp Pipe Line Station. To describe this little "villa" nestled among the trees, would require the easel and brush of a painter to give it the proper effect. It was, to say the least, a lovely, cool retreat, yet not exactly an Eden proper. Its low, flat location on the bank of Canoe Creek, in the rainy season, caused the atmosphere to be impregnated with miasma. Sickness followed and death visited many households. There Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Delp lost their only son, W. Ridge, a bright boy who was accidentally thrown from a step ladder, when a blood vessel burst, and no effort could stay the life current until death claimed him. The parents hold his memory in fond and affectionate remembrance and can say with the poet :

"Yes, thou art gone, forever gone!  
Our hearts are filled with grief and pain,  
For though thou art at rest, dear one,  
We ne'er can see thee here again!"

The angel of death visited many other homes there. Mr. and Mrs. Delp are now residents of Edenburg, have a fine home on Main street and a fine shop where he earns much money. His home is proverbial for having the only flag pavement in town. Their daughter, now Mrs. C. L. Lay, also lives in Edenburg in a nice new residence on State street. To speak of Forest Home socially, would require the pen of a George Eliot. It bore about the same relation to Edenburg proper, that Hesse Darmstadt does to all Germany. A small dukedom, as it were. It had its independent school, and its independent church services much of the time, while they

still held their church relations in town. They had their Sunday school, their literary societies, their croquet lawns, their festivals and parties, by day-light, moonlight or gas-light as it suited them. It contained about thirty dwellings. It was to say the least a pleasant retreat, almost a "Utopia." If any one of the inhabitants did any wrong it was always done in Edenburg. Bradley & Co., had a large supply store, planing mill, tank shop and blacksmith shop. J. W. Cowan vended groceries, etc.; J. G. Tate kept the Forest Home House; A. Culbertson had a meat market. There was Forest Home Hall, built for the citizens and vicinity by private contributions. The citizens always spoke of their Hall with pride, and justly, as it was really useful as well as ornamental, and was used only for moral, educational or religious purposes. The building was 24x40 feet, with corresponding height, ceiled, papered, painted, wainscoted and handsomely seated, and was, withal, the best of its kind in the country. J. M. Bethune who had oil wells, Prof. Davis, Prof. Beers and Miss Ella Culbertson, attended to the educational interests. Jas. Benn and family, the Simons Brothers, the Sloans, Walker's, Craig's, McCormick's, Best's, Delp's, Pryor's, Sweet's, Breckenridge's, Harley's and Irvin's of Chattanooga circle fame. There Mr. William Buzza with his sons R. W. Buzza and Richard. Rev. Richard Buzza, of the Erie conference, first learned to speak in public in the literary societies of Forest Home. This "villa" in the forest was the home of Maj. J. B. Maitland, manager of the Antwerp Pipe Line. If any measure was proposed, there was one umpire who could decide it. The Major's "*ipse dixit*" settled all questions great or



small. Had he been an autocrat his opinions could not have been more sought by the Forest Home people, but this came out of respect and not a slavish fear. The Major being a man of good judgment, who ever maintained a cool deliberate bearing, and who seldom gave advice until the subject was well weighed in his own mind, was a safe person from whom to receive advice. He and his family were greatly missed when they removed to their country home in Rockland, Pa.. The early inhabitants of Forest Home have mostly removed to some other place, except J. G. Tate, who was first to come and last to leave.

Mongtown, another suburb, on the Mahlon Mong farm and partly on the Switzer, was quite a live town at one time, although never so independent as Forest Home. It had its school and hotels. The first citizen that came into this new town was Mr. J. D. Kelley. He with his amiable wife and little family located there in the spring of 1873, and with the exception of a short time he resided in Clarion, it has been his home for thirteen years. His family has grown up. Miss Ada is a very well qualified teacher in one of the rooms in McKeesport Union School. Miss Alice and the younger ones are at home. Mr. Kelley was with Mr. J. C. Hill on Mr. J. Turner's survey from St. Petersburg to Fryburg. This brought the surveyors past the Bower farm. Mr. Walter M. Lowry having taken a large lease on the Frederick Bower farm was not able to hold it, unless he operated upon it very soon. Not having capital enough to do this, he solicited Mr. J. Turner and Captain Duncan to operate on this tract, consequently they commenced to drill on the St. Lawrence, the first well on the lease,

April 21st, cased and tubed May 21st and had in the lines, June 21st, an average of 72 barrels per day. This has been one of the most substantial wells in the field. It is still producing some oil. The company was known as Turner, Duncan & Lowry. The Baliet No. 1, was tubed on September 13th of the same year. Turner & Duncan purchased Lowry's interest and the firm was then known as Turner & Duncan. They drilled Baliet No. 2, St. Lawrence No. 2, Conestoga No's. 1 and 2, Lady Bower, Detroit, Mississippi and Wabash, all fine wells. These wells Mr. Kelley eventually purchased, but recently sold them to Mr. Charles Shaver. Mr. J. C. Hill came at the same time that Mr. Kelley did. His family were very active and useful citizens. Mrs. Hill always has friends wherever she lives. The young ladies were teachers. Mr. Hill is known as the oldest member of the church to which he belongs. He drilled and operated on the Turner wells for several years, then purchased some wells which are still producing. Mr Hill recently lives on Main street, Edenburg. About the same time the St. Lawrence well was drilled, Mr. Chas. Shaw drilled on the Mahlon Mong farm and was successful. Mr. Shaw brought his pleasant wife and little family who were very highly esteemed. The McCall Brothers soon came with their aged mother, who is still a resident of Edenburg. All the parties came from Freeport, Pa., Mr. Turner's home. Mr. Frank Gifford also drilled on the same farm. He had a pleasant home on his lease, but is now living in Jamestown, N. Y. Mr. I. M. Temple, now of Beloit, Kansas, kept the Mongtown House. Mr. and Mrs. Temple with their interesting daughters were very fine citizens. Mr.

Charles Jefferson, who removed to Florida and planted an orange grove, and whose wife and children are now enjoying the fruit of his enterprise, formerly lived in Mongtown. W. W. Wingard now of Warren, Pa., had a beautiful home, the former home of Mahlon Mong. S. E. Kinch one of the operators on the Turner lease with his excellent wife resided there. They now reside in O'Neil, Nebraska. J. Wilbur Orr now of Akron, O., Sylvester Benn now of Lima, O., John Vogen of New Castle, Pa., A. L. Bunnell, now of Bradford, Pa., J. Tomlinson, of Beaver, Pa., James Maguire, (who still resides near there on a farm) were prominent citizens. F. T. Whitehill who has resided there over ten years, is manager on the Oak Shade leases. He and Mrs. Whitehill take great comfort in their pleasant home. Still living there, are Melvin Cox, L. and R. Collingwood, Henry Gates and family, J. Babcock, M. P. Lewis and Thomas Stover. Mr. Albert Culbertson, who purchased the W. W. Wingard property and resides on it, has planted a vineyard which yields abundantly every year. In connection with his fine variety of grapes he cultivates the strawberry, raspberry and Lawton blackberry. He treats his many friends in the berry season to the choicest of his fruits, with such a cheerful jest that it makes the fruit taste more luscious than it otherwise would. Miss Lizzie Culbertson has been one of the most faithful workers in the church to which she belongs. She and Mrs. Culbertson are great florists.

The Mendenhall farm is bounded on the east by the Hulings and Whitehill farms. Both have been very productive oil farms. James Whitehill, the original owner of the farm died and left the farm to his son Sam-

nél. Mr. Samuel Whitehill had a large family of sons, viz: George Washington, Winfield Scott, Zachary Taylor, John Preston, Millard Fillmore, Benjamin Franklin, Marian M., Joseph, Charles and Alice. Three of this family and the father and mother have died. Marian M., is now the wife of Ross Yingling, who is a Professor in the State Normal at Clarion, Pa. At the time of the greatest oil developments in this part of the field, Mr. Whitehill sold his farm to an oil company for \$30,000. He purchased another farm in the vicinity where he resided until his death. Among the first operators on the Whitehill farm, were B. J. Painter & Brother. They had a large production. Mr. B. J. Painter built him a nice home on the lease where he resided until recently, when he sold his interests and removed to Emlenton, Pa. Mr. Painter was one of the leading young men of the early period. Mr. George Gyer and intelligent wife and interesting family are still producing oil on their lease on the farm. They have a pleasant home where happiness dwells with but little alloy. John P. Whitehill still resides on the farm and has good oil production, also Zachary and his interesting little family.

Shady City, another suburban town of Edenburg, is on the western border of the Whitehill farm and eastern boundary of Edenburg. It was in this cool retreat that J. J. Bradley one of the prominent early oil operators built him a home. J. J. Bradley and wife were of the excellent of the earth. Plain, open-hearted, generous people, upon whom any one could rely. He had large productions on different farms. Thinking to increase his income, he went to the Bradford oil field.

When he went there he said to Mrs. Bradley, "when we can command a certain amount, (which he named) we will purchase a farm and settle for life." He realized his anticipations and purchased a beautiful farm adjoining Hartstown, Pa. His home was in the village. He remained there until a better situation presented itself when he sold and again invested in real estate, and now is a grauger, owning a beautiful farm and home near Atlantic, Crawford county, Pa. In this shady nook still live Ellis Hall and family. Through the Whitehill farm flows Canoe creek on whose banks are located a saw mill and the Antwerp Pipe Line Station. It was in this stream that Maj. Henry Wetter almost lost his life. There was a rise in the stream and he attempted to cross. The bridge gave way and let both horse and rider into the turbulent stream. It was with difficulty that he reached the shore. The only seat of learning for Edenburg and vicinity ten years ago was Shady City school house, on the Whitehill farm. In this shady nook lived the Redingers, now of Cleveland, O. The McEntyre's now of the upper oil field. The Lincoln's now of Edenburg. Mr. Roland Patton lived there for several years. Mrs. Patton, an excellent, good, woman, with her daughter, kept a large boarding house for the employes on the Whitehill farm. Afterward they lived in Edenburg, where Mrs. Patton died very suddenly and was very much missed, especially among the sick. Mr. Laverty and family who lived in Shady City, are now living in Titusville, Crawford county. They are noted for their fine ability as vocalists. Mr. Laverty, Jennie, Mossy and Beekie are holding concerts in and around Titusville, where they draw good houses. Mr.

John Sheldon, Mr. and Mrs. Springer, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor (who had a grocery store.)

On the southeast, lies the Alexander McElhattan farm, which was also very productive in oil. Mr. McElhattan like his neighbors, has abandoned the old house for the new. A fine new dwelling adorns the place. On this farm is the McElhattan cemetery, where many strangers have been laid. Mr. McElhattan and family live at ease on the revenue from their oil wells.

On the south of Edenburg lies the Columbia Company's farm, formerly the Henry Kiser farm, on which was the pioneer well of the Edenburg oil field. In February, of 1873, Hahn & Co., struck oil on the farm. The well was not very large but it demonstrated the fact that there was oil in this locality and that Edenburg was on the belt. This farm afterward proved to be a pool of oil. On it and the Best farm at one time lived the Beverley's, Dawson's, Moore Brothers, Barton's, Mr. Lot C. Leech and his interesting family, now of Petrolia, Mr. and Mrs. Crick, and interesting little son, now of Pittsburgh, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Carroll, and their intelligent sons and daughters, who now reside on a farm near Titusville, excepting Miss Mary, who spends most of her time in Edenburg. On this farm lived Rev. Mr. Hendren with his accomplished wife and daughter. The shadow of death found its way to this little community. Mr. and Mrs. Eichbaum lost two very interesting children. Their young Mr. Proudfoot died of diphtheria at the home of his brother. Here lived Mr. and Mrs. B. Drum and two lovely children, Ada May and Rodie F. These dear children were taken from a loving mother

and a fond father. Death came and robbed the household.

“Oh! how the lovehest of earth’s children pass,  
 In silence from our midst! The opening year  
 Smiles on their freshening beauty, but the grass,  
 In Autumn hides their graves, and many a sore  
 And blighted heart, that used to mark with pride  
 Their budding beauty, keeps the mournful tale  
 Still fresh and sacred, how the dear ones died.”

Death is a sad word! There is a desolation in the home circle, an aching void in the heart, which no earthly pleasure can allay, until the heart grows strong enough to realize that those for whom we mourn are infinitely more happy—until we can see the kind hand of the Great Giver in it. It was so with these fond parents. In addition to the above, the Doughertys, the Kelleys and the Mays lived in this community. Mr. W. S. Mays and family came early. We have record of the death of Mrs. Mays as given in the local paper, which also gives a sketch of the family :

“Clara A., wife of W. S. Mays, died at her home on Petrolia street, this place, Thursday evening, June 25th, 1885, at half-past nine o’clock. The deceased was the third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Varner, who at the time of her birth resided in the town of Clarion, and being the first child born in the county seat, was named Clarion, which for convenience was afterward changed to Clara. Mrs. Mays, who had been an extreme sufferer for several months, bore it all with Christian fortitude. There’s a vacancy in the home circle that can not be filled. A husband, four daughters and two sons in sadness. Rev. J. H. Keeley preached her funeral sermon the following Sabbath, in the presence of a large concourse of relatives and friends.

Life’s labor done, as sinks the day,  
 Light from their load the spirits fly,  
 While heaven and earth combine to say,  
 How blest the righteous when they die!”

On the south-west of Edenburg lies Beaver City. Like Jonah’s gourd, it sprung up, as it were, in a day and withered as suddenly, when the oil production diminished. The Beaver and Mehrtena tracts were very pro-

ductive. It was on that part of the belt that Major Wetter had such a large number of wells, at one time numbering 90. The Major was a magnanimous director. He never failed to remember his friends. The large amount of business which he was carrying was disastrous to himself and others, who were depending upon his success. He was a clever, generous man and had been a valiant soldier. He was appointed by the Government as Secretary of New Mexico, and, upon the death of the Governor, became Governor *pro tem*. He died in 1883, and left a most estimable wife with four little daughters and their only son, Harry, Jr. Beaver City was located on the Capt. Kribbs and the Beals farms. The former owned now by P. E. Kribbs and the latter by J. L. Hunter. In Beaver City, with Captain Kribbs as one of the principal contributors, the Lutheran denomination built a beautiful church. In size, finish and construction, it would have adorned a city. In active oil times the church was a necessity. Many pleasing remembrances cluster within its sacred walls; but, as in every church, "*Memento Mori*," is written in legible characters, on account of the vacant places of some of its members. Two of the principal contributors, Capt. George Kribbs and Mrs. Clara Hunter have passed over the river, but their deeds should be cherished. Strangers now occupy the Capt. Kribbs homestead. His amiable partner in life's struggles, now resides with her daughter and son-in-law, Rev. and Mrs. Fox of Emlenton, Pa. Mr. J. L. Hunter, after having his beautiful home destroyed by fire, rebuilt on the same site one vastly more magnificent, where, with his young wife, he enjoys life and happiness. Beaver City was for a time a



very interesting town. There lived Misses Mary and Laura Smith with their parents—very accomplished young ladies. Miss Mary, now Mrs. Dr. Leadenham, of Franklin, Pa., and Miss Laura, who, just in the gala day of life was suddenly snatched from her friends by the fell destroyer, death. She ate her dinner apparently as well as usual, but it is supposed was poisoned from eating some canned vegetables, and in less than an hour was a corpse.

Here sat her aged parents, could they realize the change?  
Softly tread o'er the floor where death comes unawares,  
The mother's voice grew faint, with anguish,  
The father's silvered head is bowed in sorrow.

Friends and young companions stand aghast! but she is gone, never to return!

Messrs. Flynn & Hamm had a large dry goods store in Beaver; Mr. Breston Clover had a grocery; Mrs. Taylor a millinery store; A. Borland kept the Norris House; Mr. Kurtz also kept a store. Messrs. S. H. and Wm. Lowry lived there and had pleasant homes. Frank G., John C., Homer C., and Wm. Keatley made their homes there while superintending wells on the Altman farm. Many very excellent people resided in Beaver. The Altman farm was very productive. Mr. Ross Haney had a number of wells on it. The Exley farm adjoining was fine oil territory and is the home of the Robinson's, where Miss Lillie Williams resides.

Charity Hill, on a point on the Best farm, southwest of Edenburg, is quite a summer resort and worthy of mention. At this point, in the early history of the place, a very sad circumstance occurred, which will be given in another place. Every town has its lover's retreat. Where could be one more of a favorite than

Charity Hill? There, o'er shadowed by stately trees, a large platform to protect from dampness; seats arranged upon which to rest after climbing up the steep knoll; swings and hammocks suspended from the trees; croquet sets to satisfy the lovers of the game; from springs of the purest crystal could be obtained the elixir of life to quench the most thirsty; and the atmosphere so bracing as to stimulate the most feeble; here daylight, moonlight and gaslight parties were held. Here on our Independence Day could be mounted the cannon to usher in that anniversary with honor. School pic-nics, Sunday school pic-nics, social parties, musical parties, and even dancing parties were held there. In lively times seldom a week passed that some parties were not inspired with a desire to consult the oracles of Charity Hill. Mr. G. A. Clark, A. Wilson, S. Kribbs, W. L. Sweet, W. Hoyt, F. T. Swett and many others lived there in busy times. Now Mr. and Mrs. S. Kribbs and their two interesting little daughters, Wilda and Bessie, and Mr. William and Robert Corlette hear the sweet songsters of that noted resort.

On Charity Hill are the large tanks which supply Edenburg with water. The water works are now under control of the city fathers, and in case of fire would be efficient in connection with a good hose carriage and fire company and plenty of hose.

However, as we have circled Edenburg, it behooves us to enter and describe it, if possible. To do it justice we should build it up and burn it down a number of times. The St. Lawrence well and the Hahn & Co., well on the H. Kiser farm, clearly demonstrated the fact that the oil belt had its course through this part of the country. People

began to come in rapidly. Mr. Chas. Shaw, of Freeport, Pa., came with his family. Mr. M. T. Travis, with his son Linus R., and daughter Hattie, came from Strattanville, Pa., as well as Esq. Atwell and family of Franklin, Pa. All located on north Main street. N. Brown, Esq., with his tank shop, located on State street. Mr. Brown was a man of genius and was particularly noted for his fine basso voice. He was generally solicited to sing in the church choirs. He, with his excellent wife and interesting son Addison left after the fires, and located in Sherman, N. Y., where they went to care for Mrs. Brown's aged parents. The same spring, Col. J. B. Brown and son, W. C. B. Brown, real estate agents, located on central Main street. The Col. and his son attended faithfully to business. The Col. was a man of fine bearing. He had some peculiarities and used some Indian cognomen, having spent some time among the Canadian Indians, but withal was a social, intelligent man and was blest with a lovely wife, who died shortly after they left Edenburg. She was among her friends in Rochester, N. Y., when the fell destroyer, cancer, terminated a beautiful life. On central Main street was Mr. W. S. Brown, with his large furniture store. He was the most extensive furniture dealer ever in the lower oil country. Mr. Brown and his interesting wife were very pleasant citizens. Mrs. Brown with her French vivacity was charming! She was educated in Paris and spent much of her early life in the Franco-American city of New Orleans, where the French language is as much spoken as the English. She enjoyed life in earnest. Mr. Brown endured several scorchings and becoming weary of this he succeeded in getting business in the

Bradford district. When Mrs. Brown, Clinton and Bertha concluded to join him there, their friends here regretted very much that they could no longer have them. Mr. D. Ochs and family came from Davis' Corners and settled on south Main street, where they have remained ever since. They were of the pioneers with their little family who have now grown up. Miss Wilda, now Mrs. J. Berlin, Miss Jennie, now Mrs. J. Altman, William, their only son, who spent several years in the west and endured pioneer life at Silver Cliff and other points, Lizzie and little Minnie are Edenburgers. Mr. and Mrs. Ochs are probably settled for life in their pleasant home surrounded by their children.

One incident with regard to the St. Lawrence well is worthy of mention. Mr. Mendenhall had a never failing well at his house, which might truly have been called the "Town Pump." Water could always be had there when all the other wells were dry. But one day, all of a sudden the well quit yielding water. No one could account for it. In a few days the water came again. The phenomena was inexplicable, until it was ascertained that at the time the water failed, the operators, Messrs. Hill & Kelley, had cased and tubed the St. Lawrence. Soon after they were obliged to draw the casing and tubing, and as soon as that was done the water returned to the well, and when the casing was again inserted it shut it off entirely. About this time came Dr. Eric W. Northrop, who hung out his sign, "E. W. Northrop, M. D.," on Main street, and also brought his wife and two lovely little daughters, Mabel and Blanche, both of which that fatal disease diphtheria snatched from their embrace within the space of three days. The Dr. had an exten-

sive practice and being the pioneer physician was very much esteemed. He once made a pilgrimage to Silver Cliff, with thoughts of making his home there, but finding the atmosphere too rarified he returned to his own State, Pennsylvania. The Dr. was the nephew of Rev. Calvin Kingsly, Bishop of the M. E. Church, who died on his eastern tour and has his grave on the Mediterranean shore. The same season Mr. Peter Spargo and the Gray Brothers brought their families and also located on Main street.

The first house built for a hotel in Edenburg stood almost opposite to the Mendenhall home on State street, but was destroyed by fire before being occupied. The second one was built by Mr. Page Mapleston on State street and was called the Edenburg House. This was the lodging place for the early adventurers to the new oil field. When business became more active, Mr. Mapleston sold out his interest to Messrs Orr, & Bryan, of Rouseville. It has always been one of the leading hotels in the place, and although it has twice been consumed by fire, it has been rebuilt and is still owned and kept by Robt. Orr. The Norris House on Main street was the next hotel. This was kept by Mr. Andrew Borland. Mrs. Borland and Misses Laura and Mattie were kept very busy with their many boarders and lodgers. In the autumn quite a number of young men were in town and as winter was approaching they began to think of some amusements. They conceived the idea of a "Skating Rink," and as the roller skating craze had not yet reached this part of the country, they leased the ravine on State street, just east of where Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Travis' new residence now stands. While the

adage has it that fortune always favors the brave, in this instance it was a failure. A mild winter with but little snow or ice was not favorable to the enterprise. In the spring of 1873, Mr. Fred Plummer obtained a lease and drilled the first well on the Mendenhall farm. He had some show of oil, but just then he was getting some very large wells at Fairview, Butler county, consequently did not test the well. This dampened the ardor of operations for a short time. The men who operated on this well were Thomas Clinglesmith the contractor, Messrs. Ed. Roach now of Kane, Pa., and Mr. M. Carroll, who died recently in Fern City, and left an amiable wife all alone, without any relatives near her. Death comes to all; but a few short months since Mr Carroll was well and busy, caring for the things of earth, but in the midst of these busy scenes was called to lay aside these cares and obey a higher summons. The Gray Bros., and P. Spargo, having faith in the territory, drilled at another point on the Mendenhall farm, and were rewarded by a large production. The "Nellie Gray," their first well, flowed at intervals for several days. The success of the Gray Bros., adventure won the confidence of speculators, and but a short time after Messrs John Moran, W. C. B. Davis, D. J. Wynkoop and G. L. Underwood secured leases on the farm, started the drill and were well repaid by a large production. From this time adventurers were numerous. The town became a scene of activity and bustle. Speculators, contractors and drillers came in large numbers. On the western part of the farm, Messrs Stone and Deming drilled three good wells, Nos., 1, 2 and 3, which were subsequently purchased by Harris & Wallace, then by Mrs. J. G. Men-

denhall, afterward by E. G. Crawford, and are now owned by Mr. Simon Beck. Two of the wells are still producing several barrels per diem. Mr. Beck, having purchased the lease, has erected a nice home on it and is enjoying some of the fruit which had been planted by the original owner. Mr. Wesley Chambers, one of the most extensive producers of oil times, purchased the Plummer lease and drilled four good wells. Some of these are still producing oil. J. McMannus leased ten acres on the eastern part of the farm; but sub-leased before operating. Several large wells were drilled upon this lease, which was known as the Richardson & Callihan lease. Much building was done on this lease. The extension of Penn Avenue and Railroad streets are on it. The leases expired two years since and fell back into the hands of the owners Mr. and Mrs. Travis. Many of those who formerly leased have now purchased their leases and hold them in fee simple, viz: Dr. O. G. Moore, T. Kilgour, Fred. J. and David Harley, W. Smith, J. J. Neff, J. N. Tomlinson, F. M. Dennison at the corner of Penn and Dennison Avenues. J. C. McCombs, A. J. Smith's iron works, B. Hards-tee, Dr. W. F. Myers, Mrs. D. M. Hazelette, Mrs. W. H. Donovan, M. H. Marcus, Wm. Baltzer, trustees of W. C. T. U. hall, Mrs. Gibson, J. R. and Mrs. Neely, D. & F. Reiff, P. F. Kribbs, Mrs. C. E. Sweet, J. Beaty, and N. F. Oles. The John Moran lease was subsequently purchased by Wesley Chambers. Mr. Chamber's interests are, and have been managed by Messrs F. E. Garrett and G. A. Clark, the latter of whom has built him a very neat residence on the Moran lease, just far enough from the center of town to make a

pleasant home. Mr. F. E. Garrett has a fine location on the hill north of town. He and his amiable wife and interesting little family reside there in ease and happiness and are regarded as among the most estimable of our citizens. Their home is in close proximity to Mr. J. M. Brothers's handsome residence. These gentlemen live so high that they can look over the town and have also a fine view on all sides; but notwithstanding the altitude of their positions, they seem to recognize those who occupy lower plains as their equals and friends. Mr. J. M. Brothers purchased a number of acres, including the orchard, from G. S. Mendenhall, and proposes to make his numerous sons grangers. Mr. Brothers and his pleasant wife are kind sympathetic people and true friends. With James, George, Joey, Willie, Laura and baby form a pleasant family group; but the fell destroyer, death, has visited this house-hold also. The last time called John Paul, a sprightly little boy.

"They laid him down in his little white slip,  
 The lids o'er the violet eyes,  
 The casket is enshrined in his parents hearts  
 The sweet jewel lives in Paradise."

Mr. Brothers is, and has been quite extensively engaged in the oil business, and is one of the enterprising men of the town.

J. D. Wolf leased ground and drilled a well on the east side of Main street, at which well Mr. Heckethorn was killed, by being caught in the bull wheel. J. D. Wolf was one of the leading young men of the period. He built a large hall, the lower part of which he used for his hardware and oil well supply store. The room on the second floor was used as a public hall, where preaching services, when they had any, concerts and all



social gatherings met—that was before any churches were built. About the same time the Garrett Bros., drilled a good well on the Mendenhall farm on the north side of State street. S. J. Marlin, of Brookville, Pa., drilled on the north side of West State street and had a good well. In the spring of 1875, the Goss Brothers., of Pleasantville, Pa., drilled on Charity Hill, on the Best farm; also Mr. Beam, of the same place, drilled on the farm. All had good wells. It was at these wells that Alonzo Goss and A. Wilson were killed by a boiler explosion. Wilson was instantly killed, and Goss lived until the next day. Mrs. A. Wilson and her son Howard G., reside on South Main street. Frank Oliver resides in Oil City. Her other and eldest son has been in the west for several years. This same spring Mr. M. E. Hess, of Shippenville, also drilled on the Best farm and had a fine well. During the summer great developments were made in and around Edenburg. The first to erect a church in the town were the Winebrinarians. The Methodist Episcopalians had been anxious to build, and some large amounts had been pledged toward the enterprise, but on account of some obstacles were obliged to postpone for a time. Consequently as the people gathered into the town, it became imperative to have a church, and the new denomination took the initiatory steps. Messrs D. Higgins, W. Crawford, and W. Boarts, took the lead in the business department. Rev. J. Veneman was pastor. Mr. J. I. Best gave them a lease on South Main street for ninety-nine years. All the citizens assisted by giving liberally. The church was finished and dedicated in March 1876, by Rev. J. Shoemaker of Chicago. They kept regular services for

some time. A large Union Sabbath school was organized, with Mr. J. M. Gifford as Superintendent. Some of the principal officers and teachers were D. J. Wynkoop, G. L. Underwood, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Crabbe, and B. F. Painter. The Misses Mary and Laura Smith, of Beaver ; Miss Carrie Stone, of the Beck farm, Misses Mellie and Ella Davis, Misses Laura and Mattie Borland, Miss Lizzie Miller, Mr. J. H. Irvin and Mr. John McCrea, and very many younger men and Misses, as the school was principally composed of that class. No doubt memory often reverts to those pleasant Sabbath afternoons where they met to study "The Word" and enjoy each other's society. First they all met as strangers ; but ere long became familiar friends. There it was that Mr. John McCrea's musical talent became established, and something of an old time singing school was conducted by him for mutual improvement. Like all other singing schools in the days of "Auld Lang Syne," it had its little musical episodes and many of them quite provocative of mirth.

April 1st, 1876, the young people, with a number of the married people, Mr. and Mrs. Crabbe, and others held a centennial costume party in Wolf's Hall. It is needless to name the parties as all the young people of that period were engaged in it. The dresses, many of them, were of very unique designs. No more honor was displayed in the Centennial year to our flag and nation than was in spirit by that Centennial party in Edenburg.

In less than two years after the Winebrinarian church was built, the denomination sold it to the Presbyterians. The first Presbyterian family found in or

near Edenburg was that of John Craig Hill, from Freeport, Pa. In the spring of 1876 Rev. W. D. Cassett was sent by the Clarion Presbytery to look up the members of that denomination, and he stopped with Mr. and Mrs. Mendenhall. Mrs. Mendenhall chanced to know that Mr. Hill was a Presbyterian and directed him there. The people around Edenburg, up to that time, were mostly members of the Evangelical Lutheran, German Reformed, no Presbyterian churches, with a few Methodist Episcopal. Rev. Cassett preached a number of times and was followed by Rev. Ross Stevenson, J. Hench and others. They rented the Winebrinarian church prior to their organization and purchase of the church. At the organization of the church, the official members were Messrs. D. Wilhelm, Robert Atwell, John C. Hill, A. Culbertson, Elders. Messrs. L. Mitchell, Harry Craig and J. B. Painter, Trustees. The first regular pastor was Rev. Perry Allen, who was installed September 10th, 1877. Rev. Allen was a fine speaker, an interesting minister, and under his pastorate the church enjoyed much prosperity. Early in his ministry he married a very amiable lady and they enjoyed home life in the new parsonage which was fitted up for their use. He received a salary of fifteen hundred dollars. He served the church one year, from which he went to obey a call from the first Presbyterian church of Sharon Pa., and is now Pastor of the Presbyterian church of Warren, Pa., After Rev. Allen left, which was immediately after the great fire of 1878, the church was served by supplies, among whom were Revs. S. Greible, S. B. Fleming, J. W. Wilson, S. J. Sloan, A. B. Fields, (now deceased) D. L. Dickey and Joseph

Bauseman, a young man, who united with the church on profession of his faith, under the pastorate of Rev. Allen. This young man had imbibed some infidel views, but after listening to the preaching of the gospel in the churches of Edenburg, became convinced of his error and gave his heart to God and united with the Presbyterian church—the church of his mother's choice. He at once commenced to prepare for the ministry. After passing through the curriculum of the Theological Seminary at Allegheny City, he returned and preached with great acceptability to this community. The other supplies were F. H. Earseman, who, the year before he graduated, served the church six months very acceptably. Following him was Rev. T. S. Gray, a very genial, pleasant christian minister, who with his mother and little brother Charley, composed a very interesting family.

On February 1st, 1887, at a special meeting of the Clarion Presbytery, Revs. J. S. Elder, T. S. Leason and J. W. Wilson officiating, Rev. F. H. Earseman, a talented young minister, was installed pastor to serve the church at a salary of \$800, with the following board of elders: Messrs. J. C. McCombs, J. C. Hill, A. Culbertson and W. I. McDowell. Trustees: G. S. Hamm, S. X. McClelland, Hugh Amo and Hunter Hill. At the first organization of the Presbyterian church, the Union Sabbath School control was assumed by that church. It has had different superintendents, but the principal ones have been Hugh Amo, W. I. McDowell and A. Culbertson. Mr. McDowell is the present superintendent. The Presbyterian church has had a Foreign Missionary Society connected with it for several years. The

present officers are: Mrs. J. C. Hill, President; Miss Myra McElhattan, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Hugh Amo, Corresponding Secretary; Miss Lizzie Culbertson, Treasurer. Church choir:—Mrs. H. P. Loomis, organist; Misses Florence Mong, Alice Forker and Carrie Mong. Messrs. H. P. Loomis, W. I. McDowell and B. A. Kribbs.

