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TWO SHOCKING FATALITIES TO TWO MEN ON FRIDAY EVENING

John F. Neiger of Beechwoods is Dragged to Death on Stone Road He Had Just Built.

The most shocking tragedy that has occurred in this community in some time was that last Friday evening, when John F. Neiger, a well-known farmer of Beechwoods, met a violent death in a runaway on his way to this village. His wife, who was with him, sustained a dislocated shoulder.

Mr. Neiger, in company with his nephew, Ralph Neiger of Kenosha Lake, had taken some road building machinery to the town storage house at Hortonville Friday, after completing a piece of stone highway up to his premises, and returned home shortly before 5 p.m. After supper, at a quarter to 7 o'clock, Mr. and Mrs. Neiger started out, with the team of horses hitched to the open buckboard, to attend the meeting of the Jeffersonville Grange, of which he was an active member and organizer.

An eighth of a mile from their home, and while driving down the grade toward the Klein corner in the road, the front axle of the wagon broke six inches from the center, letting the fore part of the wagon down. This started the horses, which had always been as docile as lambs, and they ran, despite Mr. Neiger's efforts to calm them and keep them in check. Both remained on the wagon until the team rounded the sharp turn in the road, when the wagon was upset, and both thrown out. Here the fore axle and wheels parted from the rest of the wagon.

Mrs. Neiger crawled from the wreck and found her right shoulder had been dislocated. She heard the clatter of the fleeing horses and front wheels, and her husband shouting "whoa," fading away in the distance; then all was quiet. She hurried back home and told her son Walter of the accident. He telephoned at once for physicians, neighbors and relatives.

Nearly Another Tragedy.

In the meantime the team continued on down the hill, and at the bottom they ran into the rear of the buggy of Henry Graff and wife, who were also on their way to the Grange meeting. The collision threw one horse of the runaway team in the ditch and they stopped. One rear wheel of the Graff buggy was shattered, but the occupants were not thrown out, and Mr. Graff succeeded in keeping his horses under control and perhaps averted another tragedy.

The noise of the runaway and the shouts of the Graffs for help brought out Henry G. Miller, who lives in the old Chelius house at the foot of the hill. After giving assistance to the Graffs, Miller straightened out the Neiger team and drove them back up the hill to learn what had happened. Just above John Mage's gateway the horses shied, and Miller then found the body of Mr. Neiger in the road near the ditch, the head being up the hill, about 1,000 feet from the Klein corner, where the wagon upset.

Skull Torn Away.

By this time neighbors and others had reached the scene and were horrified at the tragedy. The back and right side of Mr. Neiger's skull had been torn away and scattered with the brains along the road; the right eye had been forced from its socket, and the right side of the face badly lacerated and crushed. The overcoat which Mr. Neiger wore was found wound tightly around the front axle of the wagon, and his inner coat was lying a ways down the hill from the body.

Dragged by Overcoat Catching Fast. It was evident that when Mr. Neiger was dragged to death, his overcoat caught fast in the axle of the wagon, and he was pulled to the front of the wagon.

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Conrad Wenner of Buck Brook Falls Under Wagon Wheel and Skull is Crushed.

Buck Brook, Nov. 21.—Conrad Wenner, aged 53, a well-known farmer of this section, met with a violent death about 5:30 last Friday evening while he was driving home from Callicoon.

He and his brother-in-law, Louis Huff, had taken two loads of apples to the depot and started back home in the afternoon, Wenner leaving the depot last with a half ton of feed.

When Mrs. Wenner learned that Huff had returned home and her husband was nowhere in sight, she with her children, Edward and Viola, started out to meet him. Arriving at Fred Hust's place they noticed their team and wagon in Hust's yard and Mrs. Hust watching them.

The team had walked into the yard without a driver, and Edward Hust went out to look for Mr. Wenner. An eighth of a mile down the road he found Wenner lying in the highway, apparently unconscious. Leaving his lantern there he returned to the house and told his father, and they took their horse and wagon and brought Wenner to the home. Then Edward was sent for Dr. Schonger of North Branch, but the doctor was in the city. After trying to telephone, Carl Zieres and his car were dispatched for Dr. Gain of Jeffersonville, who arrived about 8:30 and found Wenner dead of a compound fracture of the skull. It was evident that he had fallen from his wagon and the wheel had passed over his head, crushing the skull. He was last seen alive by Charles Baker and Henry Wingert passing the Baker residence at about 5 o'clock.