In the fall of 1875, the Methodist Episcopal denomination decided to build a church, having some large amounts already subscribed for that purpose. Rev. E. M. Kernick being appointed by the M. E. Conference to serve the Salem charge, (Edenburg not having been represented at conference as an appointment,) he was personally solicited by Mr. and Mrs. Mendenhall and others, to come and make it an appointment, and take the business oversight of building a church. He complied with their request promptly, and proved himself to be just the man for the place. He at once organized a Board of Trustees viz: Wm. P. Finley, President; Maj. J. B. Maitland, Secretary; J. J. Bradley, Treasurer. The other members were Daniel Gilger, J. I. Best, G. G. Howe and R. C. Armstrong. The trustees secured a charter. Mr. Mendenhall offered them three lots for church purposes. Two for a church site and one for a parsonage, on any part of his farm that they might choose to select. The Board selected a site on Central Main street; The contract was let in November 1875. In February 1876, through the energy of Rev. Kernick pushing on the work, the first quarterly meeting was held in it, although it was not yet finished. At this time Mr. and Mrs. Mendenhall presented to the church a costly communion service. The work progressed and

on the 16th of the following June it was dedicated by Rev. J. R. Lyon, P. E., (now deceased). At the dedication the proprietors and employees of the St. Lawrence well presented a handsomely bound Bible and hymnal. The church was a handsome structure, well finished outwardly with a steeple 85 feet high, and a costly fresco finish inside. One can scarcely realize how such a beautiful structure could be erected at so small a cost as \$5,000. It was only through the economy of the superintendent, and the liberality of some large hearted ones who did much giving which was not reckoned in the cost. When the church began to build there were five male members and eight lady members, making the sum total thirteen members. At the time of dedication in June there were sixty members.

In this world we experience sunshine and shadow in their varied forms. While Edenburg was growing and everything was moving forward, shadows began to o'creast the horizon. In May, Mrs. J. S. Mendenhall died of pulmonary consumption. Having been reared in the dry, bracing atmosphere of California she was not able to endure the many changes of our climate. Mr. J. G. Mendenhall, who had given so much toward the erection of this new church, and whose great ambition amid all his other business, was to see a church established, was taken from his bed to the dedication, where he put on his last thousand to see it dedicated and was carried back, and was never out of his house again until he was carried out a corpse. He was greatly missed in that busy time by the citizens and by his wife and family and the church for which he had done so much. His decease occurred August 11th, 1876. A procession of

twelve hundred people followed him to his last resting place.

A busy life had been his, varied with much comfort. The busy wheels of life now stand still. The silver cord is broken. As the poet has expressed it :

“Rest comes at length, though life be long and dreary,  
The light must dawn, and darksome night be past ;  
All journeys end in welcome to the weary,  
And heaven, the heart's true home will come at last.”

On June 23d, the Sabbath following the dedication, a special meeting was called for the purpose of organizing a Sabbath school. An organization was effected by electing Maj. J. B. Maitland, Superintendent ; C. B. Haven, Assistant ; Mrs. J. Vedder, Secretary ; J. J. Bradley, Treasurer ; J. R. Bowman, Chorister ; Miss Ella Davis, now Mrs. J. D. Wynkoop, organist, and the following teachers ; Mrs. J. B. Maitland and Miss Hettie A. Keatley, primary department ; Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Bradley, Mrs. Jennie Boyer, Mrs. J. Vedder, Mr. G. S. Hamm and Col. J. B. Brown in the other departments. With regard to church interests and help, where all were willing workers, it is difficult to particularize. Mr. G. G. Howe, “Father Howe” as he was familiarly called, gave liberally to both the first churches. Although on his death bed at the time of the dedication of the second church, he gave still. Mrs. Howe was a most excellent woman, was very anxious to see a church erected and did all she could for its accomplishment ; but died in March preceding the completion of the first church, at the age of 65 years. Father Howe lived until September 1881, when he too joined her at the age of 76 years. They rest in peace. Mrs. Boyer their daughter and N. B. Howe, Esq., have been liberal givers. R. C.

Armstrong, one of the first trustees and consecutively so, gave liberally to all the churches.

There were sixteen producing wells on the Mendenhall farm at the time of Mr. Mendenhall's death, August, 1876, and in all 36 wells. In the spring of that year oil sold at forty cents per barrel. Many prophesied that they would never see two dollar oil again, but before the next January it sold for four dollars and twenty-five cents. Edenburg was made a station at the next Erie annual conference, Rev. E. M. Kernick was returned and lived in the neat, comfortable parsonage that had also been erected the previous year, at a cost of sixteen hundred dollars. The congregation worshipped in this new church until January 5th, 1877, at which time it was burned. Some were of the opinion that it was the work of incendiary, others that the fire originated from the heaters. No other buildings were burned at that time. On the ashes of this church a spirit of ambition inspired the multitude to erect another church on the same site, and much larger. With the insurance on the one just burned and additional subscriptions the trustees proposed to build one worth eight thousand dollars. The work on this second church was executed rapidly, and when finished was a beautiful house of worship, large and well finished. In the basement, Sabbath school and lecture room, two class rooms and kitchen with furniture. The house was furnished with two organs and every other necessity. The board of trustees were Maj. J. B. Maitland, J. J. Bradley, G. G. Howe, R. C. Armstrong, W. W. Wingard, E. F. Heeter, J. I. Best, W. B. Weaver, P. F. Kribbs and M. E. Hess. On resignation of Maj. J. B. Maitland as Sunday school



superintendent, M. E. Hess was elected. The church was dedicated August 20th, 1877 by Rev. J. P. Newman, D. D., pastor then, as he is now, of the Metropolitan M. E. church, Washington City. Rev. E. M. Kernick served the church faithfully two years. He saw two fine churches erected and finished, one at a cost of \$5,000 and the other at a cost of \$8,000 and a parsonage at a cost of \$1,600. He received a salary each year of \$800.

As this is a history of local events, it would be gratifying to the writer to name each one who contributed to these church enterprises, but that would be an herculean task. At the following conference of the M. E. Church held at Fredonia, N. Y., Rev. P. P. Pinney was appointed to the charge. During some parts of his first year the membership of the church numbered nearly three hundred and he received a salary of \$1,600. The second year of his pastorate there were some new developments in the "upper oil field," and by removals the membership became somewhat reduced and he only received \$1,200. The church had worshipped in this edifice one year, and from 20th of August 1877 to the 13th of October 1878, when the church and parsonage were both consumed in the great conflagration of the latter date. After this fire the trustees purchased the Chas. E. Brown property for \$300, which was the next parsonage. They then purchased an acre of ground from G. S. Mendenhall, west of central Main street and sold the lots which had been donated to them for church purposes *for all time*. With the proceeds of the sale, and the balance of insurance (after paying off claims on the church just burned) they built a small, but rather

commodious church, for the sum of \$2,200. This, Rev. Pinney's third year, he received a salary of \$1,000. This third church was dedicated March 6th, 1879, by Rev. B. F. Delo, P. E. Rev. Pinney, notwithstanding the many depressing casualties, had a pleasant pastorate of three years.

In February 1879, at a meeting of the C. L. S. C., held at Mrs. J. G. Mendenhalls, the subject of ministerial support was discussed, as, in view of the disastrous fire which had thrown so many out of their homes, it looked a little dark in advance. There was a motion made to organize "A Circle" for work and have a May Fair. It was unanimously carried and it was resolved to call it the Society of Earnest Workers of Edenburg. On motion, Mrs. G. L. Underwood was chosen President; Miss Hettie A. Keatley, Vice President; Miss Hattie Hatch, Secretary and Mrs. B. F. Bonnell, Treasurer. This society was to meet weekly at the houses, which were large enough to entertain it, to work and organize plans for the fair. All the ladies in the community became interested in it, without regard to church relations. It was a lovely, social time. When the 5th of May came (the time the fair was to commence) all repaired to the "Old Opera House," each to carry out their different parts. The first place of importance was "The Loan Art Gallery" on the second floor. This was conducted under the supervision of the committee appointed by the Society viz: Mr. and Mrs. Crabbe, Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Sackett, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Hess and Dr. Boley. To undertake to describe that collection of ancient and unique articles would take much space. Many of the curiosities were loaned from some distance,

but the most were collected in the county. Mrs. Crabbe conceived the idea of having a "butter woman." Mr. Thomas McCall, a sculptor, was solicited to try his skill, and made one scarcely inferior to the one exhibited at the Centennial exhibition. In addition to this he made a "mud man" which was considered a great curiosity. The committee spent much time and care upon this department, especially the chairman of the committee, Mrs. Crabbe, and were rewarded by the encomium "well done." Strangers from abroad, who visited the "Fair" during the week, pronounced the art gallery, in arrangement, not inferior to loan galleries in the cities, but not so extensive. The lower floor was dotted with booth's on every side, decorated in the most lovely manner, until the old house presented the appearance of a fairy's palace. Seldom is it that every one does well, where so many are at work, but in this instance each felt that upon them individually rested responsibility, and at the close of the week the gross proceeds amounted to \$600—nett \$475. This was paid on the minister's salary. In justice to all we should like to name each one who helped with the enterprise. The lunch and ice cream tables were under the supervision of Mrs. Pinney and Bonnell, assisted by Mesdames, Laverty, Mays, Smith, Long, Ochs, Myers, McCall and others. Fancy table: Principal, Mrs. Young; Mrs. G. L. Underwood, Mrs. W. C. B. Davis, Mrs. Harley, Mrs. Tomlinson, Mrs. Cowan. Table of wearing apparel made by the society: Mrs. F. T. Whitehill, Mrs. J. J. Bradley, Mrs. J. T. Wilson, Mrs. J. M. Bethune, Mrs. Jahn, Mrs. Redinger, Mrs. J. D. Wynkoop, Mrs. L. C. Leech, Mrs. B. B. Dunn and her aged mother Mrs. McLean. Grocery

stand: Mr. G. L. Underwood in the evenings. These occupied the east side of the room, handsomely decorated and festooned. On the west side of the room was the commission table. The decorations were very attractive. The writer, with Mrs. Crick assisted by Miss Hattie K. Travis, Miss McElhattan, the Misses Mays and Mrs. Mendenhall had charge. It yielded \$52 alone. There was a flower stand, a lemonade stand and a confectionery stand. One special feature was the "Baby Show," conducted by Mrs. J. G. Mendenhall, on Thursday afternoon. This drew the largest audience of any of the day exercises. Thirty-two beautiful babies, under two years old, with their proud mamma's, were seated on the platform concealed by a curtain. Any one wishing to look at the lovely sight paid ten cents. In an hour \$13.65 was realized. The young ladies had enterprises of interest in the evening, which brought in much money. Among the young ladies, were Miss Frankie Best now Mrs. G. M. Cushing, Miss Emma Kehoe now Mrs. John Johnson, Miss Maggie Mackey now Mrs. Joseph Flynn, Miss Hattie Hatch, now Mrs. J. R. Bowman, Miss Florence Kribbs now Mrs. G. A. Karus, Miss Louie Wilson, now Mrs. Rev. W. Mayes Martin, Mrs. Emma Mays now Mrs. Neeland, Miss Hattie Travis, Misses McElhattan, Miss Sadie Mayes, Miss Anna Mason, Miss M. A. McKenzie, Miss Wilda Ochs now Mrs. J. Berlin of Fern City, Miss Tate and many others. The gentlemen who took a special interest, were W. C. B. Davis, G. L. Underwood, M. T. Travis, D. J. Wynkoop, M. E. Hess, J. M. Bethune, J. G. Tate, D. W. Lewis, F. G. and F. Sackett, E. W. Crabbe, Dr. Boley, D. Harley, Thomas McCall, J. J.

Bradley, Rev. P. Pinney, G. S. Mendenhall, Allen McLain, J. I. Best and F. T. Whitehill. At this fair much sociability was manifested. It is a question now freely discussed whether it is right to resort to such methods. While we do not claim it unqualifiedly right, we think the end justifies the means sometimes. In this instance the town had been reduced to ashes ; the church property was also destroyed ; the Presbyterian minister had gone, and a generous spirit would not allow the only one who remained to suffer ; and by uniting their efforts—"for in union is strength"—they could make the minister comfortable. It seemed right to do this. There were so many willing workers, it seeming like their gifts to building the tabernacle in *olden times*. Another benefit it brought the people who had been scattered by the fire together. Many were living in very small houses until they could rebuild. Only for this the former associations would have been completely forgotten. When the shadows fall upon us nothing cheers us so much as association with those who have had the same experience. It makes us stronger to feel for others woes and sorrows !

In 1880, at the M. E. Conference held at Corry, Pa., Rev. W. Mayes Martin, formerly of 10th Street church, Erie, Pa., was appointed to serve the church as pastor. He was a young man of superior talent and christian deportment, under whose guidance the church and Sabbath school had a very pleasant and profitable year. His ministry was of the kind which develops the better nature of our being. His daily life was exemplary and his sermons carried weight with them on that account. As a gentleman, who was not a member

of any church, remarked: "I like to hear Rev Martin because there is more of God and His love for poor humanity in it than we often hear." He received his salary, and at the close of the year a farewell social was made, at which time he received nearly one hundred dollars. He was conductor of a large C. L. S. C. circle, who also manifested their gratitude in a very substantial manner. He went to Minnesota and served three years very acceptably at Fergus Falls, and is now in his third year at St. Cloud, one of the oldest towns in the State. The following conference appointed Dr. W. L. Riley. During this year the trustees sold the old parsonage and built one on the lot near the church. It cost about \$400. Thus, in less than seven years, the M. E. Church of Edenburg had built three churches and two parsonages and purchased one already built. Dr. Riley, a fluent speaker, held good congregations. He received \$1,000 salary. Following Dr. Riley, Rev. B. F. Delo was appointed to the charge, and was returned a second year. He received each year \$700. The present pastor, a very brilliant, energetic man, Rev. J. H. Keeley, is in his third year and receives a salary of \$700 per year, with several beneficial socials. Some repairs on the church last year, with the benevolent collections and minister's salary, amounted to \$1,200. With oil at 63 cents the outlook is not very encouraging for the near future.

The present Superintendent of the Sunday school is M. E. Hess, with the following board of trustees: P. F. Kribbs, President; G. M. Cushing, Secretary; J. M. Bethune, Treasurer; George M. Burke, F. T. Whitehill, M. E. Hess, Allen McLain, R. C. Armstrong

and N. B. Howe. The Methodist Episcopal Church has three missionary organizations: The Foreign Missionary Society, the Ladies Foreign Missionary Society and the Woman's Home Missionary Society. The Lucy Hayes Home Mission Band of the M. E. Church, in this place has been conducted under the auspices of the Woman's Home Mission Society. It was organized by the authority and under the direction of Mrs. C. V. Culver, Corresponding Secretary of the W. H. M. S. of Erie M. E. Conference, on the 4th of March, 1884, the writer being appointed by Mrs. Culver, Directress. Officers elected semi-yearly. First President, Miss Florence E. Smith (now of Kane, Pa.) Vice Presidents, Misses Lizzie McConnell, Rosie Childs, Mattie Grinder and Bella McLaughlin; Corresponding Secretary, Master Frank G. Travis; Recording Secretary, Ethel Hubbard; Treasurer, Master Joe Brothers. During this six months Mrs. ex-President Hayes, the President of the Home Mission Society in the United States, in token of her interest in the Band, which was named for her, sent the Corresponding Secretary an autograph letter and her photograph. Second election, Master Joe Brothers, President; Misses Mabel Kribbs, Sadie Best, Nannie McCormick and Attie West, Vice Presidents; Corresponding Secretary, Mamie Bruner; Recording Secretary, Lulu Hubbard; Treasurer, Grace Booth. In November of that year, Mrs. Culver and Mrs. J. K. Dale made the band a special visit. At the close of the missionary year, October 1885, the band had sent to Gilbert Haven Industrial Home, Savannah, Georgia, supplies to the amount of \$19.00 and paid to the same institution \$20.00 in money. By the payment of the

\$20, they made their directress a life member of the Home Mission Society. Officers for last year, President, Miss Susie Kribbs; Vice Presidents, Misses Jennie Best, Cillie Clark, Jettie Jolley, Ella Yates and Luella Jolley; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Stella Benn; Recording Secretary, Miss Leora Tomlinson; Treasurer and organist, Miss Essie Bethune. During the year \$4.00 of supplies were sent to Haven Home, and \$20 in money to the same school. By the payment of the \$20, the Band made their pastor, Rev. J. H. Keeley a life member of the W. H. M. S. The members of the Band viz: Misses Susie Kribbs, Essie Bethune, Ethel Hubbard, Mabel Kribbs and Grace Floyd collected a "nickel fund" of \$7.36, to enable the society to build a missionary training school in the city of Chicago. Thus the little band has paid in money \$47.36—and for mother's jewels \$5.70—\$53.06, and in supplies \$23.00. Total, \$76.06. The choir of the M. E. church and Sabbath school at present, is as follows: Mr. J. J. Corlette, leader; Misses Lou Best and Emma Clark, organists; Misses Maud Van Geisen, Daisy Byers, Sylvia Gibbs, Nellie Cuffman, Leanna Neff and Jennie Best.

In the spring of 1879, the Catholic denomination being quite strong, concluded to build a church. They purchased a beautiful location on the hill on the north side of State street from Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Travis, where they erected a fine church building and a very neat parsonage. Rev. J. Mulligan was pastor at that time. Like the other denominations, they lost many of their members by removals, consequently, the church has never been entirely finished. Father Mulligan was



the only stationed priest the church ever had. Since he left, the church has been served by monthly supplies.

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### ORGANIZATION OF THE BOROUGH.

In the Autumn of 1876 the borough of Edenburg was organized by procuring a charter. The Mendenhall and Best farms alone were included in the borough limits. The charter was procured through the agency of Wilson & Jenks at a cost of \$280.

The first election of officers resulted in the election of P. F. Kribbs, Burgess, with the following Council, viz: J. I. Best, Robt. Bryan, Dr. E. W. Northrop, J. B. Painter, J. D. Wynkoop and E. W. Crabbe.

#### BOROUGH ORDINANCES.

In pursuance and by virtue of the Acts of Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, relating to Boroughs the Burgess and Town Council of the Borough of Edenburg did on the 20th day of December, A. D., 1876, ordain and enact the following ordinances for the government of said Borough:

##### No. 1.—COUNCIL.

Be it ordained and enacted by the Burgess and Town Council of the Borough of Edenburg, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the authority of the same: That within ten days from the election for borough officers, the councilmen shall meet for organization, and be sworn in according to law. The Burgess will be ex-officio president of the Council; the Secretary, Treasurer, and Street Commissioner shall be elected. A majority of a full Council shall be necessary for a choice, all of which officers shall take an oath or affirmation to perform their several duties with fidelity. The Town Council shall meet as often as once a month at such time as may be fixed by the by-laws of the corporation.

##### No. 2.—BURGESS.

SEC. 1.—That the Burgess shall meet with the Council for organization and take upon himself the oath or affirmation prescribed by law, and it is hereby made the duty of the Council to give reasonable notice of such meeting.

SEC. 2.—That it shall be the duty of the Burgess to sign all orders on the treasurer, provided the same shall have first been approved and directed to be paid by the Council.

SEC. 3.—That the Burgess in conjunction with the Council, shall have control of the high constable and all police employed by the authority of the borough; and the Burgess shall have power in cases of emergency to appoint special police, provided such appointment shall not continue longer than two days, unless approved by the Council.

SEC. 4.—That the Burgess shall preserve order and maintain the peace of the borough, enforce the ordinances and regulations, hear complaints and exact a faithful performance of the duties of the officers appointed. That he shall issue his warrant for the collection of all taxes assessed, demand and secure sufficient security in the amount fixed by Council, from the treasurer, collector and high constable. That the Burgess shall sign the by-laws, rules, regulations and ordinances after they have been duly and correctly transcribed by the secretary, and shall from time to time prepare and transmit to the Council a message calling their attention to such subjects as may in his judgment require their attention.

SEC. 5.—That in the absence of the Burgess, or in case of vacancy or inability of the same, the Council elect one of their number to exercise the like powers and like duties.

#### NO. 3.—SECRETARY.

SEC. 1.—That the Secretary shall attend all the meetings of the Council, keep full minutes of their proceeding, transcribe their by-laws, rules, regulations and ordinances adopted into a book kept for that purpose, and when signed by the presiding officers, attest the same, preserve the records and keep the seal of the borough, certify copies of any book, paper, record, by-laws, rules regulations, ordinances or proceedings under the seal thereof, attest the same and file for record the proof services of all notices, and draw orders on the treasurer for amount of all bills which have passed the Council, and at the expiration of office deliver to his successor the seal and all the books, papers and other things belonging to the borough.

#### NO. 4.—TREASURER.

SEC. 1.—That the Treasurer shall give bond with security, as required by the Council, before entering upon his duties; he shall keep a just account of his receipts and disbursements, and shall submit his accounts to the Burgess and Town Council at a regular meeting thereof, and shall annually submit his accounts to the borough auditors to be audited and examined by them, and shall publish the same in the manner directed by the Council, and at the expiration of his office shall pay over monies remaining in his hands and deliver all books, papers, accounts and other things belonging to the borough to his successor.

SEC. 2.—He shall receive all monies accruing to the borough in any way whatever, and pay the same out on orders drawn by the Burgess and countersigned by the clerk and keep the accounts of his office in a correct and intelligible manner, wherein the receipts and expenditures of the borough may at all times be inspected by the Burgess and councilmen, or any tax payer.

#### NO. 5.—HIGH CONSTABLE AND POLICEMEN.

SEC. 1.—That it shall be the duty of the high constable and police to

enforce all borough laws, rules and regulations, to make or cause to be made to the Burgess or Justice of the Peace, complaint of every infraction of said laws, ordinances and regulations which shall come to their knowledge, and procure the necessary proof thereof, and in subordination to the Burgess, to preserve the peace and quiet of the borough and shall quell all vice and disturbances.

SEC. 2.—The high constable shall post or cause to be posted in the manner prescribed by law all notices of elections held in pursuance of any resolutions of the Council, and all ordinances enacted by the Council, and when any law or regulation requires personal notice to be given relative to any proceeding before the Council, shall serve such notices as may be required by law or resolution, and shall execute all warrants and processes issued by the borough.

SEC. 3.—It shall be the duty of the high constable to securely keep and feed all such persons as may be confined in the lock-up or in his custody; otherwise in pursuance of the laws of this borough, he shall be entitled to charge and receive such compensation for boarding prisoners, provided, however, that the borough shall be liable to the high constable for such boarding bills,

SEC. 4.—The high constable or any police officer under him shall make complaint or cause the same to be made to the Burgess or any justice of the peace within this borough of any infraction of the laws of this commonwealth, in regard to Sabbath breaking, gambling, profanity or the sale of intoxicating liquors within the limits of the borough.

SEC. 5.—The high constable shall give bond in such sum and with such security as may be approved by the Council. The bond with his oath of office shall be filed within five days of the time he receives notice of his election; provided, that if the Council shall agree to it, he may perform these duties at a later period.

SEC. 6.—If the high constable or any police officer shall neglect or refuse to enforce any of the laws, ordinances or regulations of the borough after his or their attention shall have been called thereto by any citizen, such officer shall be fined in any sum not less than \$2 nor more than \$100 in addition to any other penalty his neglect may subject him or them.

#### No. 6.—STREET COMMISSIONER.

SEC. 1.—That the street commissioner shall be in strict subordination and subject to the directions of the Burgess and Council and shall have full power and authority to carry out his instructions, or in the enforcement of ordinances, to make contracts and to employ all needful aid in constructing roads and sidewalks or removing obstructions from the same.

SEC. 2.—It shall be the duty of the street commissioner to give immediate notice to all persons whose buildings, fences or other property of any kind whatever may encroach upon property belonging to the borough, and if the same be not moved within thirty days after such notice, it shall be the duty of the street commissioner to remove the same without delay at the expense of the borough and make returns thereof to the

Council as soon thereafter as possible, with the cost of removing the same, verified by oath or affirmation, whereupon the Burgess in addition to any fine that may be imposed according to the ordinance of the borough, shall proceed according to law to recover the amount so expended for the removal of any such obstruction with twenty per centum added thereto which sum or sums shall be placed in the treasury for the use of the borough.

SEC. 3.—It shall be the duty of the street commissioner to enforce all regulations and ordinances relating to streets, alleys, roads, culverts, sewers, bridges or nuisances, and shall not permit any stagnant water or other nauseous or offensive matter, whereby the health or lives of the inhabitants may be endangered, to remain within the limits of the borough whether on public or private property.

SEC. 4.—It shall be the duty of the street commissioner to pay close attention to all matters pertaining to the borough in order to ascertain if any of the ordinances or regulations have been or are being violated, and he shall give immediate information of any violation he may discover. He shall have full power and authority to enter in and upon any private property and remove therefrom at the expense of the owner or occupant thereof any and all nuisances found therein and to examine all flues and chimneys and to enforce all ordinances pertaining to the same.

SEC. 5.—He shall have charge of all tools belonging to the borough, and shall be accountable therefor. He shall keep account of all expenditures in his department, designating the different items purchased and moneys expended.

SEC. 6.—He shall prepare and present to the Council at least once a month a correct statement of all expenditures in his office during the preceding month, with name of each person employed by him, showing the time, when and how long such person was employed by him, the amount of daily pay, with the whole amount due each person up to the time of such presentment.

SEC. 7.—If the street commissioner shall willfully neglect or refuse to perform any duty required of him by the ordinances of this borough after his attention has been called thereto by any citizen of the borough, he shall pay a fine of not less than \$2 nor more than \$50, in addition to any other penalty his neglect may subject him to.

#### NO. 7.—AUDITORS.

SEC. 1.—That the borough auditors, shall annually, not later than the first day of April, meet and examine, audit and adjust the books, papers and accounts of the borough treasurer, for the preceding year, which shall in all cases end on the first day of March.

SEC. 2.—That they shall cancel all orders and vouchers, by them allowed, and shall immediately make and present to the Council a written report of the receipts and expenditures of the borough for the preceding year, and also return to the borough clerk all orders and vouchers by them canceled.

## No. 8.—RIDING OR DRIVING ON SIDEWALKS.

SEC. 1.—That it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to ride or drive any horse or horses, or any mule on the sidewalk, and such person or persons so offending, shall be fined \$5.00, and in default of payment of the same, the Burgess shall commit the said offender to the borough lock-up for the space of forty-eight hours.

## No. 10 —DISORDERLY CONDUCT.

SEC. 1.—That it shall be the duty of the high constable, or any police officer, at all times to apprehend all suspected night walkers, malefactors, vagabonds, rowdies and disorderly persons, who may be found upon the street corners, alleys, sidewalks, bar-rooms, drinking saloons or other public places within the borough limits, and bring all such persons before the burgess, to be examined, and if such above described persons shall be convicted of any disorderly conduct calculated to disturb the peace, or being found gathered together in disorderly assemblies, or standing upon sidewalks, bridge or crossing so as to interfere with travelers or footmen thereon, all such offenders shall be fined not less than \$3, nor more than \$20.

SEC. 2.—All persons are strictly forbidden and prohibited standing, lounging, or loitering near to any church or public building, in the borough, during the time of holding any service or meeting or in any way preventing or impeding the free ingress or egress of any person in attendance thereat. All persons so offending, shall forfeit and pay a fine of not less than \$5, nor more than \$20, for each and every such offense.

SEC. 3.—Any person or persons who shall engage in fighting, quarreling or otherwise creating disturbances, within the limits of said borough, shall pay a fine of not less than \$5, nor more than \$50.

SEC. 4.—That if any person or persons sentenced by the Burgess to pay a fine, under any of the provisions of any sections of this ordinance, shall neglect or refuse to pay the same, together with the fees and costs thereon, such person may be committed to the borough lock-up for a period to not exceed the time prescribed by law, and the fines together with fees and costs, shall be collected by proceedings before a justice of the peace.

## No. 11.—STOVE PIPES AND CHIMNEYS.

SEC. 1.—That no stove pipe shall project from the side or end of any building, nor from the roof, and flues and chimneys shall be carried up in a safe and secure manner through the building in which they may be placed, and their ends shall project through the roof a safe and secure distance, not less than three feet; and flues and chimneys in all cases shall be constructed of brick or fire clay, and where any iron stove pipe passes through any floor or partition within any building in the borough, the same shall be secured with a double tin, earthen or metal safe, and any person violating the provisions of this ordinance, shall forfeit and pay for every such offense a fine of \$10, and for every week he or they may continue this, he or they shall be fined the sum of \$20.

## No. 12.—ENTERTAINMENTS AND AMUSEMENTS.

SEC. 1.—That no person or company of persons, shall exhibit within

the limits of the borough, any theatrical or dramatic entertainment or shall act, exhibit or perform any opera, circus riding, menagerie or exhibition of animals, panorama, painting or sculpture, curiosity, trick of legerdemain or any other exhibition, entertainment, show or amusement of whatever kind or name, for which a reward is asked for and received without a license for that purpose, first had and obtained from the Burgess, which said license shall express for what it was granted, and the time it is to continue. The amount of said license shall not be less than \$3, nor more than \$25 for each and every day, or part of a day, that the same may be exhibited. The amounts of the license shall be determined by the annexed schedule, provided that lectures on scientific or literary subjects, exhibitions or fairs of painting or statuary, given or made by citizens of the borough, and musical parties or concerts for benevolent or charitable purpose, no license shall be required. Schedule of prices for each particular kind of show. Circuses, \$20; menageries, \$20; circus and menagerie combined, \$25; theatrical or dramatical entertainment, \$3; opera, \$5; panorama, painting, legerdemain, concert or any other entertainment, show or amusement of whatever name or nature, not above mentioned \$3.

SEC. 2.—No person, shall act, exhibit, show or perform any indecent, obscene or blasphemous play, farce, opera, public exhibition show or entertainment.

SEC. 3.—Any person violating any provision, law or ordinance contained in either the first or second section of this ordinance, shall upon conviction thereof, be fined not less than \$10 nor more than \$200.

#### No. 13.—RIDING AND DRIVING.

SEC. 1.—That any person who shall allow a horse, mare, gelding or mule to stand upon a street, alley or highway of the borough, and leave the same without being securely fastened to post or other hitching place, shall in case any animal runs away, pay a fine of not less than \$5 or more than \$25 besides the making good of any damages the said horse, mare, gelding or mule may have done while from under the control of such person, provided the above fine shall not be imposed when the owner or driver of such horse, mare, gelding or mule shall be with any of the said animals and shall have lost control of the same.

SEC. 2.—That it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to drive or ride faster than a trotting gait any horse, mare, gelding or mule, through any streets, alleys or highways of this borough, and any person or persons so offending shall be fined not less than \$5 nor more than \$20 for each and every offence.

#### No. 14.—AUCTIONEERS AND PEDLARS.

SEC. 1.—That it shall be unlawful for any auctioneer, street vender or pedlar to expose for sale his or their wares or merchandise without first procuring a license from the Burgess at \$2 per day, or any fraction thereof.

SEC. 2.—That all hucksters and pedlars, offering for sale any kind of produce, shall first procure from the Burgess a license at not less than \$10 per year, provided this ordinance does not include persons selling produce of their own production.

## No. 15.—ANIMALS AT LARGE.

SEC. 1.—That it shall be unlawful for any person owning hogs or swine within this borough, to permit the same to run at large in any public street, lane or alley, within the borough, and all persons so offending by permitting their hogs or swine to run at large as aforesaid, shall pay a fine of \$1 for each of said animals permitted to run at large in the public streets, as aforesaid, said fines to be collected in like manner as fines for violating other borough ordinances.

SEC. 2.—That the high constable or any private citizen of the borough is hereby authorized and empowered to take up and keep in a place of safety, any hog or swine running at large within the limits of said borough, and to notify the Burgess of the same, who shall cause five days notice publicly thereof to be given by two or more printed or written hand bills, put up in public places within the limits of said borough, and should then no owner appear to claim the same and pay the fines and expenses, the said Burgess at the end of the five days shall cause the said hogs or swine to be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder and at the best price he can obtain, and after deducting the fines and expenses shall hand over the balance of the proceeds, if any remain to the treasurer of the public schools of said borough, taking his receipt for the same, and it, with a statement of his whole proceedings in the matter to the Secretary to be examined and passed by them previous to being placed on record.

## No. 16.—TAXING DOGS.

SEC. 1.—That the assessor and collector of said borough shall, within ten days after the passing of these ordinances, and annually thereafter, levy and collect a tax from the owner or owners, possessor or possessors of one dog or pup, \$1, and from the owner or owners, possessor or possessors of more than one dog or pup \$1 additional for each. \* \* \*

## No. 17.—DRUNKENNESS.

SEC. 1.—That it shall be the duty of the high constable, or any police officer, to arrest any and every person who shall be found intoxicated in any street, alley, lane or public highway, or in any public place, where strong or spiritous liquors, wines, ale or beer is sold, and to take him before any justice of the peace, or before the Burgess of this borough, and if the justice of the peace or Burgess shall, after due inquiry, deem him or her too much intoxicated to be fully examined, or to answer on oath correctly, the Burgess or justice of the peace shall cause him or her to be confined in the lock-up until he or she becomes sober, and then to be brought before the Burgess or justice of the peace, and fined not less than \$3 nor more than \$20, and if said offender shall refuse to pay said fine, with fees and costs thereon, such person shall be committed to the lock-up for the period of forty-eight hours, and then brought before the Burgess or justice of the peace, and interrogated under oath or affirmation as to the cause of intoxication, and thus ascertain from whom he or she obtained the liquor which caused such drunkenness.

## No. 18.—FINES, FEES AND COSTS.

SEC. 1.—That all fines and forfeitures under the provisions of the ordinances of the borough of Edenburg, shall be recovered by a summary

conviction before the Burgess, and in all cases of conviction, the party convicted shall be liable to pay, in addition to the fines, or forfeiture, the legal fees and costs which have accrued in the case.

SEC. 2.—In case any person or persons, sentenced by the Burgess, under the provisions of any ordinance, shall refuse to pay the fine together with the fees and costs thereon, such persons may be committed to the lock-up for the period of forty-eight hours, and the fine together with the fees and costs may be collected by proceedings before any justice of the peace.

SEC. 3.—Fees and costs of the Burgess, high constable and policemen shall be the same as those prescribed by law for justices of the peace and constables of this commonwealth for like services, provided that the borough shall in no case be liable for the costs and fees of such officers.

SEC. 4.—If any person shall in any manner interfere with or obstruct any officer or other person acting under the authority of the borough in the discharge of his duty, or shall resist the execution or enforcement of any ordinance of this borough or resolution of the council, such person shall pay a fine of not less than \$10 nor more than \$100.

NO. 19.—TO PREVENT SALE OR USE OF FIRE CRACKERS, TORPEDOES, ETC.

SEC. 1.—That no merchant, druggist, confectioner or other person shall sell or dispose of any explosive compound, manufactured from gunpowder or minerals or any other explosive substance, to be used as fire crackers, torpedoes or in like manner, and tending to injure or annoy any person or their property.

SEC. 2.—It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to burn or in any manner use any fire crackers, rockets or fire works so called, within the limits of said borough.

SEC. 3.—That any person or persons offending against any of the provisions of section 1 or 2, this ordinance shall upon conviction thereof, be fined by the Burgess, in any sum, not less than \$5 nor more than \$25, and may be imprisoned in the lock-up or county jail not exceeding forty-eight hours for each and every such offence.

NO. 20.—ANIMALS IMPOUNDED.

SEC. 1.—That it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to interfere with or take out any animal from the borough pound, without having proper authority to do so; any person or persons so offending shall be fined not less than \$5 nor more than \$20, and the pound master is hereby authorized to proceed against persons who have so offended.

NO. 21.—NITRO GLYCERINE.

SEC. 1.—It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to carry, or store, or have in his or her possession, within the limits of said borough any nitro glycerine or other explosive compound. Provided that when necessary to torpedo oil wells within the limits of said borough, a special permit may be obtained from the Burgess for said purpose under the regulations prescribed in said permit. Any person or persons violating the provisions of this ordinance shall be fined not less than \$50, nor more than \$300, at the discretion of the Burgess.



## No. 22.—SIGN BOARDS.

SEC. 1.—That no sign shall be hung lower than eight feet above the sidewalk.

## No. 23.—SALOONS AND BILLIARD ROOMS.

SEC. 1.—All drinking saloons, billiard rooms and bars shall be closed at or before 12 o'clock, P. M., and remain closed until 5 o'clock, A. M., the following day, under penalty of \$10 for the first offence and \$20 for each subsequent one.

## No. 24.—NUISANCES.

SEC. 1.—No person shall place or cast any earth, brick, stone, coal, wood, filth, ashes, mortar, lime, shavings, ploughs, manufactured articles, merchandise, or substance of any kind (except articles for the purpose of immediately loading or unloading, removing or stowing away) on any square, street, sidewalk or alley within the borough, under a penalty of not less than \$3 nor more than \$30, and the expense of removing the same, if the same shall be removed by the street commissioner—provided, that this section shall not apply to building material or other obstruction authorized by proper permit from the Burgess, nor to materials used in laying or repairing sidewalks.

SEC. 2.—Any person who shall place any wagon, cart, sled, sleigh or other vehicle, or horses or any animals thereto attached on any of the crossings at the intersection of any of the streets and alleys of the borough shall forfeit and pay a fine of not less than \$1, nor more than \$5, for each and every such offense.

SEC. 3.—Any person who shall place any wagon, cart, dray or carriage of any kind whatever, in any public square or street within the borough, and shall suffer the same to remain more than twenty-four hours, excepting for the purpose of loading or unloading, on being convicted thereof, shall forfeit and pay for such offense a fine of not less than \$1 or more than \$5, excepting all persons remaining over Sunday, who shall remove the same the day following.

SEC. 4.—The occupant or possessor of any lot within the borough, shall, when required by notice from the street commissioner, remove all wood, coal, ashes, barrels, boxes or any other obstructions, which may be without legal authority on the sidewalk, squares, streets or alleys, in front of, or adjoining the lot occupied by such persons, from and off the said sidewalks, squares, streets or alleys, and any person neglecting or refusing to remove the same, shall forfeit and pay a fine of not less than \$3 nor more than \$15 for each and every offense.

SEC. 5.—\* \* \* \* \*

SEC. 6.—Any person who shall keep or suffer to remain on his premises, or upon any private property, any dead carcasses or garbage, offal, putrid meat, nauseous liquor, or other offensive or unwholesome matter, or shall cast the same on any vacant lot or upon any square, lot or piece of ground belonging to the borough, or any street or alley within the borough, or so near the limits thereof as to annoy and be offensive, the same is hereby declared to be a common nuisance and shall be removed accord-

ingly and the person offending shall forfeit and pay for each offense, besides the expense of removing the same, the sum of not less than \$1 nor more than \$20. All the above ordinances ordained and enacted into laws in Town Council assembled.

P. F. KRIBBS, Burgess.

J. B. PAINTER, Secretary, Pro Tem.

1877, Council same as 1876.

1878, William Selby, Esq., Burgess; Council, M. E. Hess, J. Sheridan W. M. Kirkpatrick, H. F. Whiting, Robert Bowman and S. L. Herron.

1879, J. K. Wilson, Esq., Burgess; Council, H. R. Burgess, C. A. Wheelock, P. F. Kribbs, H. F. Whiting, John Watson and S. Best.

1880, M. E. Hess, Burgess; Council, F. E. Garrett, Frank Jarvis, Allen McLean, W. B. Weaver and D. W. Lewis.

1881 C. A. Wheelock, Burgess; Council, G. S. Hamm, F. C. Jarvis, Thomas Travers, J. M. Mong, R. W. Smith and G. M. Cushing.

1882, H. J. Bethune, Burgess; Council, J. M. Bethune, W. O'Day, F. E. Garrett, G. M. Cushing, Samuel Best and R. W. Smith.

1883, H. J. Bethune, Burgess; Council, Allen McLean, Robt. Whitehill, R. W. Smith, Josiah Dobson, G. M. Cushing, T. W. West.

1884, M. E. Hess, Burgess; Council, P. F. Kribbs, T. Easley, P. Spargo, Miles Feely, Robert Whitehill and Josiah Dobson.

1885, F. M. Denniston, Burgess; Council, Robert Whitehill, P. F. Kribbs, M. E. Hess, A. J. Smith and M. L. Rose.

1886, F. M. Denniston, Burgess; Council, J. R. Neeley, A. J. Smith, P. F. Kribbs, J. M. Brothers, M. L. Rose and J. I. Patterson.

1887, F. M. Denniston, Burgess; Council, J. M. Brothers, M. L. Rose, A. J. Smith, J. R. Neeley, M. H. Marcus and T. Harvey Jolly.

The City Fathers, in the last year, have graded the principal streets and cobble-stoned them, beside repairing the old sidewalks and building new. They have also opened up Penn Avenue, which now extends to the hill west of town through the borough addition; also the extension of Railroad street, running parallel with Penn Avenue and crossing Kribbs, Mendenhall and Best streets at right angles.

To show the income from different sources in the early history of the borough, we quote the Auditors Report of April 1878, which was as follows :

Licenses.....	\$ 1,088 25
Taxes.....	366 80
Collection of fines.....	1,884 52
Total .....	\$ 3,339 57

The streets were exceedingly bad in the early history of the borough, there being so much heavy hauling. They were planked and repaired in the summer of 1877, to a large extent, by the property owners. The Council was to keep up repairs.

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### JOURNALISM.

Mr. J. M. Gifford came to Edenburg in December, 1876, from Pleasantville, Pa. He, with his accomplished wife and pleasant little family, was warmly welcomed. His object in coming was to start a daily paper, and December 12th, 1876, was issued the first number of the *Edenburg Herald*. "Independent in politics, neutral in nothing," was its motto.

#### SALUTATORY.

As we take up our pen to write this article, the great responsibility of successfully editing and publishing a newspaper seems to fill our mind with the great importance of the work as never before.

As we look back at the record of names, whose owners have gone down in trying to stem the tide of newspaper life, our heart beats quick with anxiety and we gladly turn our eyes and look hopefully to the future, and knowing by experience that as we have put our hand to the plow and shoulder to the wheel, we must not (neither would we if we could) look back, but with a steady hand and a firm purpose, push manfully forward. And as we send our little sheet out into the world, we bid it God speed, and pray that its mission for good and diffusion of knowledge may be realized. For the "Herald" and ourself we make but few promises, but rather prefer that our representative may speak for itself. Our intention has been and is to make this a live local paper for Edenburg, Elk City and surrounding country. But we do promise that while the "Herald" is under our control nothing that will bring a blush to any cheek shall ever mar its pages, neither will we ever bow to rings or combinations in any form or manner; but treat evil as we see it, and reward the good by an approving word. To our brothers of the craft, here's our professed hand, and to all true and friendly brothers who are willing to accept, our heart goes with it,

J. M. GIFFORD.

We insert many quotations from this number of the *Herald* to refresh the memory of the early settlers of the

town, who remember the joyful occasion when the first Herald appeared.

A WORD ON THE PART OF THE EDITOR.

In presenting this initial number of the Herald, we cannot refrain from saying a word in justification of ourselves in regard to the delay experienced by our patrons, and no less we assure you, by us. It has been some weeks since the Herald was promised to the public; and as soon as the enterprise was announced the business men of Edenburg and Elk City cheerfully responded with a willing and lucrative support. To these we owe an explanation. It was our earnest intention to have issued the Herald promptly: but at the time we commenced the undertaking the roads became nearly impassable and it was almost impossible to obtain freight of any kind, and the annoyance to us, caused by the delay in securing material, was equal if not greater than the anxiety experienced on the part of our patrons. Besides this we can fairly and conscientiously attribute a portion of the delays to the blundering manner in which some of our orders were filled. But we console ourselves in the old adage which says: "There's always a calm after a storm," and we congratulate ourselves on having emerged from the confusion as bright as a new dollar. Thanking our patrons for their patience and forbearance, and for their already liberal patronage, to which our columns will attest, we conclude, trusting that no unnecessary inconveniences will occur in the future.

In this Herald we find the report of the first borough election, which resulted as follows:

Burgess—P. F. Kribbs; Town Council,—John I. Best, Robert Bryan, Ezekiel W. Crabbe, J. Benjamin Painter, Daniel J. Wynkoop, John L. Callihan; Justices of the Peace—Nehemiah Brown, Robert J. Atwell; School Directors—William C. B. Davis, 3 years; John I. Best, 3 years; Erie W. Northrop, 2 years; Gilmore S. Hamm, 2 years; John M. Gifford, 1 year; John W. Phillips, 1 year; Assessor—James Alexander Palm; Assistant Assessors—Hugh Amo, George H. Tucker; Constable—Jacob Vedder; High Constable—Thomas Scott; Auditors—George W. Connely, 3 years; John D. Wolf, 2 years; Wilbur S. Brown, 1 year; Overseers of Poor—Jas. M. Williams, Frank Jarvis; Judge of Election—Joshua M. George; Inspectors of Election—John Barnard, George A. Clarke.

The whole number of votes polled was 207.

The trial of the Goodwin—Akin case is given in full in this issue of the Herald. We reprint it for the benefit of those who were acquainted with the circumstances, and to show the state of morals with a certain class at that early settlement of the borough.

[Quotation from the Herald.]

THE GOODWIN-AKIN CASE. THE TRIAL, VERDICT AND SENTENCE

Owing to a pressure of business we were unable to attend the Quarter Sessions of the County Court, which met at Clarion on last Monday, consequently are unable to give the proceedings; but suffice it to give a synopsis of the trial of the Goodwin-Akin case, much of which is taken from the clever report of the correspondent of the Daily Derrick.

It will be remembered that on the 8th day of November, an altercation took place at the "Rialto Hotel and Restaurant" between Geo. W. Akin, an oil operator, and a man named Badger, of Emlenton, and during the melee a man named William Goodwin came to his death by a pistol shot fired by said Akin. The report says, in substance, as follows: On Saturday the 2d inst., the case of the Commonwealth vs. George W. Akin was called, and after some difficulty in getting a proper jury, six jurymen and six talesman were sworn in and the case continued until Monday.

The following named jury was impaneled: John M. Fulton, S. L. George, Benjamin Fulton, Hiram Wing, William P. Miller, C. L. Fulton, Wm. H. Frazier, Chambers Yingling, John Hilbert, Wm. Forkum, Albert Rhea and T. C. Wilson.

The indictment contained three counts, the first of which is murder, the charge being that Akin shot and killed William Goodwin during an affray with Charles Badger, Rialto Hotel, Edenburg, on the night of November 8th. Defendant plead not guilty to each of the counts. The Commonwealth was represented by District Attorney, David Lawson, Esq., Hon. James Campbell, J. B. Knox and James Maffett. Akin was defended by Wm. L. Corbett, S. K. Clark, Wilson & Jenks, B. J. Reid and A. B. Richmond.

When court opened, Charles Badger was the first witness for the prosecution. He testified that he was stopping at the Rialto Hotel in Edenburg, on the night of the 8th of November last; the election was on Tuesday previous; I had made a bet with Callihan and Richardson; after having made the bet Akin came in; he offered to bet and pulled out a roll of bills; wanted to bet one thousand dollars on the result of the election; never met him before that night; did not want to bet with him; repeated his proposition twice; I finally said I guess I will have to take that bet; Akin wrote a check for one thousand dollars; I did the same; the checks were given to Ford, one of the hotel proprietors; Akin remarked he would like to bet five thousand; I offered him twenty-five dollars for the option of the bet till next morning; William Goodwin was there and offered to cash a check for me; Akin's friends came around; he then declined to give me the privilege of the option; I said all right, and reached for my twenty-five dollar check; I received a check which I destroyed without looking at it; afterward Akin held up a check, and said, "see here what he is giving me, boys, a twenty-five dollar for a one thousand dollar check;" I sat down to replace the \$1,000 check which had been destroyed in mistake; Mr. Akin got excited and said I thought he was a "Stunner;" I replied I was a stranger, but was a gentleman and did not want to fight; I pulled off my overcoat; Akin appeared in front of me, and I grabbed him by the collar, we had a struggle and I got him down; up to this time there wa-

no striking on either side; I said to him, "we must stop this, I am ashamed of myself and you too, but you must behave yourself and quit this or I will tramp the whole head off you;" he replied that he would; I got off and stood up; he grabbed an air gun and struck me; the gun was taken from him, I warded off the blow; he called for glasses and threw them; I received a portion of one in my face; I went for him, got Akin down on the floor; he was lying on his back; I was crouching over him; think I struck him with my right hand; my left hand had him by the shoulder or region of the throat; saw a revolver in his hand and said, "this man has a revolver;" put my hand over his and held his hand down to the floor; he was wrenching his hand down to get loose; there was a severe struggle and I lost my hold; I dropped my head and there was an explosion took place; the first thing I saw then was Goodwin throwing up his hands and falling back; had another struggle with him after the explosion; I was somewhat excited; I remember some one took hold of me and I was in the wash room, my face was covered with blood where the glass had hit me.

Cross-examined.—Goodwin was an old friend of mine; fight took place between 12 and 1 o'clock; Akin claimed I had destroyed the \$1,000 check; I have never seen either of the checks since; I took off my coat and advanced one or two steps; did not see him take off his coat; we were not apart at any one time during the fight to exceed three feet; did not hear him say "keep off," when I advanced the second time; after I had got him down I struck him in the face once; heard him say, "take him off or I'll shoot;" do not recollect saying, "I will kill him," was on top of him holding him down when he shot; my face was about six inches from his; I never said the shooting was accidental; I made information in the case.

The balance of the testimony on the part of the commonwealth was virtually a corroboration of Badger's sworn testimony, when the commonwealth rested and the defense called O. L. Hart, who testified as follows: Was an actor at Wildman's opera house; that night our place was closed and I was in the other theatre; left there at half-past twelve with McCoy, Smith, Rivers and Gibbs; heard a scuffle at the Rialto, went over; saw two men fighting; one had the other down on a barrel or box; heard three or four blows in rapid succession; was told it was Badger and Akin, heard Badger say to Akin: "Now squeal or I'll beat the life out of you," they struggled to their feet; Akin's face was bleeding; Akin leaned against the bar with right arm resting on it; Akin said, "Keep away from me, you are a bigger man than I am, keep away from me;" Badger advanced toward him; Akin stepped back, still saying: "Keep away, keep away;" Akin seized an air gun; Ford took it from him; Badger caught him by the right arm and pinned him to the counter; Akin reached back with his left hand and threw two or three bottles; the first one hit Williams in the face; Badger caught his hand as he threw the third and said "I will kill you;" Rivers came up to interfere and Botsford put him out of the house; followed them to the door; came back and Badger had Akin down again; heard Akin say, "let me up;" Badger was striking him; Akin said, "take him off" several times, then he said, "get off me or I'll shoot you;" Badger replied, "you have a pistol have you?" Akin said, "yes and I'll use it if you don't get off me;" then Badger repeated

again, "I'll kill you;" saw the glimmer of a pistol two or three times; there was a struggle for it; couldn't tell who had it; Goodwin was standing near the door; several cried "separate them, take the pistol from them!" Several were stooping over them when the pistol was discharged; Goodwin had made a step forward; their heads were toward him, and he was five or six feet from them; Goodwin fell back and said, "My God, I am shot;" I went for Dr. Rea, he was on the porch; said he would not come in as they had fire arms; Dalton answered from the inside, "I have the pistol;" Goodwin was still in the room; was then carried up stairs; after the shooting I heard Akin say, "I told him to get off me or I would shoot him, I warned him to get off and I had to do it." Akin went out on the stoop, stood there a few minutes then crossed the street; I was close to him; while under the balcony heard him say nothing about the shooting; I heard Badger say to MeManus, "this is a terrible affair; a terrible accident; I had my hand on the pistol when it went off."

Cross-examined.—I saw Akin at the theatre that night; the fight was going on when we went to the Rialto; saw the man on top striking; I never saw Badger before

Defense rests.

Nothing materially different from the foregoing was brought out in rebuttal and sur-rebuttal, and the testimony closed, when the court adjourned.

Court convened at 8 o'clock, A. M., Wednesday morning, when Jas. Campbell, on the part of the commonwealth, and W. L. Corbett, for the defense, argued the law to the court, and cited the authorities to sustain the position assumed by each. District Attorney Lawson made the first argument to the jury for the prosecution. W. L. Corbett and A. B. Richmond, Esq., addressed the jury on behalf of the defendant. James Campbell closed the case for the commonwealth. In their argument these gentlemen thoroughly reviewed the evidence on both sides and plead earnestly for conviction or acquittal, consuming the entire day. Court adjourned at 6 P. M., and convened again at 7.30. His Honor, Judge Jenks then charged the jury briefly and fairly; saying that while the commonwealth did not seek conviction of murder in the first degree, it did for murder in the second, or voluntary manslaughter; the defense claiming that it was self-defense or at most excusable homicide. In the latter case it would be involuntary manslaughter and no conviction under indictment could be had. The jury then retired with instructions that if they found a verdict before morning they could be conducted to their quarters at the Loomis House, but that they should not separate. In the morning it was found that they had agreed and they were taken to the Loomis House for breakfast, thence to the court room, where a large number of people, including many ladies, anxious to hear the verdict, had already assembled, when the jury returned as follows: "Guilty of voluntary manslaughter." Counsel for defense at once made a motion for a new trial, when the court stated the motion would be heard on Saturday. At the time appointed the court heard the argument for new trial, but failed to concur with the learned counsel and was refused a new trial. The court in addressing the prisoner, stated that the extent of the penalty was not exceeding twelve years solitary confinement in the penitentiary, and then sentenced him to

pay a fine of eight hundred dollars and undergo an imprisonment of two years and six months in the Western Penitentiary where he was conducted by Sheriff Beek, yesterday (Monday) morning. Thus ended the case. In concluding this sad rehearsal of an affray that could scarce have ended worse, we are compelled to make a few remarks in regard to the melancholy affair. George W. Akin is a young man in the prime of life, possessed of considerable worldly means, and might to-day, had he avoided bad company, be enjoying life in luxury, honored and esteemed by friends, and unharmed by foes; but instead he chose to do otherwise in defiance of good advice and the example of good men, and the result is—a prison cell. Mr. Akin and his friends have the sympathies of the entire community in his misfortunes, and let us hope that he may live to return a better and wiser man. And may we hope that the lesson taught in this case, may be a warning to the many young men in our midst, who persist in the same follies. May they turn their back on vice and sternly and manfully face virtue in all things and at all times; for through this channel, alone, can life be truly enjoyed and happiness in the next secured.

At this date, from December 9th to 12th, crude oil opened the week at \$3.60; closed at \$4.00.

[Quotation from the Herald.]

The week just passed has been an interesting one to producers. It had been apparent for some days past that the oil market must take a rise soon, but few really expected oil to come to four dollars. For days, perhaps weeks yet, and, doubtless by the present outlook it will remain near these figures for a time to come. But we do not hesitate to predict that the market will fall again below these figures, as four dollar oil to a majority of producers means "sell." Our advice is sell only as much as is required to meet present emergencies and hold for better prices. There is no reason why oil should not reach its real value if producers will act wisely and be firm in their demands. Production is falling off in all parts of the country. All the new strikes are small, and the consumption nearly equals the production. But a short time can elapse before the balance will turn the other way and oil must go up unless new and heavy producing territory is discovered. The prospect for such an event taking place is not very evident. The market opened yesterday at \$3.85, and closed at \$4.00. Clarion market, 11 A. M., to-day, quoted at \$4.10. United Spot, Oil City, at \$4.22½. Shipment, Oil City, at \$4.00. Antwerp market closed yesterday, for refined, at 90 francs. New York, for refined, at 35 cents.

Having quoted quite extensively from the first issue of the *Edenburg Herald*, we now propose to speak of the editor. J. M. Gifford and family came to Edenburg from Pleasantville, Pa. He founded the *Herald* and built quite a comfortable home. The paper had a large circulation and the office turned out a great amount of job work. Prosperity attended him until January



5th, 1877. At that date the M. E. church was destroyed by fire, and, to prevent further destruction, Mr. Gifford's house and office, which adjoined the church, were torn down. He rebuilt immediately. In February of the same year, a very interesting little son was taken from the family circle. We here insert some expressions of sympathy from the writer of this book, written after Johnnie's death.

[Copied from Daily Herald, of February 25th, 1887.]

DEDICATED TO MR. AND MRS. GIFFORD.

It is the mid hour of night, while all nature is seemingly wrapped in silent repose, and naught is to be heard save the heavy tramp of the watchman as he walks to and fro, to see if "all is well;" but the Great Watchman knows all that is transpiring within the walls of the palace or the cottage, yea, even the thoughts of our hearts. He knows what anguish of soul some fond and loving heart may be experiencing each moment. Last night when all was quiet and the pale moon shone with her silvery rays, we might have taken a glance into the quiet chamber of a friend, and have seen the silent tear drop from the eyes of fond and loving parents, as they held vigils over the delicate form of their darling Johnnie. At each throe of pain of the little sufferer might be heard a corresponding sigh from them. Their anxiety of soul none but an affectionate and loving parent can comprehend. The night waned and the morning dawned. The kind angel came and took the spirit of the little sufferer home to himself, there to dwell forever. The little rose-bud has been plucked from the parent's home only to be transplanted in a fairer and more congenial clime. While they weep for his absence from the little home circle they fully realize that Johnnie is where neither disease or pain can reach him, and they know that they have one more tie in Heaven.

While he quietly sleeps in his little bed,  
Softly rests his weary, delicate head,  
He is done with the sins and sorrows of life,  
Done with all its conflicts and strife,  
Sickness, suffering and pain are o'er  
As he waits for his friends on the other shore.  
Sorrowfully will you glance at the vacant seat,  
Sadly will you wait for the pattering feet,  
Silently will you enter the desolate room ;  
From which his frail form was so recently borne,  
Alas! he cometh not, but you will love to think  
That he is waiting for you all, just over the brink.

HEPTIE A. KEATLEY.

Edenburg, Pa., Sabbath evening, Feb. 25th, 1877,

Mr. Gifford continued the publication of the *Herald* with great success. He was burned out twice afterward, but with the co-operation of his active wife he continued its publication until his health failed. When anything exciting occurred he was in the habit of sending out two or three extras per day. Close application to business and an inherent pre-disposition to consumption, caused him to fall a prey to that disease. He died at the early age of thirty-three years, August 9th, 1880. His remains were taken to his early home for interment. Mrs. Gifford and their two children, Glenn and Kittie, resided with Mrs. Crum, Mr. Gifford's sister, for a long time. She finally emigrated to Kansas, where she made her home, but only lived a short time, leaving her two children orphans. From a life insurance policy which she held in one of the orders in Edenburg, she left them \$1,200.

In January, 1877, J. Campbell & Son, commenced the publication of *The Oil Times*, a live sheet, both daily and weekly. The Campbells were fine chroniclers of events and their editorials were up to the highest standard. They continued the publication of their paper about two years. After *The Oil Times* and *Daily Herald* came the *Evening News*, published by H. Price. It was a tri-weekly and was issued on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. After this *The Daily Spirit* published by J. Ed. Leslie. This gave the oil news while it existed. We copy the price of oil from this sheet of the issue of February 13th, 1880, at \$1.08 $\frac{1}{3}$ .

In the summer of 1881, Mr. T. W. West came from Clarion, Pa., and commenced the publication of the *Clarion County National*, a weekly, in the interest

of the Greenback party. It is quite an addition to the town, and an interesting paper, still published by West & Son, now in the interest of the labor party. In the summer of 1884, Mr. H. Price resumed the journalistic profession by the publication of the *Clarion County Observer*, in the interest of Blaine and Logan, which is still published as a Republican paper. Mr. Price is a good printer and a spirited editor.

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### BANKS.

In the fall of 1875, Edenburg began to feel the need of a bank. Those who live in a town after it has all the necessary institutions to carry on business successfully, can but slightly realize the appreciation of the pioneers when an improvement is introduced. Thus it was with Edenburgers when a bank was started to hold the surplus funds, and a railroad built to carry away the production of oil. Messrs. F. Merriek of Cooperstown, Pa., and George W. Connelly of Pleasantville, Pa., purchased the property owned by Mrs. and Mr. J. A. Travis on central Main street, to set up a bank. They were ready for business in "The Edenburg Bank" in the beginning of 1876. The firm promised fair, the people had confidence, consequently all who had earned more money than they used, deposited it there for safety. Mr. Mendenhall, whose health was then declining, in arranging his business for the future, placed large amounts there for his wife and children, with a solemn promise that it should be cared for as he directed. Alas for promises! The firm gathered in the shekels, lived high, drilled oil wells and carried friends for large

amounts. Thus time passed on, until one fine June morning in 1878, the news was heralded over town, "The Edenburg Bank is closed." This scrap of news was received much to the dismay of the large depositors and equally so to the smaller ones; for what that class had in the bank was their *all*. The widow and the fatherless, with the aged ones, who had laid by their small sums, to help them when they could not help themselves, were left to do the best they could, so far as the firm of the Edenburg bank was concerned. Even forty dollars of the M. E. Sabbath school went with the rest. S. Crosby, Esq., was appointed assignee and in the spring of 1881, ten cents on the dollar was paid to the depositors. In 1877 the Clarion County Bank was started on central Main street by Messrs. Dickey, Eccles and Crawford, of Franklin, Pa., with E. G. Crawford as trustee and cashier. It has been one of the reliable institutions of the town; has done a fine business and is still doing well, with the addition of Mr. R. K. McCormick as assistant cashier. One incident, worthy of mention with regard to this bank: When the great fire of October, 1878, occurred; when all was confusion, and very many suspicious persons were in town, Mr. Orie J. Blakely, then assistant cashier, put all the money and papers of the bank into a sack, and accompanied only by one person, conveyed it through the crowd to his own home on the Bower farm. For some time after this the bank carried on business in Richardson & Calhahan's office on Penn avenue.

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### THE FIRST RAILROAD.

This was in February, 1877. The P. & W., nar-

row gauge, then Emlenton & Clarion R. R., made its advent into the then growing town. Its entrance was hailed with much "joy and gladness," by the inhabitants. To show the anxiety felt before it came we quote an article from the Herald just prior to its entry into town :

"Mr. R. W. Smith, formerly of Lehigh Valley, ticket and freight agent on this end of our "little road," was in our office yesterday and said : "The cracks in his office floor and walls are so big," and he measured with his hands a space about ten inches. ' Can't stand that long this cold weather. Shall have our cars into town and permanent buildings up in about twelve days.' He informed us the depot will be located about four hundred feet north of Cassel & Kinnear's machine shop. This will place it directly east of this office. When this is accomplished we shall feel awful big as a town, a great deal larger than St. Petersburg or Clarion, and about fifteen-sixteenths as big as Pittsburg.

What do you think about it, you new born Council? And you, new made dispensers of legal (?) justice.

Mr. R. W. Smith was the first ticket agent and general manager of the railroad business for seven years.

We quote from the Herald of later date, after the Emlenton & Clarion R. R. had been running several months.

#### ANOTHER RAILROAD TO EDENBURG.

##### THE MEETING AT FOXBURG.

A meeting was held at the Fox House, at Foxburg, on the 2d inst., by the friends of the proposed narrow gauge railroad from Foxburg to Edenburg. From the enterprising character of the gentlemen present we think we are safe in predicting that at an early day our town will again be penetrated by a narrow gauge. A correspondent of the Daily Derrick furnishes the following list of persons present at the meeting, and who are interested in the enterprise: Barney Vensel, James M. Guffey, J. B. McElwaine, J. Ashbaugh, Charles Vensel, C. King, A. Myers, J. Akin, J. V. Ritts, Cashier of St. Petersburg Savings Bank, G. W. Butt, Charles Blakeslee, Captain Chalfant, A. W. Smiley, W. C. Mobley, Superintendent of the Parker and Karns City Railroad, Wm. Fox, Squire Fullerton, Capt. McCray, J. Mandeville and S. G. Bayne. The object of the meeting was briefly stated after which James M. Guffey was elected chairman, and J. B. McElwaine, secretary. The chair then stated his views, after which there followed a general interchange of opinions. A motion then carried that a subscription of one thousand dollars be raised to defray the expenses of a preliminary survey to Edenburg, Foxburg pledging four hundred dollars and St. Petersburg six hundred. A committee was then appointed to collect the one thousand dollars, with instructions to employ a competent staff of engi-

neers to make the survey. The meeting then adjourned to meet at the call of the Committee for the purpose of considering the report of the engineers.

This was preliminary, but the road was shortly made from Foxburg to connect with the Emlenton & Clarion road at Jefferson station. For a considerable time after the road was laid Edenburg was the terminus, but soon the cry was "On to Clarion!" Sometime after the road ran to Clarion the track from Emlenton to Jefferson was abandoned and the travel has since been from Foxburg to Clarion. About four years since, the road was extended to Kane. Mr. R. W. Smith, who came in with the narrow gauge, was a man whom every one respected, with his excellent wife and interesting family. When he was about to leave for Kane, Pa., his present home, his gentlemen friends presented him with a valuable gold watch as a testimonial of their appreciation of his worth.

About the same time Mr. Smith came, Mr. L. D. Crandall, wife and interesting son, Harry, came. Mr. Crandall manipulated the express for several years and had a pleasant home on Penn avenue. Mr. and Mrs. Crandall were proverbial for their superior social qualities. When they went to the upper oil field they left a vacant place in the social circle which it would be difficult to fill.

Mr. Campbell, general manager of the P. & W. Railroad, lived on Penn avenue for some time, and he and his amiable wife were a great accession to society. Mr. E. E. Boyd had charge of the business for quite a long time. He, with his wife and interesting little folks, reside on east State street. Mr. P. Cullis, who had charge of affairs at the depot during the last year, with his accomplished young wife and babe, have gone to Chicago to live, where he will fill a more lucrative position and

not so much hard work. The best wishes of the many friends made while here go with them to their new home. At present Mr. Mahan is stationed in the depot.

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### *PERSONAL CHRONICLES.*

In the spring of 1877, there was a large emigration to Edenburg. Many fine citizens came and brought their families and built nice residences. Among them was J. T. Wilson, formerly cashier of the First National Bank of Sharon, Pa. He built a nice residence on west State street, and was active in business circles and in the church, as were also his wife and daughters. When all seemed happy a shadow fell upon the home circle in the death of an interesting little daughter.

"Sooner or later the storms do beat  
Over her slumber, from head to feet;  
Sooner or later the winds do rave,  
In the long grass above her grave."

The parents do not forget their child, although in their far western home, their thoughts oft revert to the little mound in the Shipperville cemetery. In the spring of 1883, Mr. Wilson, not having realized his anticipations in the oil field, went west, has located at Fergus Falls, Minnesota, where he and his interesting family are now enjoying prosperity and happiness. The Wilson residence was purchased by Mr. J. McCormick, who after improving it resides in it. Mrs. McCormick has her pleasant home adorned with a great variety of the choicest plants. It presents a vernal appearance all the year round. Miss Mary is an interesting young lady, uncommonly studious, and is destined to be a brilliant scholar, Joseph, John, Nannie and baby are all at-

tractive. W. W. Mason, Esq., of Mercer, Pa., built him a nice residence beside that of Mr. Wilson. His was a pleasant home, with his excellent wife and accomplished daughter Anna. Esq. Mason was proverbial for many social qualities, but especially for being the tallest man in the town, and Mrs. Mason for being the smallest lady. N. N. Booth, Esq., purchased the Mason property and has recently improved it, until it is among the finest wooden structures in the town. Presided over by his excellent wife and daughter Alfaretta. Esq. Booth has been in different kinds of business here for several years. Has had considerable interest in the Cogley oil field. At present he has a large carriage factory in the old "Clarion House." Mr. F. H. Whiting, of the Oak Shade Oil Company, built a lovely residence on Penn avenue. His yard was beautifully terraced and planted with the choicest flowers and shrubbery and he had lived in it but a short time until it was consumed by fire. Mr. and Mrs. Whiting were pleasant accessions to the very refined society of that period, but Mr. Whiting's health had failed, and after much medical skill has been exhausted and travel to different parts, with much time spent in the salubrious climate of Florida, he is still a confirmed invalid, who has the sympathy of all his friends. Mr. J. A. Travis, after selling his home to the firm of Messrs. Merrick & Connelly, had purchased a property in Mongtown for a time. It was there in September, 1877, that his younger brother, Linus R. Travis, died of malarial fever. Linus was a young man of superior character, quiet, retiring and as was remarked by the aged minister who attended his funeral: "There lies the remains of a young man who



has left the record of a spotless life." A life although ever so pure is a lost love to earthly friends.

"But hope consoleth hearts that weep or bleed,  
O'er broken ties, in desolated bowers,  
With the lovely thought that the loves  
Of earth are holy, and survive in heaven,  
Where love hath but one altar, one pure fire,  
And God is "all in all."

This was the second time the angel of death had visited this new home. Two years previous little Willie was taken, leaving Frankie their eldest alone. His father, M. T. Travis and his sister Hattie K., having their home there also—James, Linus and Hattie having lost their lovely mother in December, 1872.

Mr. Will Andrews, the druggist, purchased the property of C. Byson, on Penn avenue. He and his interesting wife resided there for some time. After being burned out in his business, they returned to Warren, Ohio. Messrs. Barger, Travers and Gilson built good homes on east State street. Charles E. Gibbs, who married Miss Vick, daughter of James Vick, the great florist of Rochester, N. Y., built a fine residence on Mrs. Mendenhall's oil lease west of Main street. After living there part of a year he sold to Mrs. Mendenhall and lived on Penn avenue until the spring of 1879, when they removed to Olean, N. Y. Near the same time Dr. O. G. Moore, the leading dentist, married Miss Emma Trainer, of Strattanville, Pa. After boarding for some time he purchased the Will Andrews property and removed thither, where he and his cheerful wife and interesting little family continue to reside. He has enlarged and improved his home until it is one of the most convenient houses in the place. The Dr. is one of our

substantial citizens, and a great advocate of the Greenback and Labor cause.

Tommie Travers, Will Andrews and Chas. Gibbs, all being married about the same time, on their return their bachelor brethren gave them an ovation in the way of a sleigh ride. The two seated sleigh, being covered with white and illuminated, was drawn around on the different streets by four young men of their club, much to the amusement of the citizens. Later in the same winter, Mr. G. C. Steele and Miss Ella Genira Mendenhall were married. They still resided in the old homestead where she and G. S. Mendenhall lived at that time, and until it was burned in 1878. They rebuilt on the same site and lived there until the May fire, of which we will speak further on. This time their house was torn down to prevent the spread of the fire. Soon after it was rebuilt. The shadow of death came to this home. First little Eddie was taken, which left a vacant place in the home. In August 1885, Mr. G. C. Steele was called to go, leaving Mrs. Steele and little May. Soon after G. S. Mendenhall came home from the west and made his home with her. Last year she was married to Mr. W. L. Jeffords. Mr. Jeffords is engaged in the torpedo business. The Antwerp and Union Pipe Lines were established at an early date. Have since been consolidated and are known as the Transit Pipe Line. The Oak Shade Oil Company's office, owned by Bradley, Whiting & Co., with Mr. G. M. Cushing, as their superintendent, who continues to represent the firm. Mr. Cushing, although among the last of his set to have the Gordian knot tied, led to the altar Miss Frankie Best. Mr. and Mrs. Cushing's hap-

piness is much marred by her want of health. Like Mr. Whiting, she too has resorted to medical treatment and southern climate, but not with the desired effect, restoration of health. On looking over the list of residents of Penn avenue we find the names of Mr. and Mrs. Farthing, who lived on the street about one year. On seeing their names it brings to memory an incident, which at the time was shrouded in mystery. They had a beautiful little daughter, Lizzie. A strange man had been employed to chop wood and do some other chores about the house one afternoon, and just as it was growing dark, Mrs. Farthing sent her little daughter to do something in the rear of the house. After waiting for some time for her to come in, she went to look after her, but she was no where to be found. Becoming alarmed she sought her among the neighbors, and not finding her, the cry was sounded that Lizzie Farthing was lost! Next day the *Herald* made pathetic calls for help to recover her. The search proceeded for two days and nights, when by some mysterious communication to the editor, her whereabouts was indicated, and on going to the place found her concealed in a coal bank. No further explanation was given. In the spring of 1877, Mr. M. E. Hess of Shippenville, Pa., who had been operating some on the Best farm, built a comfortable home on his lease and brought his family; composed of wife and four children. His oldest son Eugene being married and already living here. Mrs. Hess was a most amiable lady. She and the writer were close friends. She was a lady, whom to know was to love, but that most fatal disease, cancer, had implanted itself in her system. Several times she had been to Rome, N. Y., and had the

cancer extracted, but as often it grew again. The last time it poisoned her entire system. She endured great suffering with Christian heroism. On visiting her in company with a friend, the day preceding her death, when bidding her farewell, she remarked: "I will be better here to-morrow, or in Heaven?" The to-morrow dawned, she was easier. Her husband having business at Oil City started on the early train. Soon afterward she called her son-in-law, Mr. F. G. Sackett, and said: "Dispatch to Belle, (who was at school in Clarion,) tell her mother wants her." In less than an hour she was a corpse. The telegram containing the account of her death was received at Oil City before Mr. Hess arrived there. Mrs. Hess was much missed by her family and friends. But,

"She's lying now in long repose,  
 Ah! true the heart that feels no woes,  
 Is surely blest.  
 No longer now life's cares she knows,  
 Or sighs for weary day to close,  
 That she may rest.

Mr. Hess afterward married Mrs. Dr. Clotz, of Turkey City. Mr. F. G. Sackett, brother of Rev. O. M. Sackett, a brilliant young man, who was connected with Mr. Hess in business, as was perfectly natural, became captivated by the charms of Miss Ida. Cupid played his part, and a few month previous to Mrs. Hess' death they were married. Have now an interesting little family and live at Kossuth City. Mr. G. S. Hamm, one of the pioneer business men, having in company with Mr. J. Flynn commenced business with the beginning of the town, in the spring of 1876, and who has been burned out four times, married Miss Belle, who live in their pleasant home on the hill side, where they enjoy life with

their two children. Notwithstanding the "fire fiend" has pursued Mr. H. so closely, he now has a large brick block on corner of Main and Railroad streets, in which he has a dry goods and grocery store. The upper rooms are used as lodges. Messrs. Frank and Ernest Hess are still at their home. Messrs. Coulter and F. M. Denniston, known as the Denniston Brothers, came among the first, and represented the "Robert's Torpedo Co." They were among the live men of the place. Mr. Coulter Denniston married Miss Edith Cameron, who more recently lived at their early home, Grove City, Mercer county. Mr. Denniston died very suddenly about three years since. Mr. F. M. Denniston, the present Burgess, in his third term in succession, is still in the torpedo business. Married Miss Annie Schmadder, of Fryburg, Pa., and has a pleasant home on Corner of Penn and Denniston avenues, and of the "spice of married life" have Miss Carrie, a little six year old, full of life. Mr. J. W. King, who came early, married Miss Jennie Sheldon, one whom nature endowed with many graces. They lived for sometime on East State street, from which they removed to Farnsworth, Warren county. There, from an attack of malarial fever, she died, leaving her husband and two interesting children. We here insert an article from the Clarion County National, at time of her death.

The sad news of the death of Mrs. John W. King, nee Miss Jennie Sheldon, at Farnsworth, Pa., this morning, December 10th, was borne to us over the wires. It has been said "Death loves a shining mark," in this case it was truly verified. The subject of this notice was a sister of Mr. J. Sheldon. In the spring of '76 she and the writer met as strangers. At first meeting a mutual sympathy seemed to exist between us. She remained with me the most of the time for two years and a half, at which time she was married to her now bereaved husband. She was one of those whom "to know was to love," always kind, lady-like and obliging. She ever had a strong hold upon the affections of our family, regarding her as a younger sister. After a sickness of about two months with malarial fever, she

passed away from earth and its cares, leaving a fond husband and two bright and lovely children, to mourn the loss of a most dutiful and affectionate wife and mother.

"She died! She died! has been pronounced of all,  
It will be our sad memorial, we must die!  
Must! There is no reprieve. 'Tis God's decree,  
The form that seemed so passing fair, is so beloved,  
And clings so fondly, by a thousand ties  
Around its loved ones, soon will pass away.

Hail, glorious light  
Of Revelation! Brightly beaming forth  
From the Eternal Mind. Pure nature rise!  
Throw off thy shattering despondency;  
On that sweet rest, which God through Jesus gives.  
Read and believe; we die, we die, to live again!

H. A. K.

Mr. John King, with his two children, Annie and Frankie, are now in Lima, Ohio. Mr. John Sheldon, who in company with Mr. J. J. Bradley entered the field early, was successful. Married Lina Hulings, still resides on the Ashbaugh farm, where he has his oil production.

One of the pioneer young men of the place was Mr. Allen McLain. He married Miss Ella Richardson. Has been superintendent of oil production of the Oak Shade Oil Company for several years. Has a pleasant home on Petrolia street, and two interesting children to cheer them. Dr. W. F. Myers, son of Col. Myers, of Franklin, entered the town early, found it necessary to have a partner in business, consequently soon returned to his home and brought as his partner for life Miss Agnes Martin. Four jewels adorn their pleasant home on Penn avenue. The Dr. and his amiable wife have some celebrity as vocalists. He is a well read physician and has a good practice.

Mr. J. S. Johnson and family came early. Mr. Johnson being engaged as book-keeper for J. Sheridan & Co. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson had three sons and six

daughters. One, Miss Ella, having married, before they came, Mr. Perry Morrow, late member of the legislature. Soon after settling in Edenburg, Miss Sarah, the eldest, married Mr. Henry Volger. Early the angel of death came and bore away Miss Caroline.

Mr. John Johnson was a prominent young man of the progressive period of the town. Was there any benevolent enterprise or church work, John was always to the front ready to help. He afterward married Sarah Davis, of Shippenville, who died early, leaving little Robbie, an infant. Quite recently he was married again to Miss Emma Kehoe. They live very happily on West State street in the cottage home formerly owned by S. L. Herron, Esq. Mr. William Johnson married Miss Jennie Kribbs and lives at Clarendon, Pa. Mr. Nelson Johnson, of detective notoriety, married Miss Ida Young, of Strattanville, Pa., where they now reside. Miss Helen was married three years since to Mr. D. Anderson, of Richburg, N. Y., where they have since resided. Miss Cornelia was married to Mr. Emory Myers, but a few months since and lives at North Clarendon, Pa. Miss Mary has charge of the home since the death of her mother. We clip the notice of Mrs. Johnson's death from the *National* :

Mrs. J. S. Johnson, died suddenly of appoplexy at her home in this place, Monday night the 19th inst., aged 66 years, four months and thirteen days. The deceased had been ailing for the last four years, but during the day before her death she appeared unusually well and cheerful. She was an exemplary christian, an affectionate wife and mother, and an excellent neighbor--loved and respected by all. An aged husband, five daughters and three sons mourn an irreparable loss, but for her to die was gain. Her remains were conveyed to Rockland, Venango county, her former home for interment.

Mr. Alexander Palm came to Edenburg before there was any oil developments, but came to teach and

not drill oil wells. After occupying different positions in the town, was united in marriage to Miss Maggie Carroll, of the Columbia farm. Also, Mr. Wm. Hill to Miss Ella Carroll, sister of Mrs. Palm. Mr. Palm and his excellent wife reside now in Titusville, Pa. Mr. Hill in Freeport, Pa., his wife having died shortly after marriage. Time in his rapid flight makes many changes

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### CASUALTIES.

In August, 1875, a terrible storm spread all over the country. Mr. Abraham Day was inside the door of his house, when the forked lightning struck and instantly killed him. Minnie Mendenhall, little daughter of J. S. Mendenhall, was at Mr. Day's house, holding the door knob with her right hand, and was struck in right hand and left foot, but not injured otherwise. Miss Sadie, his daughter, fell senseless, but soon recovered.

In the spring of 1876, Mr. Heckethorn was killed at J. D. Wolf's well, on Main street, by being caught in the bull wheel. Mr. Heckethorn lived a very short time after being carried to the house of Albert Sloan. His wife and friends came and took his remains to Rockland to be interred—the home of his youth. In autumn of the same year Messrs. A. Wilson and Alonzo Goss were killed by a boiler explosion at the Goss Brothers lease on Charity Hill. Mr. Wilson was instantly killed, his body was fearfully mangled. Mr. Goss lived a few hours and then expired.

In the summer of 1877, occurred the death of Mr. O. P. Happer, who with Mr. B. F. Painter lived in a



house owned by Mrs. Mendenhall, and located in the same inclosure with her own residence. This house was called the "Wigwam" from the fact of so many being in it and Col. Brown being one of them. We quote the account of Mr. Happer's death as given in the *Daily Herald* :

HORRIBLE TRAGEDY.—DEATH FROM A PISTOL SHOT.—A PROMINENT OPERATOR THE VICTIM —THE CORONER'S INQUEST.

Yesterday about noon, Edenburg was thrown into a state of excitement by the report that a young man, well known here, by the name of O. P. Happer had killed himself by shooting himself through the heart with a revolver, in a building on Main street known as the "Wigwam." The building where the sad affair took place is two stories high, with an addition of a one-story building extending to one side, the rooms are occupied as follows: The front and back rooms of lower floor by Painter, Fuller and Happer, as office and sleeping rooms. Directly over this is the office of Col. J. B. Brown & Son. The addition is used as a physician's office by Dr. Magill. Hastening to the place designated our reporter found the rumor too true; upon a bed in the sleeping room of the first named gentleman lay the lifeless form of Mr. O. P. Happer. The body and clothes were clean and neat in every particular. The shirt had been cut away from the bosom, leaving the breast exposed, near the centre of which and over the region of the heart was visible a small round hole, showing plainly the cause of his death. Upon a wash stand lay a No. 1, Smith & Wesson revolver, all the chambers but one loaded. Lying along side was a bottle of oil uncorked, for the purpose of cleaning his revolver. We learned upon inquiry that the friends of the deceased looked upon the sad event as purely accidental, as no cause can be assigned for self-destruction. The only persons present were Mr. J. B. Painter who at the time was writing at the table, and Mr. Charles E. Wilton, who had called a few moments before to collect a small bill. Mr. Happer had drawn a check for the amount, and Mr. Wilton had signed a receipt for the same, and turning to Mr. Painter made remarks upon another subject, Mr. Happer at the same time going into the sleeping apartment, but a moment had elapsed when the report of a pistol shot was heard, and an exclamation of "My God, Ben, I am shot!" came from the dying man. Mr. Painter claims that Mr. Happer had taken a revolver some time before from his traveling satchel with the remark that he would oil it up and see it it would not work easier. He had just returned from making a purchase of the oil, and as is supposed was in the act of oiling the pistol when it was discharged with the above result. When picked up from the floor all the chambers were loaded but one. The deceased was a man of correct habits and a perfect gentleman. He was in the twenty-seventh year of his age, and a single man. His father was at one time a member of the legislature from Washington county, where he now resides. The blow will fall most heavily upon his mother and sister who are both in poor health.

May they have help given them from on high to bear up under this sad affliction.

THE CORONER'S INQUEST.

Was at an early hour assembled at the summons of N. W. Brown, Esq., and was composed of the following persons : Mr. P. F. Kribbs, foreman J. I. Best, R. Bowman, W. M. Kirkpatrick, T. J. Crawford and B. F. Jarvis. Mr. J. B. Painter was the first witness sworn, who testified as follows: Myself and Charley Wilton were sitting at the table talking, Mr. Happer was cleaning his revolver which had become rusty. He, Mr. Happer, was in back room and came to the door several times while we were talking. All at once, heard a slight report and the voice of Mr. Happer say, "My God, Ben." These were the very words he uttered. Found him falling backward across the bed; he gasped several times; thought he was shot in the arm; went for Dr. Magill and Langlitt. He was dead when I came back; the hour was about half past eleven. Do not know of any trouble he was laboring under, he was in good spirits last night. Cross-examined.—The door between the rooms was opened all the time; saw no revolver in his hand after I heard the report. In reply to an inquiry as to the oil, he laughingly said, it was to use on his boots and his revolver. He was getting ready to go on a journey.

Dr. Magill sworn. Was sitting in my office at the time of the accident, heard slight report, heard Mr. Painter say "O, my! Happer, how is this?" Was called and went into the room in about five minutes after with Mr. Painter and Dr. Langlitt, as he came from the street. Made an examination and found the ball had entered the breast on the left side of the sternum, passing obliquely upward. In my estimation the ball penetrated, cutting large arteries, which would cause almost instant death.

C. H. Wilton sworn. Had called to present a bill, and Mr. Happer after writing check for amount passed into the sleeping apartment, turning to Mr. Painter made a remark about his approaching marriage. At this instant we heard a pistol report from the adjoining room. Rushing in we found Mr. Happer in the last agonies of death. Mr. Painter started for a physician and I called to this gentleman, (pointing to Mr. Brown;) I picked up from off the floor lying at his feet a revolver which I laid on the wash stand. The revolver was loaded with the exception of one chamber which had been discharged; should think he lived about four minutes after accident; don't know that he spoke afterwards. Cross-examined. He evidently set upon the edge of the bed as he had fallen upon it.

Mr. W. C. B. Brown sworn. Heard no report of a pistol shot, but heard a commotion in office below; was called down by Mr. Miller, who said, "Hurry a man has shot himself!" Went below; Mr. Wilton came to bed room door with pistol in his hand, saying, "This is what he shot himself with," and he had picked it up from the floor; I saw immediately that Mr. Happer was either dead or dying; saw Mr. Wilton place the revolver on the table or stand. No cross-examination.

After a short absence the jury brought in a verdict to the effect that the gentleman came to his death by a pistol shot accidentally discharged by his own hand, and not otherwise. Mr. J. B. Painter was intending to start next morning to Independence, Washington county, Pa., to be married to

Miss Manchester, daughter of Col. Manchester, of that place, and Mr. Happer was to accompany him. Mr. Happer's brother came in answer to a telegram in time for the evening train. It was a sad sight to see carried away by twilight, one who in the morning was so full of life and good cheer.

A SAD OCCURRENCE.—DEATH OF PETER SPARGO.

On Monday forenoon, March 16th, 1885, at about 11 o'clock, our town was thrown into a state of profound gloom and sadness by the announcement that Peter Spargo was dead! The affair was so unexpected and intensely sad that but few could realize that such could be the case, but on visiting the postoffice the unwelcome truth was fully verified! He, who but a few minutes previous, had been seen on our streets in his usual health, and apparently in his ordinary cheerful state of mind, now lay a corpse. The result of the contents of a revolver penetrating his heart, which had been taken from his safe in his office, and discharged while in his own hands. No other citizen of Edenburg was more esteemed than Peter Spargo, and no death that ever occurred in our midst was more deeply lamented. The funeral, which took place Wednesday afternoon was among the largest witnessed in this section for some time. Services were held in the M. E. church, Rev. B. F. Delo of Clarion officiating, during which our business houses were closed. His remains were deposited in the new cemetery, under the honors of the following orders: George H. Covode Post, No. 112 G. A. R.; Triumph Lodge, No. 1055 K. of H., and Edenburg Lodge, No. 115 A. O. U. W. His family are left in comfortable circumstances, he being insured to the amount of \$4,000. Mr. Spargo entered the army in May 1861, as a private in Co. K. Regt. 42, P. V., at the age of 17 years. Discharged May 22d, 1864, rank

private, U. S. S. C. Date of muster into G. A. R., December 3d, 1876. Committee of resolutions of respect from G. A. R., M. E. Hess and B. F. Rhodes; committee for A. O. U. W., Nelson N. Booth, John H. Mehrten and John C. Peters; committee from Triumph Lodge K. of H., with a vote of thanks from same to Mrs. B. B. Dunn for floral decorations, J. H. Mehrten, A. J. Smith and F. F. Whitehill. A coroner's jury decided that Peter Spargo came to his death by accidental shooting by his own hand, or otherwise. Mr. Spargo left a wife and three sons. Mrs. Spargo and Frankie live on Main street, John the second son is at school, a student in Allegheny college.

In the spring of 1884, Laura Hauto and some other children were playing along the P. & W. railroad track, just at the curve as it enters Edenburg from the east. The other children, on hearing the train coming, ran under the track, but Laura became confused and ran toward the engine, and it ran over her and terribly mangled her little body. She was dead when lifted. The verdict should have been wanton cruelty of the conductor.

[From the Clarion County National.]

#### A SHOCKING OCCURRENCE.

GEORGE CUFFMAN, A CITIZEN OF EDENBURG, MEETS A TERRIBLE FATE BY THE BURNING OF CANOE PUMP STATION.—HIS MUTILATED REMAINS BEYOND RECOGNITION.—FINDING OF CORONER'S JURY.

On Wednesday morning between 4 and five o'clock, the National Transit Pump station, near Edenburg, known as Canoe Station, was discovered to be on fire by a Mr. Hulings, who resides near by, and going to the boiler house, kicked at the door so as to arouse the engineer, but receiving no response, and presuming no person was in the house, he then ran to the house of Mr. Frantz, an employe of the company and gave the alarm. They immediately started back to the station, but when reaching it, the fiery fiend had made too much headway and the structure was soon in ashes. The body of Mr. George Cuffman, who run the forenoon tour, was found lying with his face down, on the boiler house floor, burned to a

crisp, nothing being left of his feet or arms except a part of the right arm, the back of the head being burned to the skull, rendering him beyond recognition except by his watch, a tax receipt and some other papers found about his person. The deceased was a brother of J. D. and James, Cuffman, and leaves a wife and two children to mourn the sad fate which ended the life of a husband and father so suddenly, and in a manner so deplorable and mysterious. He was a member, (in good standing), of Edenburg Lodge, No. 115, A. O. U. W. His charred and dislocated remains were gathered up and conveyed to the undertakers rooms of Moore Bros. & Co., preparatory to being removed to the home of his family on Penn avenue for interment. His funeral will take place to-day (Friday) at 10 o'clock a. m. The origin of the fire is unknown, and the loss to the company will not fall short of \$5,000. The following is the

## FINDING OF THE JURY.

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, County of Clarion, ss.

An inquisition inducted and taken at Edenburg, in the County of Clarion, and State aforesaid, in the year, A. D. 1885, and on the 11th day of November, of said year, before J. L. Forker, Esq., acting as Coroner of the said county, upon the view of the body of Geo. Cuffman, then and there lying dead, upon the oaths of John Austin, G. S. Hamm, C. A. Wheelock, P. F. Kribbs, E. W. Crabbe and Samuel Clover, lawful men of the said county, upon their oaths say that after viewing the body of the said dead, and hearing all the evidence thought necessary in the case, find that the said George Cuffman, deceased, came to his death by being burned in a boiler house at the pump station of the National Transit Company located near Edenburg, in said county of Clarion. The origin of said fire could not be learned by the said inquest. In witness whereof, as well, the aforesaid Coroner as the jurors aforesaid, have to this inquisition put their hands and seals on the day and year, and at the place first mentioned.

J. L. FORKER, Coroner.

At the time of the fire which occurred February 20th, 1886, which is recorded in the other place, we here give the particulars of the burning of Wm. T. Grove, at Richie's restaurant: While most of the inmates escaped by a ladder from the outside, with poor Grove it was different. It is supposed that he became confused and descended the stairs, which led directly from the hall to the kitchen, where the flames were the fiercest. Rodgers was the last one who saw him alive. His charred remains consisting of only the trunk of his body and his head, were found when the building was totally destroyed, lying on the ground in the place where the bot-

tom of the stairs would have rested. This was by far the saddest feature of the whole disaster. The coroner's jury could have but one verdict. His remains were prepared for burial. His father, Mr. George Grove and his brother-in-law, Walter Pool, in answer to a telegram, came on the early train and took his remains to their home at Roger's Mills, near Brady's Bend, for interment. He was 19 years old.

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### *FIRES.*

Edenburg can record more fires perhaps than any other town in the State of Pennsylvania in the same length of time. The first fire which occurred was a house which was built for a hotel on the Emulton and Shippenville road, nearly opposite to Mr. Mendenhall's residence.

The second was William Forker's foundry on south Main street, in the spring of 1876.

The third was the M. E. church, January 5, 1877. The house cost \$5,000, was insured for \$4,000.

The fourth fire, and the first one that was considered a conflagration, occurred January 13th, 1877, only eight days after the destruction of the M. E. church. It destroyed considerable property on the two principal streets of the town, Main and State streets. That part of the town was very compactly built with large business blocks. The fire occurred on Saturday evening and continued until a late hour. It started in a room occupied by a man and his wife, who resided above Lowell & Livingston's clothing store, several blocks below corner of Main and State streets. The parties who lived

there had gone out and perhaps had removed everything valuable before doing so. After they left the room the fire occurred. Some suppose it was a lamp explosion, but mystery enshrouded the matter. The fire rapidly gained headway, burning down and up State street, and then swept around the corner, northward, until it reached Wilbur's livery stable, where it was arrested. The loss by this fire was estimated at \$50,000, and about twenty-two family residences and business places were consumed. Much alarm was felt lest the fire would reach large tanks of oil, located just back of the Edenburg House, which, in such an event, would have caused the fire to spread over the lower part of the town. Also, a narrow escape from a nitroglycerine explosion. At the time the fire commenced the Denniston Brothers had several cases of this dangerous material deposited in Wilbur's livery barn. On the alarm of fire it was quickly removed to a safe distance. Among the sufferers in this fire were Orr & Bryan, H. J. Bethune, Lowell & Livingston, O. Durrnum and many others. The Edenburg House being burned, it was difficult for strangers to be accommodated, as the town was then crowded with people—operators, contractors, drillers, and strangers. The Bennett House, built by D. W. Dyer, on the east side of Main street, directly opposite to Mrs. Mendenhall's residence, which is now on the corner of Church and Main streets, was not quite completed; but notwithstanding this inconvenience, the proprietor, J. L. Stemple, opened on the Monday following the 15th day of January, and finished and furnished afterward. It was a fine, large three story building, and while it existed, it was one of the leading

houses. Many celebrities—men of science, lecturers and dramatists lodged there. At a Masonic banquet held in the Bennett house, in the winter of 1877, some of the ladies wore costumes made in Paris. Very soon the burnt district was rebuilt, and much better than before the fire. Business was brisk, everything was moving forward, money was plenty and the people gratified their varied inclinations in its use. Those who loved sport and the race, had organized a company and prepared a race course on the north of Edenburg, on the Jacob Switzer, jr., farm, at which they held Trotting Fairs. On the 19th of June, 1878, while a large part of the population were attending one of these fairs, the alarm of fire was again heralded, much to the dismay of the "Home Guards." It was soon discovered to be on Penn avenue. At this scourge, more than a dozen dwellings, besides a number of barns and out-houses, were laid waste. About twenty minutes of six, in the evening, fire was discovered in a house on the avenue, belonging to Mrs. Olds. Pennsylvania avenue is at right angles with Main street, north of and parallel with State street. With the exception of the west end, on which there were a few business houses, it was lined on either side with neat cottages, the houses of business men and those who produced the crnde. Half way up the hill was the house of Mrs. Olds. This house was an elongated structure, divided by partitions, so that it could be occupied by a number of families. Miss Aken, who lived in the rear portion of the house, first found the partition between her apartment and that occupied by Mrs. Day to be on fire. Most of the houses being tinder box structures, and built in the manner common to oildom, the flames



warmed up the surroundings and rapidly made their way to the adjoining buildings on the same side of the street. H. F. Whiting's plastered house, the finest on the avenue, was the first to catch on the north side of the street. It was a hard fought field, the supply of water being limited, but there was a spirit of heroism, displayed at that fire by some men which is seldom equaled. Quite a stiff breeze was blowing to the north-east and in this direction the flames were borne. Their fury was arrested on the north side at the residence of J. A. Travis—a wide cross street lying between his house and Whiting's. On the south side it was arrested at the Dr. O. G. Moore property. Miss Carrie Corbett the daughter of the proprietress of a boarding house, was arrested on suspicion, but after detaining her in the lock-up all night, and giving her a hearing in the morning, she was discharged. The following properties were destroyed :

J. S. Harley, furniture and clothing \$200, no insurance ; J. I. Best, building occupied by Mr. Harley, \$500, insured for \$300 ; W. F. Hamilton, house, barn and furniture, \$900, insured for \$800 with Farmers and Mechanics' Insurance Company of Pennsylvania ; L. Orkett, building \$350, furniture and clothing \$200 ; W. W. Cochenower, house \$395, furniture and clothing \$250, insured with Watertown, N. Y., for \$600 ; Robert's Torpedo Co., represented by the Denniston Bros., barn and furniture \$300, no insurance ; H. F. Whiting, plastered house and furniture \$4,000, insured for \$2,000 with the Ætna, of Hartford ; A. C. Willoughby, plastered dwelling house \$2,000, insured for \$1,250 with Ætna, of Hartford ; Foust House, \$500 ; James

Elliott, house and furniture \$750. This fire was thought to be incendiary, but no proof could be had.

#### THE INCENDIARY TORCH AGAIN.

April 14th, 1878, another dastardly attempt was made to destroy the town by fire. On the morning of this day the window casing in W. M. Kirkpatrick's grocery store on Main street, was saturated with kerosene oil and fired. A colored man discovered the fire and roused the owner, who with the aid of his wife, soon extinguished the flames, which were already creeping up the side of the building. After this and other indications of incendiarism the citizens detailed a large number of men, who took turns by squads of six. Every precaution was taken for a time, but just when the night watch was lulled into security the most fatal fire of all occurred.

#### THE GREAT FIRE.—THE LITTLE CITY ALMOST SWEEPED OUT OF EXISTENCE.

Thirteen is an unlucky number for Edenburg. It was on the 13th of January, 1887, that the place received its first baptism of fire, when \$50,000 worth of property was wiped out at a breath. On the 13th of October 1877, occurred the terrible conflagration of which we now speak, and which will long be remembered as the most destructive that ever occurred in the oil country, a region so famous for its terrible fires. At ten minutes after four o'clock, on the above date, the fire was discovered breaking out in the rear of Wilbur's livery stable. The alarm was promptly given by policeman E. J. Little, on discovering the flames, by blowing the whistle at the oil well back of the Edenburg

House. Within a very brief space of time thereafter, Main, State and Railroad streets were all ablaze. By this time the sleeping city was aroused and in a very few minutes the streets were filled with people. The combustible material in the livery stable was soon on fire, and the entire building wrapped in a sheet of flame. So speedily was the building enveloped that it was impossible to get out the stock, and ten horses were roasted to death. It is impossible to describe the scene at this terrible moment, nor will it be attempted here. It was a sight that no Edenburger will be likely to ever forget, who witnessed it. To see the flames leap from building to building and no means to arrest their progress. Men, women and children ran half clothed from their blazing houses, glad to have escaped with their lives. Heroic efforts were made to check the progress of the fire, but they were of little avail. The town was surely fired by an incendiary and it was thought the water mains were cut. The entire water system was found to be inadequate to meet the wants of the moment, and to this unfortunate circumstance can be attributed in a great measure the almost total destruction of the busy, bustling town. In two hours after the fire broke out, thirty acres of buildings were leveled to the ground, a mass of smoking ruins. One hundred and seventy-four buildings, including the handsome M. E. church, the post-office, express office, banks, stores and dwelling houses, were destroyed by the fiery demon. The insurance was but a trifle more than one-fourth of the loss. The town up to 1876 was an inconsiderable hamlet, but with the rapid development of the territory in the vicinity, and the advance in oil to four dollars a barrel, it grew into a

large town, and simultaneous with its growth was the construction of the narrow gauge railroad connecting it with Emlenton, on the Allegheny Valley railroad. It thus became a business center, eclipsing in importance all other distinctively oil towns.

The generosity of the people of the oil country, known the world over, was happily illustrated in the burning of Edenburg. Everybody had already given, some from their abundance, others from their poverty, for the aid of the fever stricken South, but when the electric flash told of people suffering at home, every hand was extended with assistance. The sister cities, Elk City, Shippenville, Foxburg, St. Petersburg, Clarion and Parker all responded at the first intimation. Oil City gave with a generous hand. In a few days she had contributed to the amount of \$1,035 in cash. Of this amount the United Pipe Lines gave \$500. Duprez & Benedict's Minstrels, at the Grand Opera House in Oil City, and George Fawcett Rowe, at Meadville, each gave the receipts of one entertainment, less their expenses, to the sufferers by the fire. Major Maitland's telegram to the manager of the United Pipe Lines, informing him of the terrible fate that had befallen poor Edenburg, was the first intelligence of the fire sent from the town.

EDENBURG, October 13th, 1878.

To E. HOPKINS,—

General Manager United Lines, Oil City:—

I write amid the ruins of what was yesterday a busy town. Desolation reigns from State street to Sheridan's machine shop, and from the railroad to the hillside in the rear of our office, everything is swept clear. In short all the business portion of the town is in ruins, leaving one hotel and Kribbs' brick block and two machine shops. The fire originated in Wilbur's livery stable, 3 o'clock, A. M. As there was no water nothing could be done to stay the flames and each one was intent upon saving his own property. We saved all our books and office furniture. Some unimportant papers were left in the vault, which is yet unopened. We are

snugly ensconced in the old Empire office and repair men are on the way from Petrolia to put in wires, and before business hours we think will be in good working shape. Such a calamity has never before befallen our town. The hill sides are covered with goods saved, and many poor families are surrounded by their all, homeless, without money and seemingly without friends. It calls loudly for active sympathy, that sympathy which goes clear down to the bottom of our pockets. God only knows what will become of these people.

J. B. MAITLAND, Superintendent.

The relief committee meets at 2 o'clock, P. M., at the Opera House. What shall I say for the United Pipe Line? J. B. M.

MANAGER HOPKIN'S RESPONSE.

OIL CITY, PA., October 13th, 1878.

To J. B. MAITLAND, Edenburg.

Will not be able to consult any one to-day, but will advise you tomorrow. Say \$500 for immediate relief on my responsibility.

E. H. HOPKINS.

On receipt of this telegram Major Maitland informed the relief committee, which had already been appointed, that they could purchase \$500 worth of supplies for the needy on account of the United Lines. This intelligence was hailed with tears of gratitude by many poor families who had been deprived of their all, and were actually suffering. The relief committee went to work at once and purchased food and clothing sufficient to relieve the immediate wants of all. The hill sides, with which the town is walled in on every side, were covered with people—men, women and children—guarding little piles of household goods, which they had managed to save from the almost universal ruin. The hand of sweet charity is always a benediction, and in this case the assistance proffered came like a blessing to many, for there were many who had not saved a dime or a crumb, and barely enough clothing to cover them. The next offering of money, after the United Pipe Line contribution, was \$25 from Turkey City. Elk City and Shippenville were each on the ground early with loads of provisions. As to which arrived first, the Elk City or

Shippenville representatives, can not be definitely stated as both claim the honor. Oil City, as usual, was not behind in the matter of charity. The town had just sent out about \$2,000 to the yellow fever sufferers, and more was still being raised for the same purpose, when the news came of Edenburg's calamity. Every heart was touched, and on Monday morning Mr. W. P. Finley passed around a paper among the members of the Oil Exchange, and requested them to contribute something to help those persons who lost their all in the fire. The members responded with their usual liberality, and in a short time he had raised the sum of \$500. He then sent the following telegram :

OIL CITY, PA., October 15th, 1878.

C. W. GUILD, Ch'm. Relief Committee Edenburg:—

You may draw on me for \$500, amount donated by the Oil City Oil Exchange.  
W. P. FINLEY.

In a short time the following answer was received :

W. P. FINLEY, Oil City, Pa:—

Accept our thanks for your liberal donation from the Exchange.

CHARLES W. GUILD,  
 Chairman Relief Committee.

Of the money donated, J. A. Bostwick gave \$100, the Standard Oil Company \$50, H. L. Taylor \$50, Jos. Seep \$25, Charles Pratt & Co., \$50, Wm. Hasson \$20, and others smaller amounts. On the following morning \$35 additional was subscribed by the Oil Exchange for the benefit of the sufferers. This last contribution makes a total of \$535 donated to the cause by the Exchange, and all told from the city \$1,035. The following correspondence explains itself:

OIL CITY, PA., October 17th, 1878.

C. W. GUILD, Chairman Relief Committee, Edenburg:—

You may draw on me for \$35 more donated by the Oil Exchange here for the Edenburg sufferers.  
WM. P. FINLEY.

EDENBURG, PA., October 17th, 1878.

W. P. FINLEY:—

Accept our thanks for your liberal donation from the Exchange.

CHARLES W. GUILD,  
Chairman Relief Committee,

Mr. Offey, of the Parker Oil Exchange, was on the ground, and after looking over the desolated scene sent a telegram to Mr. Theodore Tack to the effect that although there were no cases of absolute distress, before morning many persons would go hungry unless food was furnished them. Mr. Offey concluded his telegram with these words: "What will the Exchange do?" Mr. Tack immediately started with a subscription paper, and in twenty minutes had raised \$123. This amount was at once dispatched to the relief committee. Parker increased her subscription to the amount of \$175, and was ready to send more if necessary.

The aggregate cash donations sent to the committee amounted to upwards of \$2,000. Beside the cash donations, load after load of provisions were sent in from all parts of the county, as well as from the counties adjacent, and the horn of plenty seemed to have been emptied into the lap of the prostrate city. The gentlemen who were delegated with the important trust of distributing this charity worked hard and faithfully and rendered complete satisfaction in every particular. It may be interesting to the reader to read a list of donations:

## DONATIONS.

United Pipe Lines.....	\$ 500 00
Turkey City.....	25 00
E. M. Grant, Foxburg.....	50 00
Marcus Hulings, Oil City.....	100,00
[To draw for \$100 more if necessary.]	
Parker City Oil Exchange.....	195 00
Dr. J. M. Harding, Oil City.....	5 00

Oil City Oil Exchange.....	535 00
J. M. Gutfey, St. Petersburg.....	150 00
Foxburg.....	50 00
C. W. Little.....	10 00
Gen. Harry White.....	50 00
Bradley & Co.....	100 00
Oil Well Supply Company Limited.....	100 00
M. E. Hess.....	30 00
Major J. B. Maitland.....	25 00
Emlenton Relief Association, cash and provisions.....	100 00
L. F. Barger.....	10 00
St. Petersburg, cash and supplies.....	250 00
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$2,245 00</b>

Elk City, one load of provisions; Shippenville, one load of provisions; Clarion, one large load of provisions; Paint township, one load of provisions; E. H. Beekwith, two barrels refined oil; a farmer a large quantity of vegetables.

Relief Committee, headquarters Kribbs block: Charles W. Guild, chairman; P. F. Kribbs, E. D. Crum, J. W. Sindorf, T. W. Burchinell, W. H. Stewart, Hugh Amo and S. Breckenridge.

Citizen's Committee: headquarters at W. W. Greenland's office. H. F. Whiting, chairman; M. E. Hess, treasurer; L. F. Barger, secretary; L. D. Crandall, Col. J. B. Brown and Maj. J. B. Maitland.

The following is a list of the losses and insurance:

MAIN STREET.

	Loss	Insurance
I. S. Harley, boots and shoes.....	\$ 4,500 00	\$ 2,000 00
J. M. Place, store building.....	800 00	500 00
T. J. Crawford, postoffice.....	2,800 00	800 00
J. D. Wolf, Proprietor Grand Central.....	5,000 00	
Mrs. Grumpy, Grand Central.....	3,000 00	
J. C. Swan & Co., druggists.....	2,500 00	1,000 00
W. C. Andrews, druggist.....	500 00	3 00 00
H. R. Burgess, druggist.....	2,000 00	750 00
J. Brueker, tailor, on stock.....	200 00	
W. H. Crawford, confectionery.....	400 00	400 00
H. E. Ames, tools and household.....	150 00	
M. E. Church and parsonage.....	8,000 00	5,000 00
Ross House.....	4,000 00	
C. A. Wheelock, five buildings.....	4,500 00	1,750 00
John Walster, meat market.....	700 00	
Stewart & Hazlett, St. Cloud.....	2,800 00	
Brown & Son, office.....	250 00	
S. J. Stemple, City Hotel.....	2,600 00	
Sam Gibbs.....	1,000 00	
Wm. Kirkpatrick, grocer.....	3,000 00	500 00
Mrs. J. G. Mendenhall.....	2,000 00	1,700 00
New York Clothing Store, J. Barrance.....	6,000 00	3,500 00
J. L. Shaner, jeweler.....	1,000 00	



Tommye Travers, clothing.....	5,600 00	2,700 00
W. S. Brown, furniture.....	3,000 00	800 00
Mrs. Geo. C. Steele, Mendenhall mansion.....	3,000 00	
Mrs. Newman, milliner.....	300 00	
United Pipe Lines.....	2,500 00	
O. G. Moore, dentist.....	50 00	
J. M. Gifford, Herald.....	800 00	
Dr. Rea, furniture.....	100 00	
Mrs. N. Brown, three store rooms.....	5,500 00	
Agent Titusville laundry.....	25 00	
Dr. E. W. Northrop, two buildings.....	2,500 00	
D. W. Dyer, Bennett House.....	12,000 00	4,000 00
G. S. Mendenhall, seven buildings.....	2,000 00	400 00
S. P. Morrison.....	600 00	600 00
P. F. Kribbs, one building and damage to others...	2 000 00	1,000 00
Selby Bros., law office.....	800 00	400 00
Oil Exchange building.....	3,000 00	
Braunswigers boot and shoe store.....	3,000 00	2,000 00
Toot McConnell, Petroleum House.....	4,100 00	800 00
Clarion County Bank and Edenburg bank building	3 000 00	3,000 00
J. H. Wilbur, livery stable and tenant houses.....	2,400 00	1,500 00
A. R. Chamberlain, hardware.....	1,500 04	
A. L. Bunnell.....	1,000 00	
E. W. Crabbe.....	3,000 00	250 00
Eaton, Cole & Burnham, building and well.....	1,500 00	
Geo. Mayer, tobacconist.....	800 00	
Flyn & Hamm, dry goods.....	15,000 00	13 000 00
Western Union Telegraph, furniture.....	100 00	
Litchen, store building and stock.....	2,500 00	
Hugh Amo, tobacconist.....	200 00	
E. Timlin.....	2,000 00	
Lizzie Quinn, milliner.....	500 00	
Lina Frank.....	500 00	350 00
Mrs. Mack, milliner.....	500 00	
A. C. Dinker, grocer.....	600 00	600 00
Mrs. John Smith.....	500 00	
P. M. Magee.....	300 00	
John Sheridan, residence and two wells.....	2,500 00	
Jas. Crisp, dwelling.....	300 00	
W. C. Davis, dwelling.....	300 00	
G. W. Goodyear, dwelling.....	200 00	
J. M. Strong, furniture.....	300 00	300 00
L. Hirsch & Co., clothing.....	9,000 00	5,100 00
R. W. Finch, artist.....	1,000 00	300 00
Miss M. A. McKenzie & Upham, millinery.....	500 00	
Charles Supes, building.....	1,500 00	
Rev. P. P. Pinney, furniture.....	500 00	500 00
Dr. F. P. Langfitt, library, &c.....	500 00	
J. P. McQuiston, dry goods.....	4,000 00	2,000 00
Robert's Torpedo Office, Denniston Bros.....	250 00	

Crosby & Meredith.....	100 00	
Canning & Bros.....	200 00	
J. Levy, dry goods.....	8,500 00	5,000 00
W. B. Harley, grocer.....	8,000 00	
Bradley & Co.....	3,500 00	2,250 00
Hathaway & Thatcher, Newport House.....	2,000 00	300 00
B. F. Jarvis, tinware.....	6,000 00	1,600 00
Price, dwelling.....	100 00	
Samuel Hill, dwelling.....	100 00	
H. Wink, dwelling.....	150 00	
Rev. Leflingwell, dwelling.....	100 00	
J. Brueker, dwelling.....	400 00	
Marlin oil well.....	500 00	
Ed. Sackett, household goods.....	370 00	
S. M. Crosby, house and furniture.....	1,500 00	600 00
Nachman & Co., tobaccoists..	600 00	600 00
Masonic Lodge, Kribbs' Block, damaged.....	100 00	
Sundry individual losses.....	2,000 00	
Different societies.....	500 00	

## STATE STREET.

Kribbs Block, Cor. Main and State.....	1,000 00	1,000 00
Loyd Walter, grocery.....	9,000 00	2,000 00
Will Horner, clothing.....	4,500 00	2,000 00
A. A. Alden & Bro., building.....	1,600 00	800 00
Zaver & Hall, billiards.....	3,000 00	1,200 00
M. E. Hess, well fixtures.....	500 00	
Noble & Co., meat market.....	800 00	500 00
Robert Bryan, buildings.....	8,000 00	1,500 00
Orr Brothers, hotel.....	10,000 00	1,000 00
B. Isaacs & Co.....	3,500 00	1,200 00
Mrs. O. Jepson, restaurant.....	1,500 00	400 00
P. A. Warnock, hotel.....	2,600 00	
Gaily & Wilson, bakery.....	1,500 00	
N. W. Brown, 3 buildings.....	800 00	
Oyster Ocean.....	1,000 00	
Garrett House.....	4,000 00	
J. A. Jordan, clothing.....	2,500 00	1,200 00
Brown & Crandall, commission store.....	50 00	
S. Moss.....	150 00	
Wails & Phillipps, oil well.....	600 00	
G. W. Gilson 2 oil wells.....	1,500 00	
G. S. Duncan, office.....	100 00	
H. M. Zigle, clothing.....	2,600 00	800 00
Beardsly & Draper, saloon.....	1,200 00	900 00
T. S. Sieger, books.....	200 00	
A. Myers, wholesale liquor, damage.....	200 00	
Henry Schoen, Edenburg Bazaar.....	2,400 00	400 00
M. Harold, livery stable.....	1,500 00	1,500 00
Dr. Powell.....	100 00	

AND EDENBURG PEOPLE.

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DeFrance & Urey, druggists.....	2,000 00	
B. Simons, tobacconist.....	3,000 00	1,200 00
Peter Cramer.....	800 00	
Henry Steuart, loss of clothing.....	50 00	
Mrs. Emma Marr, damage.....	100 00	
George Higer, butcher.....	600 00	400 00
Dr. Eddy, fixtures.....	100 00	
O. Dunning, Globe Hotel.....	2,600 00	900 00
F. Englert, bakery.....	2,600 00	1,400 00
Lovejoy, grocery.....	200 00	
Angell's drug store, vacant.....	600 00	100 00
Hardenburg, livery.....	1,000 00	
Knarr's meat market.....	200 00	
Mrs. Sarver, millinery.....	100 00	
Pollock, bakery.....	300 00	
Morrison's music store, vacant.....	500 00	
J. Rawlin's Arcade Hotel.....	100 00	
G. Kilgour's shoe shop .....	300 00	

RAILROAD STREET.

P. Moran, wholesale liquors.....	2,500 00	500 00
Moran & Boyce, hotel.....	2,000 00	500 00
M. S. Booth, billiard room.....	600 00	
Herman Stern, confectionery.....	1,600 00	850 00
W. McNamara, saloon.....	500 00	
Thomas Klingensmith.....	900 00	800 00
P. Dhrew, hotel.....	3,000 00	
A. C. Morrison, hotel.....	2,800 00	1,500 00
Charles Guild's, Exchange Hotel and office.....	10,000 00	2,100 00
Wm. Jahn, dwelling and stock.....	2,000 00	
Eagle Hotel, vacant.....	1,000 00	
C. E. Gibbs, owner of Pittsburg House.....	800 00	500 00

PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE.

Dong Sing, laundry.....	100 00	
Fox Draper, laundry.....	100 00	
Crisley's blacksmith shop.....	500 00	
Hancomb's bowling alley.....	200 00	
J. A. Travis, livery barn.....	1,000 00	
Kerr, Tinker & Co.....	500 00	
H. F. Whiting, stored goods.....	300 00	
Six oil wells.....	5,000 00	
B. Kirley's sucker rod manufactory.....	500 00	
Coefield & Hammond, office.....	150 00	
George Sheffield, office.....	150 00	

ALLEY.

Harold's livery shed.....	100 00	
Furlong's dwelling.....	50 00	
John Coast's oil well.....	500 00	

## OHIO STREET.

E. & S. R. R. depot.....	2,500 00	1,000 00
Fruit stand in depot.....	100 00	
Oil Well Supply Co.....	30,000 00	unknown
Chalfant & Gruff.....	30,000 00	13 600 00
Putnam's livery barn.....	1,000 00	
Vacant building.....	200 00	
Union Express Co.....	100 00	
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	\$411,335 00	\$106,150 00

After the fire, warm, delightful weather prevailed up to Thursday afternoon, the 17th inst., when a rain of considerable volume set in; but rain as fast as it might the work of building went rapidly on. The clear rap of the hammer, the grating of the saw and sound of the plane could be heard on every hand. Wagons and car-loaded with all sorts of lumber were being unloaded continually. Carpenters with kits of tools could be seen flocking from every direction. Many business localities were changed. People not familiar with the indomitable pluck and energy of the citizens peopling the oil towns, shook their heads sorrowfully when they heard the awful story of the fire, and the wide-spread ruin and desolation it had wrought, and said: "Ah, well, this is the last of Edenburg." They were never more mistaken.

"When Greece City, Modoc and a few of the earlier towns were leveled to the earth by fire, they lay prone and helpless. Not so with Edenburg. Although all swept away but the ragged edges, she shows unmistakable evidence of soon springing into life. Owing to the removal of business the great Northern Oil Fields, previous to the holocaust which came so near wiping Edenburg from the face of the earth, the place contained its share of unoccupied buildings. It was a self evident

fact that there was more of Edenburg than the business of the community demanded. The new Edenburg will be built up with a view to the demands of business, and will not be over done. There is still a large oil production in the territory surrounding the town, and will be for many years to come. To this fact is due the speedy building up of the place."

#### CHIT CHAT ABOUT THE FIRE.

Messrs. Sackett & Long, of the Clarion House, will long be gratefully remembered by many persons whose immediate wants they relieved with their usual promptness. Scores of sufferers by the fire were taken in and fed by them.

A little girl entered the relief committee rooms with a huge basket which she wanted filled with provisions. Mr. Guild asked her where she was from and she replied Beaver City. The affable chairman blandly informed her that Beaver City was not included in the burned district.

The peanut man was the first to resume business.

The ruins were visited by thousands of people on Sabbath and since daily by hundreds.

A woman was seen throwing a large rocking chair out of the second story window, and soon after was seen coming down complacently carrying a bundle of clothes.

Up to Thursday the average number of families supplied by the relief committee, was one hundred and twenty-five, of individuals furnished with meals, one hundred. Also transportation has been furnished a number who wanted to go to friends.

Quite a contest between Main and State streets which will get the postoffice. Main street won. State street also requested the railroad company to locate their new building on it. It was located on Railroad street. The M. E. church edifice was the finest and most costly structure consumed.

It is needless to say that Edenburg after this terrible fire, Phoenix like, rose grander than before. The buildings were better. It presented a fine appearance when the new buildings were completed. The streets were widened thirty feet. Business soon moved on as though nothing had occurred. The spring of 1879 was opening up beautifully, the weather was all that any one could desire and business was looming up accordingly. On the morning of April 19th, 1879, Mr. F. L. Ben-

singer, who had been detained on business in his store until 2 o'clock, discovered flames issuing from a vacant house south of Kribbs' Block. He at once gave the alarm and hurried to the scene, and as he approached the building he heard sounds as of some one running away, but he could discover nothing in the darkness. It was supposed that some miscreant had scattered coal oil on the second floor of the building and applied the match. This blaze destroyed ten buildings, and the loss was estimated at \$10,000. It occurred on south Main street, which up to this time had escaped the scourge, with the exception of the burning of Wm. Forker's foundry.

At 9 o'clock, on Saturday evening, May 22d, 1880, while many of the people were attending a circus on the hill-side, west of town, a fire originated in the United States Hotel, on Railroad street, next to the P. & W. R. R. depot. This fire was undoubtedly the work of an incendiary as the house was vacant. Mr. R. A. Walker of the United Lines noticed a light spring up in one of the chambers of the hotel. Everything had been taken out of the house for over a month. He sounded the alarm, but before enough of people could be assembled, the fire had gained headway. When the alarm of fire reached the circus one of the most exciting scenes occurred. Men became wild with fright and some ladies fainted—such a horror had each one of the dreaded cry, "Fire!" In making their egress the passages became crowded so that there was danger of being trodden under foot. Men resorted to removing the barriers by stripping the canvas to shreds. Such a scene of excitement and struggling humanity had never been witnessed in the town. On arriving at the fire but lit-

tle could be accomplished. It was at once decided that nothing could be done to save buildings, consequently the best and only thing to be done was to remove and save the goods. The tables were removed from Zuver's billiard hall, and every house which was supposed to be at a safe distance from the fire was full in a few minutes. W. I. McDowell, the faithful clerk in Cochran's hardware and oil well supply store, detailed a squad to save it, which was successfully accomplished after a desperate battle with the monster. Another squad by a similar effort saved the depot. The flames swept on and consumed everything in their course on both sides of Railroad street to the corner of Railroad and Main. Here a desperate effort was made to save Hamm's store, but it was of no avail. The fire turned the corner northward and spent its fury on the east side of Main street until it passed Kernick's music store and there it was arrested at an open space. It turned the other corner of Railroad and Main streets and swept both sides of Main street south of Railroad street. Several buildings were torn down to arrest its further progress—among others was the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Steele. On the east side of Main street the stand was made at the Wilbur livery barn, now owned by Mr. Wood. Several times the barn caught fire but was as often extinguished. This fire swept away over sixty buildings, at a loss of from \$75,000 to \$80,000. Mr. Cris. Exley was seen at the circus and at the fire, but has never been seen or heard of since. One other incident of this fire: Mrs Mendenhall had her garden planted and the vegetables were beginning to show green, when all G. S. Hamm's store goods were carried over and laid upon them.

Neither fish, salt or sugar would grow any more than dry goods, consequently her garden was a barren waste. In this fire as in the October fire, J. M. Gifford's home and the Herald were destroyed, also Gibbs' shoe store, J. L. Shaner's jewelry store, and two fine buildings owned by J. Alexander. Up to that time Main street was the Broadway of Edenburg, built up in the finest taste ever displayed in the town, with fine offices, bank buildings and stores of every description. Misses Wasmus & Crick, Miss M. S. McKinzie, the Postoffice, J. P. McQuiston, the Newport House, J. W. Cowan, D. & F. Rieff, Pat Moran's liquor store, Wm. Kernick's music store, G. S. Hamm's dry goods store, (his third scorching) were all destroyed. Some became discouraged and removed to other fields. Others took it as something they might expect and went to work to rebuild; but not so many fine buildings were erected. One person had erected a two story building and had it ready to finish off, when, in June, a severe wind storm came and blew it down. At this fire, as at former ones, was witnessed the true sympathy which exists in oil towns more than in any other. St. Petersburg, Clarion and all the towns along the line of the railroad, sent tangible evidences of a common humanity, in their general bequests.

#### A THREE MONTH'S ANNIVERSARY OF THE LAST HOLOCAUST.

At 3:40, on the morning of August 22d, just three month's after the last fire, our citizens were again awakened from their slumbers by the dreaded alarm of fire—doubly dreaded on account of the terrible experiences they had passed through three times, when the ill fated city had been swept by the devastating element. At first



they could scarcely realize, that they were called upon so soon to battle with the enemy, but the terrible reality was plain that they must put forth an herculean effort or let the flames devour everything. The flames were seen issuing from the rear of Wheelock's & Moore's livery stable (late Wood's and formerly Wilbur's) by Mrs. S. W. Clover, who awakened her husband to give the alarm. Mr. Clover appeared on the street as soon as possible and noticed that the rear of the barn had been saturated with oil. He gave the alarm and was soon re-inforced by others, but were too late to save any effects from the barn. Seven horses, one very valuable, owned by E. G. Crawford, with a number of complete rigs, were destroyed. Two boys who were sleeping in the office were nearly suffocated with the smoke or odor of burning oil, which, it was supposed, had been thrown on to start the fire. In ten minutes after discovered the fiery demon held sway and with its destructive fangs lapped in its embrace the following new buildings which had been erected since May 22d: S. Gibbs, boots and shoes; J. L. Shaner, jeweler; O. G. Moore, dentist; E. W. Crabbe, unoccupied; Clem Berlin, fruits; J. W. Woodington, unfinished; J. M. Mong, unoccupied, and J. A. Palm, news room. These were all north of Wheelock's livery. J. A. Weaver, billiards; Petroleum House, S. W. Clover, proprietor; Tommie Travers, clothing store, and J. I. Best, boots and shoes. These were old buildings south of the barn, all on Main street. On State street, H. R. Burgess, drugs; Miss White, dressmaker, up stairs; J. L. Miller, grocery; D. W. Lewis and family, up stairs; Fred Englert, residence and bakery. The latter was torn down, which saved

the balance of State street. The drug store of Woodward & Co., and Mayer's building, tenanted by Mrs. H. R. Brown's clothing store, by hard fighting, were saved. G. S. Hamm's store was saved this time, also Mong & Magee's large store was saved. It was just three months from the May fire which was checked, where this one commenced. It commenced at the same spot and exactly at the same hour, almost to a minute, as the fire of October 13th, 1878. The loss at this, called the August fire, was estimated at fifteen thousand dollars, but fell heavier on the sufferers than any previous one, owing to the slight insurance.

Edenburg people are patient and heroic, but quarterly fires of this calibre are sufficient to shake the patience of the old patriarch of patience. There is no doubt but that this fire was the work of an incendiary, as the smell of burning oil could plainly be discerned at the commencement, as if rags were saturated and placed in position, and there were no fires lighted for any purpose in the immediate vicinity. The people rebuilt after this fire and business went on, but not so brisk as formerly. The Bradford field was at that time the great attraction.

Miss M. McKinzie, who had rebuilt, lost her house on Main street, by fire the following March, 1881, caused by a defective stove-pipe.

In February, 1886, Mr. Jesse Smith, on west State street lost his house by a flow of gas. They saved most of their goods, but the house was consumed in a few minutes. They rebuilt and have a very pretty home now on the same site.

At half-past two o'clock on Saturday morning, Feb-

ruary, 1886, another disastrous fire broke out and destroyed a block of wooden buildings on Main street, and a young man named William T. Grove was burned to death. The fire started in Ritchie's restaurant and boarding house, a two-story structure on Main street, the third door from corner of Penn avenue and Main street, spread out on both sides. The prime cause of the conflagration, as everyone supposes, although no one knows, was Ritchie's kitchen stove becoming overheated by the natural gas fire and igniting the wood work near to it, or some beam taking fire from the heat of the stove-pipe. The flames made their presence known in such a sudden manner that no time could be taken to investigate their origin and it was just as much as the occupants of Ritchie's house could do to scramble out of bed and get out of the house. James and Wm. Ritchie owned the house and conducted a restaurant and took lodgers therein. On Friday night when the household and their boarders retired, Nellie Keys and Mary Wakefield, who did the house work, occupied the front room in the second story, James Rodgers, a tailor and Wm. T. Grove slept together in the next room, which was in the center of the house, and Simon Clay and William Ritchie occupied a bed in the back room, directly over the kitchen. In an "L" built from the kitchen James Ritchie, Adam Wallsmith and Harry Porter were quartered for the night. Of all these Rodgers was the first to be apprised of the presence of fire in the house. About half-past 2 o'clock he was awakened by a suffocating sensation caused by the smoke which at that time had filled the house. He sprang out of bed and shouted "Fire!" and then wakened Grove by pulling him out

on the floor. Every one in the house was quickly awake. All the occupants of the second story, except Grove, ran to the front part of the house and Clay jumped out of the window to the sidewalk below. Those sleeping down stairs finding it impossible to get through the kitchen, broke a window out and made a hasty exit through the opening. The fire had made such an advance when discovered that dressing was not to be thought of. When James Ritchie got out, his first thought was for the safety of those lodging in the second story. Seizing a ladder, which happened to be near by, he ran around to the front of the house with it and placed it against the house beneath the window where the two girls and the others were making preparation to jump to the ground. Fortunately every body descended the ladder in safety and made a miraculous escape. The borough night watchman, Nelson Johnson, saw the flames shooting up four feet through that part of the kitchen not directly under the bed room, at the same time Rodgers was awakened, and he alarmed the citizens by crying "fire," and ran to the burning building to render assistance. Ritchie's house was consumed in a twinkling with all its contents, excepting what few articles of clothing the men and women could snatch up in their flight. Clay had escaped in his night shirt and stockings, and he immediately went to his barn near by and got his team of horses. In ten or fifteen minutes after the alarm was sounded half the residents of Edenburg were on Main street. Preparations were soon made for putting a stream of water on the buildings adjoining Ritchie's. A man went to the borough water tank which is located on top of Charity Hill west of

town at an elevation of 125 feet above Main street and turned on the water. The tank is of 1,000 barrels capacity and connected therewith as a contingent force is a 500 barrel tank filled with water. A four inch line carries the water to the corner of Main and State streets and then along the entire length of Main street. Two sections of rubber hose were then called into requisition and each was attached to a fire plug, but the water would not run with any force. To put a stream on a building was an utter impossibility. The water in the 1,000 barrel tank was frozen over thick and solid and the tank had no air vent. The only means of protection lay in bucket brigades, and three of these were formed by the citizens. The water that came from the two hose filled the buckets for two lines of men and then another brigade was formed with the right resting on the 250 barrel tank in the rear of A. B. Floyd's livery barn. The work of passing water then went on vigorously. By this time Reiff's dwelling house and Davis & Neff's meat market were burning fiercely and the whole of Main street on both sides was threatened. Bucket after bucket of water was thrown on the flames in rapid succession, but the absence of a steady stream from a hose nozzle was deplored more and more as the fire advanced.

The two buildings adjoining Ritchie's were soon reduced. Then Rieff's and Rooney's groceries caught and were soon consumed. Penn avenue served as a barrier to the advance on the south, although Mrs. L. C. Neely's millinery store, opposite to Rieff's grocery, was somewhat scorched and was only saved by very hard work. From Rooney's grocery on the north the fire spread to

Radebach & Smith's grocery and wholesale confectionery store and having enveloped that the postoffice was caught. Leaping over the narrow alley north of the postoffice the fire took the two large stores of G. S. Hamm, on the corner of Railroad and Main streets. Here was the other limit of the conflagration. The men all worked like heroes. Capt. John Barr suffered a fall between the buildings that came very near costing him his life for if he had gone to the ground he would have been hemmed in between two burning buildings and escape would have been impossible. While Hamm's store was burning active measures were being taken to protect Crawford & McDowell's fine building on the corner of Main and Railroad streets, and here Mr. W. I. McDowell made some strong efforts with pails of water on top of the building. Hamm's barn in the rear of the store was also destroyed. Sparks flew in every direction and the heat was so great that the paint on Crawford & McDowell's building was very much marred. In order to save it they braced the north walls of Hamm's store with several joints of tubing, each brace being made by coupling two joints, so that the walls would incline inward in falling. This measure wrought the desired effect, and undoubtedly prevented the flames from contact with the hardware store. The wind favored the north, while it was a cause of alarm to Mr. Neely. The fronts of the buildings along the west side of Main street opposite to the fire, also suffered greatly from the heat. The glass in many of the windows was cracked. In the space of two hours the whole block bounded by Railroad and Main streets, Penn avenue and the alley running between Main and Ohio streets, with the excep-

tion of Rieff's barn in the south-east corner of the square, was laid in ashes. Mr. Hamm had a large stock of dry goods and groceries. It was but a few minutes after the fire commenced until half of his goods were on the sidewalk. He was insured for \$6,000. Most of the mail in the postoffice was saved. The building was valued at \$500. Hon. A. W. Smiley occupied the second floor, where he was sleeping when the fire occurred. He saved nearly all his furniture and books. Radebach & Smith lost most of their goods. The building was worth \$550 and was insured for \$400. Mr. Rooney's property was valued at about \$300. Davis & Neff's meat market was valued at about the same. The Ritchie Brothers placed their loss at \$1,200, insurance \$700. Mr. Rieff valued his house at \$800, his store at \$1,500 and was insured for \$900. There were several minor losses. The girls who worked for Ritchie lost many of their clothes. The saddest of all was the life that was lost, which account will be given under the heading of "Casualties."

In the beginning of 1880, at a review of the Sabbath school one evening, just while Rev. Pinney was praying, fire was discovered in the basement of the church, by Mr. John Black and Dr. Langfitt, who sat near the heaters. Dr. Langfitt rose and said "this house is on fire, but do not be alarmed, all can get out." Such a rush, some trying to escape through windows, eventually all escaped without any harm, and by a very great effort the church was saved from cremation.

On Monday morning Mr. John F. Brown was on hand ready to adjust the damages, which amounted to about ninety dollars. Mr. Brown has had many calls

to Edenburg to adjust insurance claims, and is always prompt and honorable.

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### *EDENBURGERS, PAST AND PRESENT.*

To go backward for a time we wish to mention some of the early settlers. Among them was the family of J. L. Forker, Esq., and his excellent wife, who came from Rockland in the spring of 1876, and located on south Main street. The family was composed of two sons, now in the west, and Miss Laura now Mrs. J. I. Patterson, Mr. Bentley, a brilliant young man and quite a favorite with the ladies, and Miss Alice, whose twin brother, Alvin Lee Forker, was suddenly killed. Near the Sweitzer run, in the southern part of town on the Best farm there was a limestone quarry. There being a great depth of earth on the top of the rock, the workmen had dug under the hill in a shelving manner, thus revealing the stone without stripping it entire. When the men left the quarry at twelve o'clock, Saturday, one of these shelves had just been made. The body of overhanging earth not being very great, no danger was anticipated. Three little boys were playing about when the men left, but when the men were gone the boys went in and were playfully pointing to each other where they were going to mine for coal. While in the place little pebbles began to rattle down and the mass seemed to be giving away. Johnny Spargo at the outer edge had turned to move away, when Alvin Forker, who was about the center, turned about and screamed "Oh Lew!" to the third boy, who had started from under the ledge, having noticed signs of the coming fall. The sound had scarcely died on his lips, when the mass of earth and



rocks came tumbling down, burying him from sight. The boys made desperate efforts to relieve him, but when he was reached life was extinct. The remains were carried to the nearest house. Dr. Boley was summoned but it was of no avail.

"A home is dark because of a light gone, in chill of the grave,  
A dear form missed, entombed by the rush and sweep of the deep  
death wave ;

A circle broken, one bright link lost ; brother and son now no more  
Seen on our sin tainted earth, yet lives, safe on the evergreen shore"

About the same time came Mr. J. L. Shaner and his young wife, also from Rockland. Mr. Shaner and his wife were active factors in church work, also in any public enterprise. Mr. Shaner had the first jewelry store in Edenburg, and has added to it until now he has a large assortment of jewelry and silverware.

Mr. A. J. Smith and very amiable wife came from Rouseville in the spring of 1877, accompanied by Mr. J. J. Corlette of the same place. The Smith Bros., started the Novelty Iron Works on north Main street, and Mr. A. J. Smith had his residence on same street, where it still remains. The iron works have been removed to the corner of Ohio and Railroad streets, opposite the P. & W. depot. Messrs. Smith and Corlette have been, and are still among our most reliable business men. Mr. Smith is proverbial for his quiet unassuming manners, but are any in need Mr. and Mrs. Smith are ever ready to assist in a quiet way. Mrs. Smith has been bereft of both parents in the last four years. First a fond mother was taken. Oh ! how hard to give up a loving mother—to lay her in the cold grave !

"Yet it is a spot where cares ne'er come,  
Where nature her fond vigils e'er doth keep.  
And pale lips there are still in slumber's dreams,  
Closed to eyes that weep."

Soon an affectionate father was called. We feel a lonesomeness after the loss of our parents, that no other sorrow can bring.

Mr. J. J. Corlette, not quite a bachelor yet, but some of his friends fear that he may be, is a fine business man, who is not afraid of work and is blest with superior musical ability, has been leader of the M. E. church choir for a long time, and chorister in the Sabbath school for many years.

Mr. W. I. McDowell, one of Edenburg's reliable business men, engaged with Mr. E. G. Crawford in the hardware and oil well supply business and other interests, also from Rouseville, and so near Mr. Corlette's age that when the ladies pronounce one a bachelor the other may tremble. Mr. McDowell is an elder in the Presbyterian church and Sunday school superintendent. He came to Edenburg in September 1879.

Mr. E. G. Crawford, a semi Edenburger, doing business in Edenburg, but having his residence in Franklin, Pa. Mr. Crawford has been so long and favorably known in the county and also in Venango county, having been prothonotary of that county, that it is needless to tell about him, but this we can say that one of Edenburg's fair ladies reached his widowed heart and made a conquest of it. Miss Julia McLaughlin, formerly of Millerstown, Pa., while visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Nottingham, with her many charms, won Mr. Crawford, and in the winter of 1881 they were married. Two little sons cheer their pleasant home.

Mr. and Mrs. Nottingham came in the spring of 1877. Mrs. Nottingham is an accomplished lady, being one of the most efficient pianists in the country, living

now with her aged parents in Millerstown, Pa.

Mr. R. K. McCormick is one of Edenburg's brilliant young men, Assistant Cashier of Clarion County Bank, a fine citizen, always ready to help in any good cause. The ladies especially court his assistance in all laudable enterprises.

Mr. B. A. Kribbs, hardly a bachelor, but a great business man and quite a favorite with the ladies, as well as Mr. George Richardson, who dispenses goods in the grocery department of P. F. Kribbs & Son, are charming.

G. S. Mendenhall is another of Edenburg's unmarried men. Griff is in the torpedo business, ever busy and has always been quite a ladies' man.

Mr. W. B. Weaver, wife and little daughter Winnie, came to Edenburg from Forest Home in the spring of 1880. Lived on the corner of Main and church streets. Mr. Weaver was an official member of the M. E. church. Mrs. Weaver was a very cheerful woman, Winnie was a little lady. They now reside in Oil City, Pa.

Mr. S. W. Clover, of the Clover House, came to Edenburg early, was married to Miss Mattie Orr, in 1877, who died in 1882. He was afterward married to Miss Rosie Porter; four children spice their home.

Mr. C. A. Wheelock came to Edenburg in early oil times, was a pioneer, conducted a meat market for some time; married Miss Gross, daughter of Jno. Gross, Esq., of the Gross farm. Mr. Wheelock, with his amiable wife made friends rapidly. He is one of those kind hearted men who always win. Was largely engaged in the livery business and other interests as well

as oil. Always honorable and clever and is now the Sheriff of Clarion county. Mr. and Mrs. Wheelock were excellent citizens and had a pleasant home with their three little boys, Elmer, Albert and Willie, and were very much missed when they removed to Clarion.

Mr. T. C. McMasters, one of the pioneers, was first in Mr. Nachman's jewelry store, afterward had a stationery and jewelry store in the postoffice, went up step by step until he now has a fine jewelry and stationery store, with the express office for one line—has a pleasant home, where Mrs. McMasters presides as queen of the household, with their three interesting children, Tommie, Jessie and Lester.

Mr. M. H. Marcus, the great merchant tailor of Edenburg, was one of the early inhabitants. He came to stay and was not discouraged with a few fires. Mr. and Mrs. Marcus are among our highly esteemed citizens, with their accomplished daughters, Miss Beckie, now Mrs. Leo Katz and Miss Mellie who is still at home. Mr. Marcus has a fine trade.

Mr. Brockstine, who is foreman for Mr. Marcus with his interesting wife and little family lives on Penn avenue. They are native Germans, well educated in the German language and the Hebrew, and are fast becoming Americanized.

Miss Mary E. Carroll, the lady foreman in Mr. Marcus' establishment, is proficient in her department and a lady in her manners.

Miss Ella Murphy, also in Mr. Marcus' employ, is a lively, cheerful young lady, and particularly noted for fine personnel and goodness of heart.

Misses Wassum and Crick, the oldest millinery

firm now in the business, have a fine establishment and a pleasant home. Miss Kate Wassum is a native German, came to this country when ten years old, and notwithstanding being brought up in America, she still retains enough of the foreign accent to make her conversation more interesting. She is naturally lively, vivacious and kind. Miss Crick, a pleasant amiable lady, has endured much feebleness of health, is noted for her amiability and kindness of heart. This firm has a fine trade.

♦ Mrs. Anna Spargo, widow of the late P. Spargo, has pleasant rooms on Main street, where she keeps a ten cent counter and also a first class dress-making establishment. She and her little son Frankie have a pleasant home. Mrs. Spargo, with her deceased husband, were among the earliest citizens, have passed through several scorchings, but have been brave to bear all.

Miss Anna Boyle, who is connected with Mrs. Spargo, is an amiable young lady and an acceptable Sabbath school worker. Her home is in Rimersburg, Pa.

Mrs. Carrie Yates, of the American House, and her daughter Ella and little son Robbie, are pleasantly located and kept very busy. The American House has an extensive patronage. Mrs. Yates has distinguished herself for her energy to press forward under discouragements.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Neeley at corner of Main street and Penn avenue, have a fine business site. Mrs. Neeley keeps a first class millinery and dry goods store, and has a good trade. Mrs. Neely is much interested in fancy work. She and Mr. N. and their little son Eben, enjoy life and happiness.

Mr. J. A. Jordan was perhaps the first merchant tailor who migrated to the new town, came from Reynoldsville, Jefferson county, in 1877. Has continued his business successfully and is doing a fine business now. Mr. Jordan has had Miss Ida Clark as lady foreman most of the time for several years. Mr. Jordan has withstood the charms of very many fascinating ladies, but it is supposed by his friends that he is likely to be beckoned away from bachelordom into a state of conjugal happiness.

Miss Ida Clark is a lady in her manner and address, a competent tailoress and has resided here for several years.

Miss May McLaughlin, also in Mr. Jordan's establishment, is a very amiable young lady. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. McLaughlin, with Master Homer and Miss Bell, live on Railroad street.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Gibson, on east side of Main street, have a large dry goods millinery and shoe store, where they have a fine trade. Mrs. Gibson is an accomplished financier. Their home and store are centrally located. Miss Jennie, now attending school at Pittsburg Female College, is quite an accomplished young lady. The other members of the family are Frank, John, Harry, Claudie, Maud and Gladdis.

Mr. H. J. Bethune's drug store is on the north side of State street. Mr. and Mrs. Bethune came in 1877, and have been active citizens. Miss Clara, their eldest daughter was educated at Wesleyan Seminary, in the Old Dominion, and is an accomplished young lady. Miss Rhettie's education has been a practical business one, she having had a confectionery and notion store

ever since she was quite a small girl. Master Horace has a situation in the Clarion County Bank.

Mr. J. I. Patterson, druggist, has a lucrative business on west side of Main street and also a pleasant home. Mr. Patterson came from Freeport, Pa. After an extended acquaintance with Miss Laura Forker, they concluded the best thing they could do would be to climb life's rugged steeps together.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Hibbard, now live on Penn avenue, but have purchased a nice location on Kribbs street, where they expect to erect a handsome residence in the near future. Mr. Hibbard has his billiard parlor on State street.

Mr. H. R. Burgess, druggist, came to Edenburg in 1877. He did a fine business and was a favorite as a business man, but after being burned out twice thought he could do better. He went to the upper oil field, and now has returned and located on east side of Main street where he is having a lucrative trade.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Murray Bethune, have their grocery store on east side of Main street and do a fine business. Have their home on west side. Came from Forest Home where they had lived for several years. Their son John, a student in the Seminary at East Randolph, New York, with Misses Essie and Minnie compose the family group.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hotaling reside on west side of Main street, and his blacksmith shop is on the east side. Mr. Hotaling was a brave soldier. He rises early and retires late to coin money by the hammer and anvil. Their home is blest with Mr. George and Miss Emma,

both grown up, Masters Calvin, Paul, Sim and Winfield.

Mr. Robert Whitehill and wife, who have built a nice residence on east side of Main street, with his wagon shop adjoining, are nicely located with their daughter Miss Alice and two little sons. Death has entered this home several times and left a vacant seat.

Mr. Jacob Mong, who has control of a number of acres on the north-east corner of the Mendenhall farm, is pleasantly located on the side hill. Mr. & Mrs. Mong have quite a family. Miss Florence, a music teacher, Miss Jessie, a school teacher, Misses Carrie, Mary and Virgie, Mr. Harry in business in Pittsburg, and the youngest, Frankie.

Mr. J. Weible, a native German with his sons has been in A. J. Smith's employ for several years. They are a fine family. Andrew the third son is quite an invalid.

Mr. Craig, formerly of Forest Home, whose eldest daughter Alice was married to J. Kesner, deceased, and three sisters compose the family. Mrs. Craig died several years since.

H. R. Radebach, whose grocery and dry goods store is on the east side of Main street, where he does a good business, has built a nice new home within a year on west side of Main street, Mrs. Radebach and Master George being his only company, their daughters Ella and Carrie being married. Miss Carrie married Mr. Ora Smith, of Oil City, and Miss Ella married Mr. F. Smith, of Curwensville, Pa.

Mr. R. W. Buzza has a pleasant home on west side of Main street. Mr. and Mrs. Buzza are from England.



Mrs. Buzza was raised in the city of Liverpool, a very well accomplished lady and an expert pianist. They have a very interesting family, viz: Masters Albert and Alpha, twins, Willie and Duncan with Miss Amie. Death has plucked a sweet flower from this little group.

Mr. Wm. Buzza, of north Main street, with his estimable lady have had quite a large family, but are now left alone, their children having settled in life. These aged people are from England. Father Buzza, as he is called was the Sabbath school teacher of Rev. E. M. Kernick, in Cornwall, England.

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Loomis, on north Main street, came more recently. Mr. Loomis is the Superintendent of the Oil City Gas Company, has his office on central Main street. Mrs. Loomis is organist in the Presbyterian church choir, and a fine musician. With their niece, Miss Mattison, they have a very cheerful home.

Mr. D. Harley, foreman in the Clarion County Mill, has a neat residence on Penn avenue. Mrs. Harley is noted for her culture of flowers, always having the bay-window full of blooms. Miss Flora, Masters Harry and Freddie cheer their home.

Mrs. Dr. W. M. Clover, with her daughter Dadie, has a pleasant home on Railroad street. Mrs. Clover is a well educated lady, is very strong minded and spends much of her time caring for the sick.

Mr. Thomas Kilgour, with his cheerful wife and numerous family, have their home on Penn avenue. Mr. Kilgour has his shoe shop on central Main street. Is blest with many bright little children, but death entered and plucked one from the group.

"A mother's joy  
 A father's toy,  
 With shining eye,  
 Clear as the sky,  
 With pouting lips, and dimpled chin,  
 With separate charm each heart to win,  
 A guileless babe that knew no sin,  
 Who wears white shining robes."

Capt. M. McCanna, wife and little Gracie, reside on Railroad street. They have not been in the place long, but have made a very favorable impression since their arrival. The Captain was a valiant soldier in the late rebellion. Enlisted April 21st, 1861, in the three months service, was discharged August 24th. Re-enlisted the same day in 78th P. V. C., Col. Sirwell's regiment then recruiting at Camp Orr, Kittanning, Pa., and was elected 1st Lieutenant of Co. B.; was promoted to Captain December 27th, 1862, on the battle field at Stone River for defeating, with the assistance of another company, the crack regiment of the Confederacy, called the Rock City Guards. This was accomplished by two companies of the 78th regiment. Capt. McCanna was in 27 engagements and was discharged November 4th, 1864. On February 17th, received a commission from Gov. Curtin to recruit a full company and was appointed to the Captaincy of Co. K. 104 Reg't., in the army of Virginia and stationed at Petersburg. Was discharged at close of the war Sept. 4th, 1865.

Mr. F. Harley on Penn avenue was the builder of the Clarion County Mills. Since he sold it, has been engaged in the oil business with Mr. John Mehrten. Mr. Harley married Miss Mary Mehrten, daughter of Mr. J. Mehrten. He and his young wife have a neat home and are blest with a beautiful little daughter.

Mr. N. Neff has a pleasant home on Penn avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Neff have taken the joys and griefs incident to Edenburg, for a number of years. Miss Leanna is a very interesting young lady now in the gala day of life and Mr. Clark, their son, has chosen the wiser way to educate himself, consequently is a student at the State Normal in Clarion, Pa. Mr. Neff has his meat market on Main street.

Mrs. M. D. Hazelett, widow of the late Wm. Hazelett, who was a soldier, with her three little daughters, Myra, Cora and Nannie, reside on Penn avenue and have a cheerful home. Still there is an empty chair, the circle is incomplete, the father is not there. But while his wife and children miss him

"Sweetly he sleeps in his lonely bed,  
Peacefully resteth the weary head,  
Done with the care and labor of life,  
Done with the conflict and the strife,  
Pain and sorrow and sufferings o'er,  
He waits for his loved ones on the other shore,"

William W. Hazlett enlisted in Co. F. 105th Regiment Pa. Vol., September 17th, 1861, was promoted to corporal September 1st, 1864; promoted to sergeant December 17th, 1864; mustered out with company July 11th, 1865.

On Penn avenue lives Mr. Hugh Donovan, proprietor of the Edenburg Boiler Works. Mr. and Mrs. Donovan are natives of Ireland. Have been residents of the town for several years. Mr. Donovan clears much money in his business and has a very neat residence. Miss Lizzie, their eldest daughter now resides in Oil City and is a neat tailoress. Miss Katie is at home, also Hugh, jr., a very reliable young man.

Mrs. Ellen Sweet has her home on the avenue. Here too death has taken the father, Mr. Sweet, a good chris-

tian man, who had endured much pain from an injury, from which he suffered for several years. At last he was to go, and left a number of children. Robert, the eldest, a fine young man is a comfort to his mother, also Morely, a clever, industrious boy. Mrs. Sweet has much comfort with her small children. She is an amiable lady.

Mr. W. Smith and his excellent wife live next on the avenue. Very fine citizens. Their son are particularly noted for their talent in music. Mr. Freeman Smith is leader of the McMasters' brass band.

Mrs. Wenk also lives on the avenue with her little daughter Regina and son Charles. She is an industrious frugal woman, who has been left to meet life's trials alone. She conducts a laundry.

Mr. Benjamin Hardester has perhaps as fine a property as is on the street. Has large grounds around his house, and is surrounded by the most luxuriant shrubbery and flowers. He is certainly a successful horticulturist and florist. He seems to enjoy live very much all alone.

Mrs. Addison Burns has her home on the avenue, with her little family, lives quietly and independently. Has many friends.

Messrs. David and Harry Reiff have their home on the avenue. Their mother and sister preside over it with much care. The Reiff Bros. have been scorched several times. The fire of February, 1886, destroyed both their house and store, but they went dauntlessly forward and rebuilt, and have a neat home and a good business on corner of Main and Penn avenue.

Mrs. N. Foster, on North Main street. Her father, Mr. James Newell resides with her. He is aged 82

years, is able to do a good days work—strong and well. Mrs. Foster's health being impaired by rheumatism she is blest by having a faithful daughter and little son. Miss Myrtle is certainly a very trustworthy girl of only 14 years, kind and thoughtful beyond her years. Johnnie is a bright little boy.

Mr. Robert Hoge lives next to Mrs. Foster. An energetic worker, an employee on the United Pipe Line. He and his industrious wife have two little boys, Willie and Albert, who have more business capacity than many grown up persons.

Mr. John Murphy, who occupies the house on corner of straight and crooked Main street, is absent from home much of the time. Mrs. Murphy, Miss Ella, Emma and Cora, compose the family. Miss Ella is learning the tailoring trade with Mr. Marcus, and is bright, cheerful and lively.

Mr. D. W. Lewis came to Edenburg early. Married Miss Mary Honor, lives on South Main street and have a very nice little daughter. Mr. Lewis has had charge of J. L. Miller's grocery store on Main street for several years. Is also Notary Public.

Mr. Hale, the genial clerk in Kribbs' clothing store, is a very reliable gentleman, and something of a ladies' man.

Mr. W. I. Stewart, the gentlemanly proprietor of the dining hall on Main street, with his young wife and two interesting children compose a pleasant family. Mr. Stewart does a fine business.

Mr. J. McKissick on West State street, with his pleasant wife and numerous family. Death has marked

their home by taking from it two of its jewels, leaving three bright children to comfort them.

Mr. Boarts, a worthy man with his faithful wife have lived in their home on State street for several years. Their children are grown up.

Mrs. Wiant, a very aged lady, who lives with her daughter, Mrs. Thompson, is next to the oldest person in the place, being over 90 years old.

Mr. Jessie M. Smith and his intelligent wife and little son, have a pleasant home, but not without having the shadows fall upon them in the death of their little son Bertie. Bertie was a very bright boy, but disease of the heart, originating from rheumatic affection, made him its victim. He was a very patient sufferer, but death came and released him. The fond parents could say with the poet,

"Sorrowing hearts are ours to-night  
And painfully our pulses swell;  
There rests a shadow and a blight  
Where light and gladness used to dwell.  
While thinking of a lovely form  
That rests beneath the church yard mould;  
A brow with love's sweet sunshine warm  
In other days; now damp and cold."

Mr. A. B. Floyd next to Mr. Smith. Mr. Floyd purchased the J. D. Miller property, and has improved and beautified it until it is quite a pleasant home, where Mrs. Floyd presides with care. Frankie and Gracie are very interesting children. Mr. Floyd has his livery barn on central Main street.

Mr. John Morley next purchased the W. S. Brown property, which with some improvements makes them a cheerful home. Mrs. Morley and their son Walter enjoy it mostly by themselves. Mrs. Morley is a very amiable lady.

Mr. and Mrs. Lay, next on north side of State street, have a very attractive home. With their charming little son the time passes swiftly by in their leisure hours.

Mrs. Keho, who resides with her daughter, Mrs. J. C. Johnson, is one who came early to the town and is very much missed when absent.

Mr. J. H. Benn and family reside on south side of State street. The family is composed of Mr. and Mrs. Benn and their three daughters, Stella, Alma and Ula.

Mr. T. W. West and family of the *Clarion County National* were formerly Clarionites. Mr. and Mrs. West are very fine citizens with their little family group, Myrtle, Willie, Attie and Mabel are quite an acquisition to society.

Mr. J. C. West with his young wife and little son live on same side of State street.

N. N. Booth's fine carriage emporium is in the old Clarion House on north side of State street.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Jeffords next with little May and G. S. Mendenhall enjoy their pleasant home.

Mr. S. Gibbs, Boot and Shoe Emporium on east Main street, has built a nice residence on north side of State street. Mr. Gibbs cannot help but succeed with the help of Mrs. Gibbs' in the store. He has been burned out oftener than any other party in town, which has given him the title of irrepressible. Sylvia and Leroy are also great helps to him.

Miss Emma Benn, Mrs. T. J. Van Geisen and Mrs. H. T. Jolly have a fashionable dressmaking parlor on second floor of Kribbs' block.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Altman on east side of south Main

street, have a pleasant home, where, with their little son, they have much comfort.

Mr. and Mrs. McDowell, with their little daughter Mamie, have come in quite recently.

Mr. J. L. Shaner, wife and son Charlie have a pleasant home. Master Charlie, although a small boy, is quite a musician, and is a member of the McMaster's brass band.

Mr. and Mrs. Bumpus, who live in the Presbyterian parsonage, have quite a large family and are pleasantly located.

Mr. and Mrs. Blackburn live on the west side of south Main street.

Dr. A. Beatty resides on the same side of Main street, with his sister, Miss Jennie. They live in a quiet, courteous style, enjoy their friends and acquaintances very much indeed.

Mr. J. J. Dantman, on the east side of street, lives alone as neatly as if there were a lady's hand to arrange his domicile. Mr. Dantman cleanses gentlemen's clothes. He was a soldier in the late rebellion.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hubbard, two of our excellent citizens, live just off the street a short distance. For kindness of heart and good feeling they cannot be excelled. Their pleasant family is composed of two sons and three daughters. Ethel is quite a little missionary. Death has also entered this household to pluck from the parent stem the little tendrils.

But the pleasures which we are on earth denied,  
In heaven will be ours.

Near to them are Mr. and Mrs. McCoy, almost strangers but are pleasant citizens.



Mr. and Mrs. John Horton live near, and with their little adopted child enjoy life.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Price, the editors of the *Observer*, are next on the street. They have a very interesting little family. Mrs. Price is a first class compositor, which is a great assistance to Mr. Price. It is a great advantage to a husband to have a wife who can assist in his business.

Mr. R. Orr, of the Edenburg House, with Mrs. Orr and Miss Emma, are among the early residents, having had charge of the house much of the time for ten years. In two or three instances he has let it to other parties, but invariably returns.

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### THE SCHOOLS OF EDENBURG.

In the summer of 1876, there were but few children in Edenburg. All who were of school age attended the Shady City school. In the winter of that year, Mrs. Charles Brown of Millerstown, Pa., opened a select school in her own house on Straight Main street, which she conducted in a most efficient manner. In the summer of 1877, the School Board erected a commodious building containing four rooms for a union school. The school opened the following autumn, with Prof. T. A. Mays as principal, and the following teachers employed a part of the time, viz: Profs. Campbell, Gill and Miss Moffitt.

1878—Prof. A. C. Davis, principal; Mrs. Charles Brown and Miss Moffitt, teachers.

1879—Prof. A. C. Davis, principal ; Miss Margie Welker, now Mrs. Argo, and Miss Nellie Lyon, now Mrs. H. Amo, as teachers.

1880—Prof. J. G. Anderson, principal ; Miss Welker and Miss Ella Reed, teachers.

1881—Prof. J. G. Anderson, principal ; Miss Margie Welker and Miss Jennie McDowell, now of Bradford, Pa., teachers.

1882—Prof. L. C. Evans, principal ; Misses Ella Reed, Hannah Nickel and Lottie Speer, teachers.

1883—Prof. J. Core Trainer, principal, with Misses Floda McCombs and Margie Whitehill, teachers.

1884—Prof. William Gardner, principal, with Misses McComb and Whitehill.

1885—Profs. S. H. Clair and A. S. Foreman, principals, with Misses McComb, Whitehill and Mong teachers.

1886—Prof. J. M. Travis, principal, with Misses Estella Johnson, Aletta Rossman and Jessie Mong.

The school rooms are furnished with Globes, Maps and Aggy's new anatomical charts.

The lady teacher, who has spent most time in the schools here, was Miss Margie Welker, now Mrs. Argo, who is now in the intinerant work. The next, Miss Floda McComb, who is attending the State Normal at Clarion, Pa. Miss Ella Reed and Miss Margie Whitehill have both been in the school as very acceptable teachers. Most of the other ladies have taken homes of their own to care for. Miss Nellie Lyon now Mrs. Hugh Amo, resides on Penn avenue, has a pleasant hus-

band and little son, Angus. Miss Jennie McDowell whose home is in Bradford, Pa., has been an invalid much of the time since she left Edenburg.

Prof. J. M. Travis was a very successful teacher. His method of practical illustrations has been too little used in the county, but the instructors are awakening to a sense of its importance. We insert here an article from the *Clarion County National*.

#### EDUCATIONAL MEETING.

Friday evening, 8th inst., the M. E. church was well filled to hear the closing addresses of the pupils of No. 1, 2, 3 and 4. The interesting exercises were opened with prayer by Rev. J. H. Keeley. The day being the one appointed by the Conty Superintendent, to examine the class for graduating in No. 4 grade of public school, taught by Prof. J. M. Travis. Six pupils were in the class, viz: Misses Aliee Forker, Emma Hotaling, Maud Van Geisen, Stella Benn; Messrs. Harry Best and Ernest Hess. The Superintendent reported all the class as having passed a very creditable examination, and some having gone above the standard per cent. The examining committee consisted of Messrs. J. C. Hill, R. K. McCormick and Rev. H. F. Earseman. Some pleasing exercises by a number of the pupils from grades 1, 2 and 3, worthy of special mention was the "Welcome," spoken by Miss Lena Guiher, a pupil in No. 1. While all were creditable, some exercises were very fine. The valedictory by Miss Alice Forker was beautiful in thought and composition, and was read with an easy grace, which would have done credit to one older in years. The awarding of diplomas and remarks of Prof. C. F. McNutt, the Superintendent, were very interesting. The exercises throughout were interspersed with very fine vocal and instrumental music, rendered by Mr. J. J. Corlette and choir, with Miss Louie Best as organist. The duet, "Under the Moonlit Sky," sang by Misses Maud Van Geisen and Jennie Best, was charming. The school has done some very fine work during the past seven months. The Professor was exact, perhaps more so than many pupils enjoyed; but that is what makes expert scholars. We understand that two of the members of the graduating class came up from the B. grade during the term, and by close application passed some who were in the A. grade. "The race is not always to the swift, nor the battle to the strong," but victory intellectually must come by close application to study. He who seeks valuable gems must dig deep to find them. So he, who would win Intellectual laurels must go to the root, and understand the principles upon which, that which he seeks is founded. It is to be hoped that all the students may catch a new inspiration, and when they have another golden opportunity to gather gems, that they may not be satisfied with surface pebbles. The Professor and his assistants have labored faithfully to bring up the pupils under their care, and have seen a marked advancement in their progress as the result.

A LOVER OF EDUCATION.

## FRATERNITIES.

Edenburg has many of them. We propose to give them with the board of officers created at the organization and also the present officers.

EDENBURG LODGE, No. 550, F. AND A. M.

Instituted March 16, 1877.

Officers:—Frank Merrick, W. M.; Alfred Smedly, S. W.; Joseph B. Painter, J. W.; Robert Bryan, treasurer; Oliver P. Happer secretary.

Present Officers:—Benton A. Kribbs, W. M.; David A. Harley, S. W.; G. G. Shoemaker, J. W.; T. C. McMasters, treasurer; John J. Corlette, secretary.

EDEN CHAPTER, No. 259, R. A. M.

Instituted in 1878.

Officers:—Robert A. Fuller, M. E. H. P.; George Sheffield, King; H. S. Lockhart, Scribe; Joseph H. Wilbur treasurer; J. Wilson Greenland secretary.

Present Officers:—Rev. B. F. Delo, M. E. H. P.; T. C. McMasters, King; Benton A. Kribbs, Scribe; George Youkers, treasurer; H. S. Lockhart, secretary.

This order have many banquets and receptions. We here insert an account of one taken from the *National*:

Edenburg Lodge, No. 550, gave a grand reception at Masonic Hall on the evening of the 23d. The reception was in keeping with previous affairs of the kind given, being up to the standard in every particular. The reception was held in the grand hall of the Lodge in Kribbs' block. This hall is use by the Blue Lodge and Chapter. Richly carpeted and furnished, decorated with the various insignia of the Mystic Rites, the room presented a scene of splendor. The banquets, which, for elegance, vied with any previous effort of Edenburg caterers, was served at the Edenburg House. During the entire evening an orchestra, stationed in the hall, discoursed enchanting music. The affair was noted as the most delightful and select of the season, and in keeping with the high reputation the members have always so worthily sustained in making so very pleasant all their similar gatherings. Appended is a list of the participants: Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Hamm, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Marcus, Miss Jennie Hover, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. McMasters, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Dobson, Miss Nellie Cuffman, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Cuffman, Dr. G. G. Shoemaker and lady, Jessie Youkers, Mr. and Mrs. D. O. White, Mrs. M. F. Delo, Dr. A. S. Dobbs, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Kiser, Miss Louie Best, Mr. George Youkers, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Harley, Miss Lillie Williams, Mr. James Maguire, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Nicholson, Miss Jennie Walker, Mr. J. B. Painter, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Johnson, Miss Lena Beck, Mr. J. A. Jordan, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Black, Miss Sadie Mays, Mr. C. E. Berlin, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Snyder, Miss Jennie Gibson, Mr. J. J. Corlette and B. A. Kribbs.

## I. O. O. F., KNOX LODGE, NO. 954.

This order was organized and had first installation April 4th 1878.

Officers:—Noble Grand, L. F. Barger; Vice Grand, J. H. Haun; Secretary, J. C. Zuver; Assistant Secretary, E. S. Kinch; Treasurer, J. W. McElhatan.

Present Officers:—Noble Grand, S. L. Carpenter; Vice Grand, George Hime; Secretary, D. W. Lewis; Assistant Secretary, G. G. Dangler; Treasurer, Thomas Brown.

Mr. J. G. Mendenhall was a member of Clarion Lodge, No. 252, and was the oldest member in the county. When quite a young man he traveled through the southern states and became acquainted with the order, made application for admission and was accepted and initiated in the city of Natchez, Miss. He remained there three months to get all the degrees, which he did by dispensation, up to the encampment degrees.

## A. O. U. W. EDENBURG LODGE, NO. 115.

Organized August 16, 1877.

Officers:—P. M. W., R. L. Bowman; M. W., Hugh Amo; F., A. O. Benjamin; O., L. C. Serckengost; G., J. H. Thompson; Recorder, J. W. Kenniston; F., G. L. Underwood; R., B. F. Jarvis; I. W., R. E. Cage; O. W., George Goodyear. Trustees, S. W. Young, R. L. Bowman, J. K. Elliott. Medical examiner, Jefferson Litz. Representatives to Grand Lodge, R. L. Bowman.

Present Officers:—P. M. W., T. M. Berlin; M. W., O. E. Olson; Foreman, P. Kilgore; Overseer, H. Reiff; Guide, R. S. Brown; Recorder, J. M. Brothers; Financier, W. F. Myers; Receiver, W. F. Delp; I. W., J. I. Patterson; O. W., Thomas Brown; Trustees, J. H. Mehrten, J. I. Patterson, J. A. Travis; Medical examiner, W. F. Myers; Representative to Grand Lodge, Dr. W. F. Myers.

## CLARION LEGION, NO. 24, SELECT KNIGHTS A. O. U. W.

Organized December 18th, 1885.

Officers:—P. C., J. M. Brothers; Com., G. S. Hamm; V. C., J. R. Black; Ht. C., J. L. Shanar; Recorder, W. F. Myers; Rec. Treasurer, N. N. Booth; Treasurer, J. M. Bethune; Marshal, J. A. Travis; St. rd, W. H. H. Curtis; Sr. Workman, J. H. Mehrten; Junior Workman, C. H. Reiff; Grd of Leg, R. S. Brown; Trustees, E. Eichner, W. H. H. Curtis, J. H. Mehrten

Present Officers:—P. C., G. S. Hamm; Com., J. R. Black; V. C., J. L. Shanar; Ht. C., J. A. Travis; Rec., J. M. Brothers; Rec. Treasurer, N. N. Booth; Treasurer, J. H. Mehrten; Marshal, C. H. Reiff; St. rd Recor., R. Piper; Sr. Workman, Ellis Hall; Jr. Workman, J. I. Patterson; Grd of Leg., W. F. Myers; Trustees, W. H. H. Curtis, J. H. Mehrten, N. N. Booth.

This is a fine order, has been prompt in payment, and its death rate in this immediate vicinity has been greater than some other orders. On street parade on Decoration Day the Select Knights' excelled.

FRIENDSHIP LODGE, 1055, KNIGHTS OF HONOR.

Organized April 29, 1879, by D. G. and S. A. Hughs.

Charter Members:—F. M. Denniston, G. L. Underwood, John G. Tate, J. B. Potter, C. Byson, John B. Maitland, Willim Jahn, John Richardson, Wm. F. Hamilton, A. D. Sloan, E. L. Sackett, D. J. Wynkoop, Alex. S. Miller, J. H. Benn, F. J. Smith, E. W. Northrop, W. A. Johnson, J. A. Hillyer, L. S. Vorous, W. B. Allison, John D. Millikin, E. B. Davis, F. T. Whitehill, E. Aultman, H. Ruche, A. J. Smith, Jefferson D. Smith, Charles E. Shaw, C. A. Wheelock, Herman Stern, Jas. Bell, W. C. Davis.

FIRST OFFICERS ELECTED AT ORGANIZATION, APRIL 29, 1878.

A. D. Sloan, Post Dictator; F. T. Whitehill, Assistant Post Dictator; D. J. Wynkoop, Vice Dictator; F. T. Whitehill, Assistant Vice Dictator; J. B. Potter, Reporter; G. L. Underwood, Financial Reporter; A. S. Miller, Treasurer; F. J. Smith, Guide; J. D. Milliken, Chaplain; J. G. Tate, Guardian; W. A. J. Johnson, Sentinel. Trustees.—E. W. Northrop, E. B. Davis, J. B. Maitland.

OFFICERS ELECTED JANUARY 1, 1887.

W. H. Berlin, P. D.; John W. White, Dictator; A. M. Peters, Vice Dictator; S. L. Carpenter, Assistant Dictator; D. W. Lewis, Reporter; Allen McLean, Financial Reporter; M. H. Marcus, Treasurer; John Fagley, Guide; Andrew Wright, Chaplain; J. H. Benn, Guardian; W. F. Delp, Sentinel.

The entire number taken into this order since its organization, including charter members, 122.

THE KNIGHTS AND LADIES OF HONOR.

This order was organized February 9th, 1882, with a list of eighty-seven charter members.

Officers:—Allen McLean, Protector; Mrs. Emma L. Smith, Vice Protector; T. C. McMasters, Secretary; F. L. Bensinger, Financial Secretary; R. W. Smith, Treasurer; Mrs. J. W. Leadenham, Chaplain; A. J. Smith, Guide; F. T. Whitehill, Guardian; Daniel Brown, Sentinel; W. F. Myers and J. W. Leadenham, medical examiners. P. Spargo, O. G. Moore and J. T. Hillman, Trustees.

Present Officers:—J. R. Neely, Past Protector; N. N. Booth, Protector; Mrs. Ella G. Jeffords, Vice Protector; W. F. Myers, Secretary and Financial Secretary; Mrs. A. M. Spargo, Chaplain; R. K. McCormick, Guide; Mrs. M. H. Marcus, Guardian; S. X. McClellan, Sentinel; W. F. Myers, Medical Examiner. Allen McLean, M. H. Marcus, S. X. McClelland, Trustees. Present membership 58.

The Knights and Ladies of Honor, as an organization is the most social of any. They usually hold socials weekly or less frequently around at the homes of the members and thus maintain friendly intercourse.

EDENBURG UNION, NO. 409, E. A. U.

Organized January 31st, 1882, with a Charter membership of 77.

Officers:—Gus A. Clark, Chancellor; John Austin, Advocate; James Woodington, President; Mrs. Mary Lewis, Vice President; Mrs. M. M. Woodington, Auxilliary; F. G. Sackett, Secretary; W. F. Myers, Accountant; Benton A. Kribbs, Treasurer; Rev. W. L. Riley, Chaplain; J. G. Tate, Warden; Miss Annie Riley, Sentinel; E. S. Crumb, Watchman; W. Buzza, Conductor; Mrs. E. S. Crumb, Assistant Conductor; W. F. Myers, Medical examiner; Trustees, B. A. Kribbs, John Austin, J. M. Bethune, J. G. Tate, W. R. Buzza, J. T. Wilson.

Present Officers:—W. R. Buzza, Chancellor; G. A. Clark, Advocate; W. F. Delp, President; Mrs. J. Austin, Vice President; Mrs. Jno. Morley, Auxilliary; John Austin, Secretary; W. F. Myers, Accountant; A. Weckerly, Treasurer; Mrs. Susie Clark, Chaplain; W. J. Smith, Warden; Mrs. M. J. Bethune, Sentinel; Samuel Bruner, Watchman; Mrs. W. J. Smith, Conductor; W. F. Myers, Medical examiner; George A. Clark, Trustee. Present membership 85.

There has been two male members died, viz: E. L. Crumb, he retired well as usual to all appearance. He and Mrs. Crumb entertained company until 10 o'clock, and he seemed to enjoy the company so much. About 2 o'clock, A. M., Mrs. Crumb awoke and discovered something unusual about her husband. Before she could get assistance he had expired. The order paid Mrs. Crum \$1,450, who now resides at East Randolph, N. Y., and is an estimable woman.

We clip the following from the local paper on the death of Mr. Daniel Clark:

Mr. D. J. Clark, an old and highly respected citizen of Edenburg, died suddenly of neuralgia of the heart at his home on north Main street, Wednesday evening the 18th, 1885, at 5 o'clock. He had partaken of a hearty breakfast, and after doing the chores about the house, went to his shop to resume his daily toil at blacksmithing, when he was suddenly seized with a severe pain in his chest, causing him to fall to the ground. Medical aid was immediately summoned, but nothing that human skill could devise, proved of any avail, and at 5 o'clock death came to his relief. The deceased was aged about 65 years and leaves an aged wife and

grown up family consisting of one daughter and four sons. He was a member of E. A. U., of this place, in which order he carried a life insurance of \$2,000. Father Clark, as he was familiarly called, was a zealous, consistent member of the M. E. church, and for over forty years tried to live the life of a christian, and now that his life work is ended, he has gone to receive the christian's reward. His wife, son Charles and daughter Ida live in their home on Main street. The E. A. U., paid Mrs. Clark \$2,100. Mrs. J. M. Gifford, who had her life insurance policy in this order, after her death which occurred in Kansas a short time since, the E. A. U., paid her children, Glenn and Kittie \$1,250. The order has been very prompt in satisfying beneficiaries.

#### EDENBURG COUNCIL, NO. 28. ROYAL TEMPLARS OF TEMPERANCE.

This Council was organized February 1st, 1879, by Supreme Lecturer, B. S. Way, under a dispensation granted by the Supreme Council of the order with twenty-three charter members, viz :

C. B. Haven, James C. Ames, S. McLallin, F. George Smith, N. W. Brown, J. B. Rose, Thomas McCall, H. H. McClintock, W. C. B. Davis, W. A. Hartman, Samuel L. McGee, M. L. Rose, S. C. Skinner, W. F. Delp, H. S. Lynch, P. P. Pinney, D. P. Walker, Mrs. M. C. Brown, Mrs. H. H. McLallin, Mrs. M. P. Delp, Mrs. H. N. Davis, Mrs. H. M. McClintock, Mrs. Lida McCall.

Officers elected for the term ending June 30th, 1879 :—Select Councillor, S. McLallin; Vice, James E. Ames; Past, N. W. Brown; Chaplain, P. P. Pinney; Secretary, F. George Smith; Treasurer, Mrs. H. N. Davis; Herald, D. P. Walker; Guide, Mrs. M. P. Delp; Sentinel, W. C. B. Davis; Deputy Herald, Mrs. H. M. McClintock; Medical Examiner, Dr. S. McLallin; Treasurer elect, Mrs. H. N. Davis, resigned and Mrs. W. F. Delp was elected to fill the vacancy. After which they were installed by Supreme Lecturer, B. S. Way. The Council has had but one death of its beneficiary members since its organization. That of David H. Pratt, who was killed by a fall from a bridge, in Illinois, while he was engaged in repairing said bridge, June 1st, 1885, on which his beneficiary received the sum of two thousand dollars.

The officers for the present term ending June 30th, 1887, are as follows:—Select Councillor, W. F. Delp; Vice, Mrs. L. R. Lay; Chaplain, M. J. Ochs; Recording Secretary, F. T. Whitehill; Financial Secretary, W. F. Myers; Treasurer, James H. Benn; Herald, M. L. Rose; Dept. Herald, Mrs. M. P. Delp; Guide, Mrs. M. J. Bethune; Sentinel, B. B. Dunn; Representative to Grand Council, J. H. Benn; Medical examiner, Dr. W. F. Myers.

This is a very interesting order and the first temperance organization except the Good Templars, who had a very successful organization, which became decimated by removals, and the few remaining members have affiliated with the later temperance organizations.



Many of the first members of the Royal Templars of Temperance have gone west. Mr. and Mrs. W. C. B. Davis are now in Kansas. Rev. P. P. Pinney is in Union City, this State. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McCall have returned to Freeport, Pa. May the order continue as progressive in the future as in the past. The death rate has been very small, only one death in eight years.

#### EDENBURG TENT, NO. 28. K. O. T. M.

Was organized June 2d, 1886, with a charter list of 24 members.

Officers:—Past Commander, F. M. Denniston; Commander, Allen McLean; Sub. Com., John White; Sergeant, W. H. Berlin; Master at Arms, James Hillman; Prelate, A. B. Floyd; Record Keeper, D. E. Skinner; Finance Keeper, W. F. Myers; 1st Guard, W. S. Baltzer; 2nd Guard, W. W. Corlette; Sentinel, E. S. McElhattan; Picket, E. S. Austin; Medical Adviser, W. F. Myers.

Present Officers:—Past Commander, Allen McLean; Commander, Jno. White; Sub. Com., W. H. Berlin; Sergeant, James Hillman; Master at Arms, W. S. Baltzer. Prelate, A. B. Floyd; Record Keeper, W. I. Stewart; Finance Keeper, W. F. Myers; 1st Guard, E. S. Austin; 2nd Guard, W. L. Jeffords; Sentinel, D. R. Rose; Picket, F. M. Denniston; Medical Adviser, W. F. Myers. Present membership 28.

#### THE SONS OF TEMPERANCE.

This order was organized March 16th 1886, with a charter list of 77 members.

Officers:—Worthy Patriarch, J. D. Keely; Worthy Assistant, Mrs. P. F. Kribbs; Recording Scribe, R. K. McCormick; Assistant Scribe, Miss Lou Best; Financial Scribe, Allen McLean; Treasurer, P. F. Kribbs; Chaplain, Rev. J. H. Keelev; Conductor, M. E. Longanecker; Assistant Conductor, Miss Clara Bethune; Inside Sentinel, Miss Emma Hotaling; Outside Sentinel; Bentley Forker.

2d Quarter, June 29th, 1886:—Past Worthy Patriarch, J. D. Keelev; Worthy Patriarch, Allen McLean; Worthy Assistant, Mrs. F. Garrish; Recording Scribe, D. E. Skinner; Assistant Recording Scribe, Mary McCormick; F. Treasurer, Bentley Forker; Treasurer, P. F. Kribbs; Chaplain, Frank Gerrish; Conductor, Will W. Corlette; Assistant Conductor, Nellie Cuffman; Inside Sentinel, Ella Radebach; Outside Sentinel, Anson Beatty.

3d Quarter, September 28th, 1886:—Past Worthy Patriarch, J. D. Kelley; Worthy Patriarch, Allen McLean; Worthy Assistant, Miss Hattie K. Travis; Recording Scribe, H. D. Best; Assistant Scribe, Alice Forker; Financial Scribe, D. P. Kahle; Treasurer, P. F. Kribbs; Chaplain, Frank Gerrish; Conductor, Durand Rose; Assistant Conductor, May McLaughlin; Inside Sentinel, Sylvia Gibbs; Outside Sentinel, W. F. Delp.

4th Quarter:—Past W. P., Allen McLean; Worthy Patriarch, R. K. McCormick; W. A., Miss Ida Clark; Recording Scribe, H. D. Best; Asst. R. S., Sylvia Gibbs; Financial Scribe, D. A. Harley; Treasurer, Charles

Bowlin; Chaplain, Frank Gerrish; Conductor, Bentley Forker; Assistant, Cilia Clark; Inside Sent., Alice Forker; Outside Sent., Clark Neff.

5th Quarter:—Past W. P., Allen McLean; Worthy Patriarch, R. K. McCormick; W. A., Miss Daisy Byers; Recording Secretary, John Bethune; Assistant Secretary, Miss Stella Benn; Financial Scribe, H. D. Best; Treasurer, Charles H. Bowlin; Conductor, Elwood Byers; Ass't., Miss Emma Clark; Inside Sent., Miss Susie Kribbs; Outside Sent., Frank Gerrish; Chaplain, Rev. H. F. Earseman.

#### GEORGE H. COVODE POST G. A. R., 112.

Organized December 3, 1879.

Officers:—Commander, Maj. J. B. Maitland; Senior Vice Com., N. L. Moore; Junior Vice Com., W. H. McLaughlin; Adjutant, W. A. Selby; Surgeon, H. R. Radebach; Quartermaster, A. O. Benjamin; Chaplain, J. M. Temple; Officer of the Day, Martin Flick; Officer of the Guard, T. J. Fisher; Sergeant Major, S. C. Richard; Quartermaster Sergeant, A. L. Bunnell.

Present Officers:—Commander, John White; Senior Vice Com., G. L. Myers; Junior Vice Com., J. C. Weaver; Adjutant, J. R. Black; Sergeant, Jacob Wenner; Chaplain, M. E. Hess; Officer of the Day, T. H. Jolley; Officer of the Guard, Simon Delo; Sergeant Major, Jesse M. Smith; Quartermaster Sergeant, J. J. Dautman.

#### THE GEO. H. COVODE RELIEF CORPS, NO. 58, AUXILLIARY TO POST NO. 112, G. A. R.

This Corps was organized February 5th, 1886, by Mrs. Mary A. Wallace, of Bradford, State I. and I. O. of Pa.

President, Mrs. Jesse M. Smith; Senior Vice-President, Mrs. David Whitehill; Junior Vice-President, Mrs. Peter Spargo; Secretary, Miss Louie Best; Treasurer, Mrs. N. N. Booth; Chaplain, Miss Katie E. Betz; Conductor Mrs. F. E. Garrett; Assistant Conductor, Miss Mollie Criel; Guard, Mrs. D. M. Hazlett; Assistant Guard, Mrs. Lock Park.

Officers for 1887:—President, Mrs. Jesse M. Smith; Senior Vice President, Mrs. John Hotaling; Secretary, Mrs. D. M. Hazlett; Treasurer, Mrs. G. A. Clark; Chaplain, Mrs. David Whitehill; Conductor, Mrs. John White; Assistant Conductor, Mrs. Lock Park; Guard, Miss Lou Wenner; Assistant Guard, Mrs. Theo. Updegraff.

The G. A. R., and the Relief Corps are both very useful organizations and accomplish much good. The soldiers who have died at Edenburg were William Thompson, buried at Shipperville cemetery, Col. Alvord, who was buried at the McElhattan cemetery, Wm. Hazelett, buried at Greenville cemetery. There was no cemetery in Edenburg while the oil developments were so extensive, for two reasons: First, the citizens were

too much immersed in business to attend to that necessity. Second, there seemed to be no place sufficiently secluded from the oil man's tread. In the latter part of the year 1884 and beginning of 1885, the G. A. R. took the first steps toward securing a site for the cemetery. Peter Spargo especially was anxious to secure the ground for this "silent city," and he was the first person laid in it. An organization was formed allowing five directors of the G. A. R., and four of the citizens, making nine directors. The directors purchased seven acres of ground on the north-west corner of the Mendenhall farm for this purpose. On application of M. E. Hess, T. W. West, G. S. Hamm, P. F. Kribbs and T. H. Jolly, a charter was granted May 9th, 1885. The first board of managers, Jessie M. Smith, T. H. Jolly, M. E. Hess, S. Burguin, G. A. Clark, G. S. Hamm, N. N. Booth, T. W. West and P. F. Kribbs. The ground was dedicated May 30th, 1885 by the G. A. R., with J. Bell Neff as orator, assisted by Rev. J. H. Keely and Rev. Thomas Gray. The proceeds of the sale of lots to be applied on beautifying the grounds after the purchase money is paid. The present board of managers, N. N. Booth, J. M. Brothers, W. I. McDowell, P. F. Kribbs, Jesse M. Smith, M. E. Hess, John White, D. Whitehill, J. E. Hotaling. The cemetery, although of short duration is filling rapidly. It is becoming a beautiful spot, but where fond friends, after a visit to this secluded spot, leave with aching hearts. What could be more beautiful than a cenotaph or monument on this sacred spot.

W. C. T. U.

This organization was effected March 14, 1884, with the following officers.  
Mrs. B. B. Dunn, President; Mrs. A. B. Floyd and J. A. Palm, Vice

Presidents: Miss Hettie A. Keatly; Corresponding Secretary: Miss Floda McComb, Recording Secretary: Mrs. J. M. Bethune, Treasurer. The Presidents since then have been Mrs. Dr. W. M. Clover, Mrs. Mary Gray and the present one, Mrs. T. J. Van Geisen; Vice President, Mrs. P. F. Kribbs; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. F. T. Whitehill; Recording Secretary, Miss Jennie Beaty; Treasurer, Mrs. W. F. Delp.

The Union has purchased a lot and placed thereon a fine hall for public meetings.

#### Y. W. C. T. U.

The Y. W. C. T. U., have had an organization for about two years, which is in a very flourishing condition at present, with the following officers: President, Miss Myra McElhattan; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Jessie Mong; Recording Secretary, Miss Lizzie Culbertson; Treasurer, Miss Florence Mong.

Quite a large Band of Hope is conducted by the W. C. T. U., and the Y. W. C. T. U. These organizations have been very successful.

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### *THE LEGAL PROFESSION.*

First in the field was S. T. Gailey, a brilliant young attorney, who with his accomplished wife resided on north Main street. John Austin, Esq., and son David had a very lucrative business in preparing leases, and in leasing out oil leasing knots. Mr. Austin resided a long time on State street, but recently built him a fine home on Main street, and also has his office on Main street. Mr. Austin surrounded by his pleasant family and the wife of his youth can have much happiness in his declining years. The Selby Brothers were both lawyers of some note. Wm. Selby was burgess one year. They left in 1883 and are now enjoying pioneer life in the west. S. Crosby, Esq., a man of large brain and much business tact, had a good practice. He was a bachelor, but since leaving the oil field has

changed his relations in life and lives in the southern part of the State. W. W. Mason, Esq., has been spoken of in another place. Esq. Mason was highly esteemed as a citizen and a good lawyer. J. K. Wilson, Esq., was tall, fine looking and like his friend Crosby was meeting lifes phases all alone. He was burgess one year and lives now in Bradford, Pa. S. L. Herron with his amiable wife were great society people and had many friends. They built them a nice cottage home on west State street. Esq. Herron did a fine business but now resides in Du Bois, Pa. Mr. M. M. Meredith, law partner with S. Crosby, Esq., lived on Penn avenue, was a successful lawyer. His family composed of Misses Mary, Carrie, Master Frank and M. M., with Mrs. Meredith, enjoyed life. Miss Mary is married to Mr. E. K. Myers of Harrisburg, Pa., where they have all resided for three years past, Mr. Meredith having an appointment under Governor Patterson. O. P. Happer, whose sad fate is recorded in another place was also one of the pioneer attorneys. J. S. Johns, a very social pleasant gentleman formerly of Pittsburg, after spending two years in the oil country returned to Pittsburg, where he now resides. J. Zuver, formerly of Oil City, an aged man who was only in Edenburg occasionally with his son Joseph Zuver, who died suddenly three years since. W. Wirt Johnson, Esq., in addition to his legal work won some fame as a writer. W. P. Mercilliott, who resided on Penn avenue, after remaining in the place a very short time, died of typhoid fever. Quoted from the local paper :

W. P. Mercilliott, Esq., died of complicated diseases at his home on Penn avenue, this place, Saturday evening at 4 o'clock. Funeral services were held on Monday at 12 o'clock, Rev. J. H. Keeley, officiating, after

which the remains were conveyed on the 1.20 p. m. train to Marienville for interment. The deceased was aged about forty-two years and leaves a wife and family to mourn their loss.

T. J. Van Geisen, formerly of Tionesta, who came to this place recently with his pleasant family, composed of Mrs. Van Geisen, Miss Mand, Master Lee and little Dann, are among our interesting citizens.

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### THE MEDICAL PROFESSION.

Dr. E. W. Northrop as has already been stated was first in the field. His office was located on Main street. The names of other resident physicians are given in order.

G. W. REA, Physician and Surgeon, office over the post-office.

JEFFERSON LITZ, Physician and Surgeon, office over Herron & Austin's law office.

S. D. BOUTON, M. D., Physician and Surgeon, office over Hirsh Co's., clothing store on Main street.

F. P. LANGFIT, M. D., Physician and Surgeon, office over Berlin's store on Main street.

W. A. MAGILL, M. D., office in north wing of Wigwam, Main street.

J. F. JAMISON, M. D., office second floor of Bee-Hive.

DR. A. BOLEY, Homeopathic Physician, office on State street over Austin's law office.

WM. P. SHOEMAKER, M. D., office on Railroad street near depot.

J. T. HOYT, Homeopathic Physician, office in Wigwam on Main street.

W. C. POWELL, M. D., office on south Main street.

T. W. LEWIS, M. D., office on north side of State street.

J. W. LEADENHAM, M. D., office one door north of Clarion County Bank on Main street.

W. D. EDDY, M. D., office on west side of Main street.

Dr. Eddy was master of seven languages, a man very highly connected, came from the eastern states, became dissipated and died from the effect of his reckless life. Died suddenly and was taken home to his friends for interment. He was a gentleman in his manners, a well read physician, was fitted by birth and education to have been an ornament to society, but in spite of all

these advantages, he chose the inebriate's shame. Pity throws the pall of sorrow over his memory.

DR. G. G. SHOEMAKER, office west side of Main street, has an extensive practice. Has a very fine residence on Kribbs street in the borough addition, where he and his pleasant wife and little sons enjoy life.

DR. SWANN, office in Swann's drug store corner of Main and State streets.

DR. W. CLOVER, Allopathic Physician and Surgeon, office at H. R. Burgess' drug store. Dr. Clover has an extensive surgical practice. He practiced in Edenburg in 1857. That was about his first practice.

W. F. MYERS, M. D., office in H. J. Bethune's drug store on State street. Dr. Myers came in 1877, has remained ever since, and has a lucrative practice.

DR. ALBERT BEATY, office on south Main street. He is the latest arrival and has a good practice.

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### *PERSONAL SKETCHES, CONTINUED.*

On north Main street formerly lived Mr. John Walton, superintendent of Mr. Chamber's interest prior to Mr. Garrett's superintendency. Mr. and Mrs. Walton were very fine citizens. Miss Effie, their only daughter was a charming young lady. Mr. Waltons now reside in Ouray, Arizona.

Mr. B. F. Bonnel, brother-in-law to Mr. Chambers, also resided on the same bluff. Had a pleasant little family who were active in church work and were very interesting people. Recently, since they left here, Mrs. B's health has failed and she is a confirmed invalid. Mr. Bonnel and his sons, with Mabel and Annie, reside at their former home at Wesleyville, Erie county, Pa.

Mr. Rollin R. Richardson, was one of Edenburg's early young business men. After leaving here he went to Tucson, Arizona, and was engaged in the herding business. Rollin has always had an eye toward accumulating wealth. We remember his early development

of a business talent when we taught him at the age of ten years. May success attend all his efforts.

Mr. J. Weckerly and family reside on the bluff north of town. Mr. and Mrs. Weckerly are pleasant people, with Miss Carrie and some smaller children at home, enjoy life. James Weckerly, their son, a bright, active young man, after occupying different positions of trust here, has gone to Pittsburg to do business.

Mrs. Theo. Updegraff is a daughter of Mr. Weckerly. Mr. and Mrs. Updegraff have their home near the mill, as he is the miller.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Lincoln, with their pleasant little family, reside near the West Point Boiler Works, of which Mr. Lincoln is proprietor.

Mr. and Mrs. Oles have erected quite a nice home near the railroad. Mr. Oles is quite an aged man and last winter received a severe injury by a fall on the sidewalk.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Tomlinson, former residents, have a nice home on Penn avenue, having recently removed to Beaver, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. O'Harra occupy their home at present. Mr. and Mrs. Tomlinson's principal object in going to Beaver was to enjoy the facilities of Beaver College and Musical Institute for their children, Misses Leora and Jessie.

Mr. Byers also resides on Penn avenue, has a beautiful residence in the borough addition, which is not yet completed. Mrs. Byers is an invalid, Miss Daisy is quite a musician, Mr. Elwood, clerk in Mr. Marcus' store, Miss Nettie and some smaller children compose a happy family.

Mr. S. Whitmore, wife, daughter and son reside



on the same street. Mr. Whitmore is a very neat workman as a carpenter.

Mr. Anson Beatty on the same street is a very quiet citizen. Mrs. Beatty has been a confirmed invalid for several months. With Walter, Wilbur and Myrtle they are a very interesting family.

Mr. David Jones, with his amiable wife, Master Willie and the babe, compose a pleasant group.

Mr. and Mrs. Welch, on the Chambers lease, have a neat home. Mrs. Welch is proverbial for her culture of choice flowers.

Mr. G. A. Clark, whom we have mentioned previously, resides on same lease. On Christmas morning 1885, when Mrs. Clark had just placed the turkey in the stove to roast for dinner, they discovered fire up stairs, which originated no doubt from a defective flue, and before they could get their goods out of the chambers the fire had complete control, and they barely saved what was on the first floor. They have built a nice home on same site. Mr. and Mrs. Clark, Miss Emma and Cillie with Master Frank and little Margie are pleasantly located.

Mr. and Mrs. John Beatty have a neat home near the railroad, where, with their little daughters, Pearl and Dora, and their little son they enjoy much happiness.

Mr. and Mrs. Childs, formerly of Du Bois, reside on Penn avenue with Misses Beulah and Rosie, Masters Edwin and Johnny. Have a pleasant location.

Mr. William Kernick and wife who formerly had a music store, with groceries and confectionery, with their interesting family, Dannie, Willie, Lizzie and Celia, reside now in Avonia, Erie county, Pa.

Miss Mary Corbett, who purchased Mr. Kernick's property, has a grocery and confectionery store. Miss Corbett is a very lively, vivacious lady and does quite a lucrative business.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Gerrish occupy rooms in the same building, are very genial social people. Mr. G. is noted for his skill as a painter.

Mr. and Mrs. Datesman, a very pleasant family, now in Oil City, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Herpst, Mrs. Horner and sons, Mr. Hatch and family, J. Lowinthealls family, I. Isaacs family, Mr. and Mrs. Mayes, Mr. and Mrs. Shannon, Mr. and Mrs. A. Caldron, Mr. and Mrs. J. Phillips, pipe line and telegraph clerks, Messrs. G. W. Molts, S. Daily, D. Skimmer, Lyle Austin, Miss Brisbin, Messrs. Frank and Melvin Longanecker, druggists, J. R. Kuhns, P. J. Flynn, Benjamin Thomas, F. L. Bensinger, C. Millspaugh and many others have resided on Main street.

Mr. J. Rooney, who lives on State street has a numerous little family. Mr. Rooney has his grocery on Main street, where he does a fair business, and is the only grocer who makes a specialty of vegetables and fresh fish.

The European House is kept by Mrs. Showalter and son. Mrs. Showalter came from Elk City, where Mr. Showalter died suddenly.

Mrs. Livermore and her little daughter, Maud May, with her sister, have charge of their aged mother, Mrs. Jordan, who is quite infirm. It is a lovely sight to see children caring for their aged parents.

Mrs. David Higgins on State street also has the

care of her mother. She and her little daughter have a comfortable home.

Mrs. E. Grinder, with her two daughters, Ella and Mattie, have a comfortable home. Miss Ella was unfortunate in receiving an injury by falling on the ice while coasting. Mrs. Grinder is a fine, industrious lady.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Whitehill live on same street. Mr. Whitehill has his business on Main street. He was a soldier in the late rebellion. He and his brother are both remarkable for their altitude. Mrs. Whitehill for her ability as a vocalist.

Mr. William Baltzer on Ohio street is in the second hand supply trade. With his wife and little babe form an interesting group.

Mr. David Clover and interesting family reside next on the street. David and his wife, *nee* Miss L. B. Rulofson are from Strattanville. With May, Ralph, Dora, Myrtie and Rulof R., Jr., have much pleasure, only that David's health is not as good as usual. He is in the livery business.

Mr. T. Harvey Jolley purchased the "Barger" House, after being burned out of his home on Columbia Farm. Mr. Jolley was sick when Mrs. Jolley discovered the house to be on fire and being some distance from any others, the flames could not be arrested. The first parties who reached the scene were obliged to carry Mr. Jolley out to some secure place. Mr. Jerry Dunn and his young wife were living in one part of the house, but not being at home at the time, like Mr. Jolley, lost many valuable articles. Mr. and Mrs. Jolley with Masters Coady and Lawrence, Jettie and Luella, are very fine citizens.

Mr. Emmett Murphy, and lady, with their three interesting little children, Alice, John and Luella, have a pleasant home. Mr. Murphy is superintendent of the interests of the Kittanning iron ore mine at Elk City.

Mr. Frank Cook and family reside on the same street, and although Mr. Cook has never taken orders, resides in the Catholic parsonage. Mr. Cook is a plasterer by trade and is a first-class workman.

Off State street, a little south, formerly lived Mr. and Mrs. Burton Turney, and Misses Anna, Blanche and Bertie, a family highly appreciated. Mrs. Turney was a very useful member of society and a great worker in the church, while she resided here. Now they have a little John Lamont added. Mr. Turney was a soldier, enlisted with Judge Knox's company, served his term and received an honorable discharge. They have now removed to Rimerton on the Allegheny river.

In the same house which they occupied lives Mrs. Gills. Her husband is engaged in the oil business in the Lima, Ohio, oil field. They have a very cheerful family, especially Miss Pearl.

On South end of Petrolia street live Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Wenner, quite aged. Mrs. Wenner is very feeble in health. Mr. Wenner was a soldier and is now an active member of the G. A. R.

Mr. Lowry Jacobs has a large family of interesting children, but Mrs. Jacobs has been suffering for several months with a severe attack of rheumatism.

Mr. George Jacobs and his pleasant lady live next. Mr. Jacobs is collector of taxes and consequently is not always a welcome guest, but is a very clever man.

Wm. Baltzer, Sr., with his estimable wife live next

on the street. They are both proverbial for their kindness of heart. Mr. Baltzer has been in the grocery business for several years and has a fine trade.

J. D. Cuffman, a gauger, with his amiable wife have a pleasant home cheered by an interesting family, Miss Nellie, Ernest and several smaller children. Mr. C. is a good citizen.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Park have a pleasant home, spiced by the company of their interesting little son Eugene. Mr. Park has his meat market on Main street.

Mack Turney and his pleasant wife and children reside on this street. Mr. Turney is engaged with the Oil City gas and fuel company and is a prompt workman.

John Shaffer and his wife reside on this street with their three interesting children. Cora the eldest living. Death entered this household one season and took from them all of their lovely little pets. Two were taken near together. In the spring of 1878, diphtheria became an epidemic. Many households were in mourning. The Sabbath schools were decimated. In the M. E. Sunday school nearly one whole class of which the writer was teacher. We here quote from our Scrap Book :

#### RESOLUTIONS ON THE DEATH OF SABBATH SCHOOL CHILDREN.

At a special meeting of the M. E. Sabbath School, which met June 30, it was unanimously resolved that on the following Sabbath, July 7th, 1878, there should be special services in memory of those pupils who had died during the last quarter, viz : Christiana Goodyear, Willie Amo, Otie Amo, Blanch Northrop, Arthur L. Bunnell, May Bell Northrop, May Boyd.

The committee on resolutions submitted the following :

WHEREAS, In the Providence of God several of the pupils of our Sabbath school have been removed by death during the past quarter, we deem it proper in view of these sad events, that we should accept these as calls to us to be ready, and to become more active workers in our Master's vin-

yard while the day lasteth, for the night cometh when no man can work.

We would also submit the following resolutions :

RESOLVED, 1st. That the Secretary of this school be requested to make an appropriate minute of the death of each in the records of the same. Their names, ages, date of death, and such other facts as he may secure.

RESOLVED, 2d. That while we mourn the loss of these very dear children from our numbers, we do also rejoice in the light which we receive from that glorious Gospel, which points us to a home above and tells us of that Savior who said "Suffer little children to come unto me, for of such is the kingdom of heaven," and that we will the more earnestly strive, as officers and teachers to bring all the children under the influence of this gospel, so that they, too, may become lovers of Christ.

RESOLVED, 3d. That we tender to the families and homes thus bereft our sincere sympathy in this hour of their deep sadness and sorrow. Trusting that God in His mercy may sustain them, turning by His grace even this affliction into a blessing and thus bringing joy out of sorrow and life out of death.

RESOLVED, 4th. That we have these resolutions published in the Edenburg Daily Herald, and that a copy be presented to the parents of each family thus bereft.

C. L. CRUMB,	} Committee.
HETTIE A. KEATLEV,	
P. P. PINNEY.	

After the resolutions appropriate pieces were sung by the school. Prayer and remarks by the Superintendent.

On Petrolia street live Mr. and Mrs. Wise, late arrivals, with a large family of children. On South Main street lives Mrs. James Ghuier, an industrious, active woman, with a very interesting family of children. Lena, a small girl, is quite an elocutionist. Mr. and Mrs. Magee also live near. Mr. Magee has been quite an invalid for some time. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas on Petrolia street have a large family. Mr. Thomas is an industrious man. The M. E. parsonage, where resides Rev. J. H. Keeley and his interesting wife and family. His boys, Eddie, and Leroy, enjoy life, having space enough to do just as they please. Mrs. Hart and her two daughters and son live near. Mr. and Mrs. Rose, with their sons Bayard and Archie reside in that part of the town on Mendenhall street. Mr. Rose

is engaged with Mr. Neff in the meat market. Mr. and Mrs. Culp, Mr. and Mrs. William Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes and Mr. and Mrs. Hendren and their two children, on Best street are all pleasant citizens.

Mr and Mrs. Hantz live on the extension of Penn avenue. Mr. Hantz is engaged with Mr. Weaver in the furniture business on Main street. Esq. J. L. Forker lives on the same street. Mr. and Mrs. Weaver and their two sons live on the extension of Penn avenue have a pleasant home. E. W. Crabbe and amiable wife reside on corner of Penn avenue and Kribbs street, just opposite to Mr. G. S. Hamm's. T. J. Easley and little son Frank reside on Best street; also Mr. and Mrs. Rowe. Mrs. Rowe has been an invalid for some time. Mrs. Wenner and two daughters, Lou and Ollie, with her son, occasionally at home, have a pleasant home. W. B. Delo, postmaster, on same street has a very neat home and a number of interesting children. Mrs. Porter lives on a cross street. Mrs. Porter lost her husband by death a year ago. He had been an invalid for a long time. Durand Rose and his young bride reside on Main street. Mr. and Mrs. Soles and interesting family occupy the house vacated by Mr. and Mrs. S. Bruner, who have recently removed to Pitch Pine. Mr. Bruner's have been here a long time and were very much respected. Mamie and Mattie were lovely children.

The Boyce House, on Railroad street, is almost vacated. Mr. Moran first kept it. Then Moran & Boyce. Soon Mr. Boyce married Miss Celia Moran and took the house. They conducted it successfully for some time and sold to Mr. Farquhar, who conducted the house until a fire occurred. Mrs. F. started the gas in the

morning to get an early breakfast for some guests, and after starting the fire went to attend to her toilet. On her return she found the kitchen all ablaze. Much damage was done to the house before the firemen arrived, but when they came they arrested it at once. Mr. and Mrs. Farquhar went to Butler, where they have some oil wells and have not yet returned. Mr. and Mrs. Boyce, being natives of Ireland, after they closed out their hotel here, made a visit to the home of their youth, and on their return located in Clarion, and keep the Coulter House.

J. Wilson Greenland, one of Edenburg's early young men, three years ago married Miss Minnie, Hon. T. S. Wilson's eldest daughter. He was Assistant Secretary of Internal Affairs under Governor Pattison, and resided in Harrisburg since his marriage until now he is in Clarion. Wilson's office at one time was headquarters for the boys of that period, viz: Robt. Fuller, Frank G. Keatley, S. H. Lowry and many others. Mr. Hale, the accomplished clerk in P. F. Kribbs' clothing store is a very pleasant gentleman and has great attractions for the ladies. Edwin Austin, saddler and harness maker is quite a ladies' man, and is an expert equestrian. James Reinsel has purchased the S. Bruner property and is running the blacksmith shop very successfully. Ambrose Boyer has been in Edenburg nearly all his life. He is foreman in A. B. Floyd's employ. Ambrose is quite a favorite with all. On south side of west State street reside Mr. and Mrs. Harpster, Mrs. J. Preston and little family. Mr. Preston is in the upper oil field. On same street Mr. and Mrs. Sulinger, Miss Minnie and some smaller children. About one year



ago a very sad circumstance occurred. While Mrs. Sulinger was gone to a neighbor's house for a pail of water, the children were playing in the yard. They had a can of crude oil and some fire near. A very small child had gotten near the oil and had it on his clothing, and in coming in contact with the fire his clothes were all ablaze in an instant, and before Mrs. Sulinger could get to him his clothes were burned off him, and his body so burned that he died in a very short time. On Railroad street lived formerly Charles Walther, a photographer. He had a gallery for several years and was successful, a very nice man and Mrs. Walther, Katie and two other children were all happy. Disease came, pulmonary consumption made its appearance and in a short time a constitution naturally frail yielded to the disease, and he had to leave the little ones who leaned upon him for support. His remains were taken to Franklin for interment.

#### RESOLUTIONS OF CONDOLENCE.

At a regular meeting of Edenburg Lodge, No. 115, A. O. U. W., held July 10th, 1884, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Supreme Ruler of the universe to remove from our midst, our late Brother, Charles B. Walther, and

WHEREAS, The intimate relations long held by our deceased brother with the members of this lodge render it proper that we should place on record our appreciation of him as a brother workman and his merits as a man. Therefore be it

RESOLVED, By Edenburg Lodge, No. 115, that while we bow with humble submission to the will of the Most High, we do not the less mourn for our brother who has been called from his labor to rest.

RESOLVED, That in the death of Charles B. Walther, this lodge loses a brother who was always active and zealous in work as a workman, ever ready to succor the needy and distressed of the fraternity, prompt to advance the interests of the order, devoted to its welfare and prosperity, one who was wise in council and fearless in action, an honest and an upright man whose virtues endeared him, not only to his brethren of the order, but to all his fellow citizens.

RESOLVED, That this Lodge tender its heartfelt sympathy to the family and relatives of our deceased brother in this their sad affliction.

RESOLVED, That our charter and ledge room be draped in mourning for the space of thirty days.

RESOLVED, That these resolutions be entered upon the records of this lodge and inserted in the county papers, and a copy sent to the family of our deceased brother.

C. A. WHEELOCK, )  
W. F. DELP, ) Committee.  
J. A. TRAVIS, )

In May 1879, Mr. Lovejoy, an aged man, who with his lovely companion lived on South Main street, died very suddenly and unexpectedly. Mr. Lovejoy's funeral was very large, being buried by the Mason's and I. O. O. F's. He was one of the parties who had lost by the Edenburg Bank failure. Nelson, their adopted son went West. Mrs. Lovejoy lives in Titusville and frequently visits Edenburg.

In the winter and spring of 1878, the shadows fell upon our household. Our aged mother was a great sufferer for several months. I take the account of her death from the Pittsburg *Christian Advocate*.

Mrs. Annie Keatley, widow of James Keatley, deceased, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. G. Mendenhall, March 18, 1878. Mother Keatley's maiden name was Borland. She was born in Centre county, Pa., April 12, 1793. Her parents were Archibald and Annie Borland. She was left a widow when her youngest child was but seven days old. She raised her family respectably, instilled in their minds christian principles. She had four children, Andrew H., her only son, died October 10th, 1843. Mary, now Mrs. M. T. Travis, died December 16th, 1872. During her sickness she had the cheerful care of her remaining children, viz: Mrs. J. G. Mendenhall and Miss Hettie A. Keatley, with her son-in-law, Mr. M. T. Travis. Also, her three living grand-children, James M., Araminta and Hattie K. Travis. She had one great-grand-child, Frankie G. Travis. Mother Keatley united with the M. E. church when in her nineteenth year. Was a steadfast christian, always trying to live as she professed. She enjoyed the ministration of Rev. P. P. Pinney and many other ministers and christian friends during her last days on earth. She died as she lived with her hopes centered upon Christ as the foundation of her faith. Her remains were laid to rest in the the Strattanville cemetery, beside her children. Rev. Thomas Benn preach her funeral sermon by her request. The house was crowded by her former friends and neighbors. Several ministers were present.

HER PASTOR, M. MILLER.

Several young ladies, have been in the family at

different times. Miss Annie Barnwell, now Mrs. Emory, of Shippenville. Miss Ella Honor, now Mrs. Gray, Clarendon, Pa., and Miss Fannie Young, of Nottingham, England, an unusually brilliant young lady. Miss Madeline Burwell, since she left us has attended school at Salem, Ohio, and has been teaching near there. She is more than ordinarily gifted intellectually. Miss Sadie Shingledecker is a young lady who has resided with other parties for several years and has many friends. The Misses Mapleston, three sisters who have grown up in the place, have shown themselves more than ordinarily intelligent and ambitious.

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#### *EDENBURG LADIES AS ARTISTS.*

We think Edenburg can boast as many artistic ladies as any other town of its size, Titusville and Warren not excepted.

Mrs. B. B. Dunn, a natural artist, excels all others in fancy work. Twenty years ago she filled orders for some Parisian gentlemen, who took them to compare with home work in Paris. Since then she has greatly improved. Her reputation is becoming extensive, having filled orders for parties as far west as Colorado and California, and east to Philadelphia and very many other large places, both east and west. She has exhibited some of the finest work in worsted, tissue, silk and wax flowers. The work has that exquisite finish which makes it vie with nature. She has a new method of preparing wax for her work which excels any other. This was her own invention. At present she is planning her ideal of many years. Several times she has had it

almost complete in her mind, but something still seemed to be wanting, until in her anxiety to arrange it, her sleeping hours were troubled and she had a dream, in which the missing part appeared.

Mrs. L. C. Neeley, Kensington embroidery, drasene work, tissue, ribbon work and Kensington painting.

Mrs. H. Hibbard, ribbon, Kensington, aracene and chenille work, silk, paper and feather flowers, wax flowers and fruit modeling.

Mrs. F. M. Denniston, fancy work and Kensington painting.

#### ARTISTS IN OIL PAINTING, CHINA AND PLAQUE.

Mrs. A. J. Smith, Mrs. D. O. White, Mrs. F. M. Denniston, Mrs. E. G. Crawford, Mrs. J. I. Patterson, Mrs. P. Spargo, Miss Lillie Williams and Mrs. G. M. Cushing, who has just completed some very fine work.

Landscape painting, water colors, crayon and pencil drawing, Miss Hettie A. Keatley.

#### KENSINGTON PAINTING.

Miss Mary E. Carroll, Miss Nellie Cuffman, Miss Mellie Marcus, Mrs. G. S. Hamm, Mrs. W. L. Jeffords, Mrs. L. C. Neeley, Miss Rhettie Bethune, Miss Emma Orr.

#### PICTURE PAINTING.

Mrs. J. L. Jeffords.

#### LADIES WHO ARE EXPERTS ON PIANO AND ORGAN.

Some who have been here we will mention first. Miss Rose Pinney, now Mrs. John Brown, of Titusville, was a fine instrumental performer and had the finest vocal power of any one who has been in the place. Miss

Maggie Mackey, now Mrs. Joseph Flynn, of Emlenton, was a fine organist. Miss Emma Keho, now Mrs. John C. Johnson was a fine vocalist as well as pianist. Miss Lou. Wilson, now Mrs. Rev. Martin, of St. Cloud, Minn. Miss Lou. Best, now a good organist. Mrs. H. P. Loomis is considered the finest performer now. Also a good vocalist. Miss Florence Mong is very fine. Miss Emma Clark, Miss Daisy Byers, and many others play, but not in public.

#### EDENBURG ORGANIZED A C. L. S. C. CIRCLE IN 1879.

Rev. P.P. Pinney, Conductor. A large class was organized with the following members :

Mrs. P. P. Pinney, Mr. M. E. Hess, Miss Belle Hess, F. G. Sackett, J. Langworthy, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Underwood, J. J. Corlette, Miss Hattie Hatch, now Mrs. J. R. Bowman, Miss Hettie A. Keatley. At reorganization Rev. W. Mayes Martin was elected conductor, and new members came into the class. W. I. McDowell, Miss Margie Welker, Mr. Campbell and wife, J. T. Wilson and Miss Lou., Misses Ella and Lizzie Culbertson, Miss Ella Reed, John Bethune, Mr. and Mrs. John C. Irvin, Benton and William Kribbs, Miss Florence Kribbs. All read, but many moved away and some were hindered in other respects. When the pioneer class graduated, there were three of the number had finished the course for the class of 1882, viz : Mrs. P. P. Pinney, Mrs. Jennie Boyer, Miss Hettie A. Keatley. Mr. John Bethune graduated in 1884.

The C. L. S. C., is a fine course of reading for any one, and especially the young to train their minds to think, reason and compare.

*THE OPERA HOUSE.*

The first one in the place was built early and hurriedly, consequently never finished. It held from eight to ten hundred. Some of the noted speakers of the nation have spoken in that old building. J. M. Place brought on the "Boston Lyceum Course" one season, but it did not prove a paying investment for him. The great prodigy Blind Tom held a packed house. The old Opera House has been razed and a new one, more substantial but smaller in compass, has been erected by Robert Orr, called the La Pointe Opera House. It is well finished and much patronized by the citizens for public entertainments and by traveling troupes.

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*REUNION.*

From the National.

The greatest social event that has ever struck our town came off on the 4th inst., viz: The reunion of the pupils of the different schools taught by Miss Hettie A. Keatley. It proved to be the largest social gathering that we have had the privilege of enjoying. Miss Keatley has had perhaps the largest experience of any teacher now residing in the county, having spent twenty years (of ten months in the year) of solid teaching. Of these years she commenced and ended in Strattanville, where she was brought up, having in all, taught in that village twelve years. The other schools in which she taught were Burn's school house, Hindman's school house, Jefferson county; Rimersburg, Shippenville, Curllsville and in the Grammar department of Cottage Hill graded school, Oil City. Having performed her part conscientiously, she now has the satisfaction of seeing those whom she instructed, the active men and women of to-day, many of them occupying positions of honor and trust. Among them are ministers, doctors, lawyers and statesmen, and the wives of many of these; others occupying positions of trust in treasury and postal departments at our National Capitol, while others are settling our western territories, who are enrolled upon her register as boys and girls. About twelve hundred different pupils have been enrolled upon her books, of these, she knows of at least one hundred who have passed from earthly cares. It would seem that her instructions has not affected the head alone, but also the heart, for after Miss Keatley has been out of the active service as teacher several years, having abandoned that employment for the purpose of taking care of her aged mother, these pupils feel a desire to invite all within reach to

meet their teacher as a school once more and have her preside over them as of yore. Mr. H. L. Young, of Strattanville, and others took the matter in hand and soon an organization was formed. Edenburg felt honored when she heard of their coming and her citizens rose up to meet and take care of them. Therefore the leading citizens met, organized and appointed their committees. In fact they opened wide their hearts and put forth their best efforts to welcome them. The very air was perfumed with the odor of hemlock, and the bunting waved by every gale. On the morning of June 4th, which was also Miss Keatley's birthday, every breeze that wafted over our streets was laden with pupils. Buggies, carriages and trains, all came laden with pupils, some quite young in years, others more advanced, until the little Oil City of Edenburg was full of pupils. Brookville, Strattanville, Clarion, Shippenville, Franklin, Oil City, Pittsburgh and many of the rural districts were represented, as well as the resident pupils of Edenburg.

The spacious dining hall of Mrs. Mendenhall's, as well as the lawn adjoining, was covered with tables, laden with the choicest viands. The forepart of the day was spent in greeting and handshaking, renewing old acquaintances and partaking of the good things to regale the appetite. Many of us congratulated Miss Keatley on bearing the cares and toils of these many years of school life so well, as she looks as blooming and young as many of her pupils. In the afternoon all assembled in the M. E. church. House called to order by President, Mrs. C. A. Rankin; on motion of Mr. H. L. Young, Miss Keatley was requested to preside. Music by choir; address of welcome, by Mr. E. W. Crabbe; response, by Rev. Thomas Johnson, of Rock Island, Ill., and a former pupil of Miss Keatley's. Calling of the roll by Miss Keatley. This was a very interesting exercise; also, reading of letters, and telegrams of respect by Secretary, Mrs. B. H. Frampton. These letters, many of which were very interesting, and all evinced a strong attachment for their teacher. President again in chair. Rev. J. S. Elder, in behalf of Presentation Committee in very appropriate language presented Miss Keatley with a beautiful adjustable chair, worth \$75, the gift of her pupils. In behalf of the citizens of Edenburg, Mr. E. W. Crabbe presented her with a purse, containing a handsome sum as a token of their appreciation of her worth. To all which Miss Keatley responded in a very feeling and hearty manner. Speaking words of praise and good cheer to her former pupils, and thankfulness to her neighbors and friends. At her home she received from her niece, Mrs. J. A. Travis, of Edenburg, a beautiful silk organ spread, a China cup and saucer from another lady friend, and a beautiful cushion from a cousin in Pittsburg. The exercises at the church were concluded by music by the choir, and a short address and benediction by Rev. J. Bell Neff, of Shippenville. After tea all repaired to their homes, voting it the most pleasant day they had ever spent. With regard to Miss Keatley, she commenced her duties as teacher before she was fifteen years old. After having passed the curriculum of the public school she received her higher education at Poland, Ohio, and at Beaver Female College. At the latter institution she graduated, and in a class of seven had the first honor. She also graduated in the Chatauqua C. L. S. C. class 1882.

From Local Paper.

FIFTH ANNIVERSARY—WOODEN WEDDING OF DR. O. G. MOORE.

This anniversary was celebrated at their residence on Penn avenue, Monday evening, January 1, 1883. The occasion was one of special interest and the attendance was unusually large. About seventy invited guests were present, besides several ladies and gentlemen from abroad. Dr. and Mrs. Moore were attired in appropriate costumes and as each couple or individual, were ushered into the parlor they were politely introduced to the bride and groom by Mrs. E. W. Crabbe. After several hours had been very pleasantly passed in social conversation and amusements of various kinds, refreshments were served in ample order to which all did justice. The epicurian propensity of all having been fully satisfied, the company were entertained with some excellent vocal and instrumental music by Messrs. J. C. and J. Core Trainer, assisted by their sister, Miss Jennie Trainer, and after the rendition of a choice selection by Mrs. J. W. O'Day, on the organ, all returned to their homes feeling highly pleased with the evening's entertainment. The numerous presents received by the Dr. and Mrs. Moore were not only ornamental, but also useful, as a better selection could not have been made.

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WEDDING BELLS.

On Saturday evening December 30th, 1882, being the fifth anniversary of the marriage of George C. Steele and Miss Ellie G. Mendenhall, a number of their friends surprised them by assembling at their home on that evening to offer greetings, and present to them tokens of friendship in a great variety of articles of wooden ware of all styles, from the butter print to handsome picture frames. After a sumptuous repast, which was set by the guests, and much pleasant conversation all repaired to their homes wishing Mr. and Mrs. Steele many more returns of their marriage anniversary.

On October 23d, 1884, a large concourse of the citizens assembled at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. West, by invitation, to celebrate the occasion of their twenty-fifth anniversary. It was an occasion long to be remembered by all present. The evening was spent in pleasant conversation, recitations and music. Mr. and



Mrs. West were the great attraction, both looking as smiling and cheerful as when they first passed the ordeal, but with Mr. West, editorial life has silvered his hair, which was the only evidence visible that twenty-five years had come and gone, unless we take in the fact that he was grand-father. The entertainment on the part of the host and hostess was faultless. The presents in silver ware were magnanimous. They received all the silverware that they will need during their lives, many sending presents who could not be there. It is to be hoped that when the years of married life has doubled they may still enjoy life as now.

One of the pleasing incidents among the little people in years gone by, was a lovely entertainment in the M. E. church by Mrs. Charles Brown and Miss Rose Pinney, at which time some tincy little ones were trained to perform difficult parts. Among the number were, Mabel and Annie Bonnel, May Stemple, Jessie and Carrie Rutherford, Mary Pinney and Kittie Plaisted. Master Frankie Travis and Annie Bonnel represented the characters of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Thumb. He was four years old and she three-and-a-half.

At a social meeting of some of the members of the Presbyterian Sabbath School, the following resolutions were passed by Mr. W. I. McDowell's class in respect for Miss Georgia Burke, who had been a member of that class, and who has recently removed to Richmond, Dakota.

WHEREAS, Our friend and class-mate, Miss Georgia Burke has removed to her new home in Dakota, and whereas in all probability we never shall meet again as a Sunday school class, we, her friends and classmates, desiring to express our regret at her departure, and our wishes for her future life, have adopted the following resolutions :

RESOLVED, That we express our sorrow that duty has called Miss

Georgia from among us. While she was a member she was always ready and willing to do her duty, and by her kindness and gentle disposition, has won the affection of both teacher and class mates.

RESOLVED, Therefore that we pledge anew our friendship for her, and for each other, and although we may be separated, and though our heads may grow gray, our hearts shall ever be young in the memory of the loved friends of our Sunday school days.

RESOLVED, That a copy of these resolutions be given Miss Burke, and that they be published in the Clarion County National.

COMMITTEE.

The children of to-day will be the men and women in a very few years. We think it wise to encourage them by remembering their work, and labor of love in any good cause.

One more such event and then we shall leave them. On the 26th of March, 1883, the primary class in the Sunday school, under the care of their teacher, (the writer) held a costume party in the Clarion House, which was a very interesting affair, called the "Martha Washington Tea Party." It would be impossible at this distant date to describe it fully. Master Harry Harley represented the Father of his country, beautifully. Miss Florence Smith represented Martha Washington, and, although but seven years old, she performed her part admirably. Master Willie Wilson and Miss Minnie Ochs represented Col. Nutt and wife. Master Joie Kilgore, a Highland Chief, Master Dannie Kernick, (who was born in England) Johnny Bull; Master Joie Brothers, the Indian Chief; Master Alpha Buzza, William Penn; and there was the Flower Girl, Queen Elizabeth, Queen Mary and many representative characters. The recitations and music were good. The children realized clear of expenses, \$55, fifty of which were given toward plastering the M. E. church. There were many other pleasing features of this children's entertainment, which we need not mention now.

We now present the business interests of Edenburg in a condensed form for reference, (both past and present.)

The Clarion County Flouring Mill, built by Mr. Fred J. Harley in 1880 and 1881, at a cost of about \$24,000. The machinery is part roller, and the mill is quite an acquisition to the town and is at present owned by E. G. Crawford. The mill is located near the P. & W. R. R.

Planing Mill—Messrs. D. Harley and J. M. Smith, proprietors, located on Petrolia street.

Harness Shops—W. N. Wilson, State street; M. M. Fisher and E. Austin, Main street.

Tank Shop—N. W. Brown, Esq., (past).

Paint and Paper Store—C. T. Herpst, Main street, (past).

Blacksmiths—D. Higgins, State street, (past); D. Clark, deceased, J. Hotaling, S. Bruner (now J. Reinsel); W. F. Delp, Main street.

Hardware and Oil Well Supply Stores—I. Jacobs of Oil City, Main street, (past); J. D. Wolf, Main street, (past); Gibbs & Jarvis, Main street, (past); Chalfant & Graff, State street, (past). These sold to J. Cochran of Rouseville, now owned by E. G. Crawford and W. I. McDowell, Main street; Gibbs & Sterrett, of Titusville, on Ohio street.

Wagon Makers—Robert Whitehill, Main street; John Knight, Main street.

Livery—J. Moffett, C. Shaw, F. Wilbur and S. Shoels all of Main street, (past); A. B. Floyd, Main street; J. A. Travis, Penn avenue, (past); L. C. Putnam, State street, (past); C. A. Wheelock, State street, (past); D. Clover, State street; J. Horton, State street.

Torpedo Oflees—1875, Coulter Denniston, (now deceased) Main street; 1876, F. M. Denniston to present time, Main street; 1877, A. L. Bunnell, Main street, (past); 1878, A. L. Howard, Main street; J. L. Jeffords, Main street; G. S. Mendenhall, Main street; Ellis Hall, Shady City.

Iron Works and Boiler Shops—1876 and 1877, J. Kinnear and Cassel, on State street, (past). 1875 to 1878, J. Sheridan & Co., of Franklin, Pa., (past), corner of Straight and Crooked Main street. West Point Boiler Works, Miller & Co., then Bole & Co., and now A. L. Lincoln, near the P. & W. R. R. Edenburg Boiler Works, east of Main street, H. Donovan. Knox Boiler Works near P. & W. depot, J. W. Townly. Novelty Iron Works, opposite P. & W. depot, Smith Bros., of Rouseville.

Drug Stores—H. C. Grimshaw, (past), H. R. Burgess, G. S. Mendenhall, J. I. Patterson, all of Main street, Dr. S. Wann & Co., corner of Main and State street, (past), H. J. Bethune, State street.

Hotels—State street, Edenburg House, P. Mapleston, afterward R. Orr; Garrett House, now the Clover House by S. W. Clover; Clarion House by Ed H. Long and others, now not occupied; European House by Mrs. Snowwalter; Warnock House by J. Warnock, deceased; Main street, Norris House by A. J. Borland, (past); Centennial House A. S. Scribner

and others, (past); Ross House by S. W. Ross, (past); Petroleum House by Toot McConnell and others, (past); St. Cloud by Stewart Brothers and Wm Hazelett, (past); Bennet House by J. L. Stemple, (past); Newport House J. Hathaway and others, (past); Globe Hotel by O. Dunning and others, (past); American House by Mrs. Carrie Yates.

Railroad Street—United States Hotel by Wm. Jahn, (past); Pittsburgh House owned C. E. Gibbs, kept by J. Morrison, (past); Moran House by Moran & Boyce, afterward the Boyce House by M. Boyce and later by Mr. Farquhar, (past).

Lumber Yards—Railroad street, W. W. Greenland, R. W. Buzza, N. N. Booth, Esq.

Coal Yards—W. W. Greenland, R. W. Buzza.

Jewelers—Main street, J. L. Shaner, 1875, 1887; Calvin W. Little, Mr. Swope, jeweler; N. Nachman, T. C. McMasters.

Furniture and Undertakers, Main street, 1875 to 1881, W. S. Brown, Moore Brothers & Weaver, Weaver & Hantz.

Justices of the Peace—J. L. Forker, N. N. Booth.

News Depots and Notions—J. M. Place, with F. L. Bensinger as clerk, who is now in Franklin, Wm. Palm, Joseph Kenniston, T. C. McMasters.

Grocers—Main street, P. F. Kribbs & Son; W. M. Kirkpatrick, (past); J. L. Miller, H. R. Radebach, J. M. Bethune, J. Rooney, Reiff Bros., C. L. Lay, G. S. Hamm, J. Cowan, (past), J. M. Mong & Magee (past), Wm. J. Baltzer and J. Page, (past), State street, J. M. Long, (past).

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Edenburg has had its pleasures and its sorrows, its flush times and its depressions, but the people who have

lived in it are rather partial to it and for such we have written. Still hoping that in this volume may be found much to interest others, and that my many friends may feel inclined to read it out of regard for the writer. With this hope I finish my task.

THE END.