The body was removed to the Wenner home at midnight, and the next morning Undertaker Brand prepared it for burial in the North Branch cemetery. The funeral today was a very large one. The North Branch Junior Mechanics, to which the deceased belonged, attended in a body and conducted the burial service. The service in the church was by Rev. Straub.

Mr. Wenner was born here Feb. 17, 1863, and spent his early years at home, learning farming and butchering with his father, the late Geo. Wenner. At the age of 21 he went to the Pennsylvania lumber woods for three years, and then returned to the farm home. About 28 years ago he went to New York, where he was piano mover for the Sohmer company for twelve years. He then returned to the farm again at the request of his brother Charles, who was an invalid for many years from falling off a wagon and died of general paralysis Oct. 9, 1906.

Conrad was married Sept. 30, 1899, to Katherine Mulvey of New York, who survives with the two children named above, aged 14 and 11; he also leaves two sisters, Eva, wife of Philip G. Hornung of North Branch; Elizabeth, wife of George Hahn of New York, and a brother, George, on the homestead.

DISTRICT DEPUTY TO VISIT MASONS HERE

A Lindsay O'Connor of Delhi, deputy grand Master of Masons for the Sixteenth District, will make his official visit to Callicoon Lodge of Jeffersonville next Saturday night. There will be no degree work, and the time will be given over to visiting and luncheon.

Movies Tomorrow Night.

The Masonic Hall management announces moving pictures for tomorrow night at 8 o'clock. Movie patrons were disappointed because there was no show last Saturday night. The cause of the omission was due to the fact that the films were sent to Caledonia, N. Y., instead of Callicoon. The show is held on Friday this week on account of the Masons using the hall Saturday night. The management states that a show will be given every Saturday through the winter if the people will patronize it sufficiently to pay expenses.

White Sulphur Springs Again Votes Down New School Building

State Will Condemn Old Building and Compel the Erection of a New One.

At a special school meeting at White Sulphur Springs last Thursday night the proposition to raise \$10,000 for a new school house there was voted down by 95 to 36.

State Inspector Hall was present and tried to impress on the taxpayers the advisability of voting the appropriation, but his advice was without effect.

White Sulphur Springs is a consolidated district, with the adjoining districts annexed, and the old school building is entirely inadequate to meet the needs.

A year ago last May, after consolidation, the district voted \$8,000 for a new schoolhouse, but they got quarrelling over the location, and then later rescinded the appropriation.

The state department will condemn the old building and compel the trustees to erect a new one at greater cost than a voluntary appropriation would have entailed.

STEVENSVILLE VOTES \$5,000 FOR NEW SCHOOL HOUSE

On Wednesday night last week Stevensville school district voted an appropriation of \$5,000 for a new two-room schoolhouse. A new site will be selected for the new building.

State Road Work in Town.

Contractor Young has completed the rebuilding of the Callicoon state road from the stone bridge to Chas. P. Durr's house in this village, a distance of about two and a half miles, and is now tearing up and rebuilding the section from the postoffice corner down Main street to the Presbyterian church. Good weather has favored the work this fall, and Mr. Young will work as long as possible.

Mr. Young is handicapped by lack of men. Several of his colored hands got frightened by the light fall of snow last week and hurried back to Baltimore for the winter.

School Inspector Around.

Inspector A. Edison Hall of the state Education Department was through this section Friday inspecting school buildings. He found a number unfit for school purposes and will report them for condemnation by the department.

ROSCOE VILLAGE RAVAGED BY FIRE EARLY SUNDAY MORNING

A Score of Business and Other Buildings Devoured, with Most of Contents—Many Families Made Homeless. \$150,000 Loss, with Little Insurance.

The lively village of Roscoe, on the O. & W. railroad thirteen miles north of Jeffersonville, experienced one of the most devastating conflagrations ever seen in Sullivan county early last Sunday morning, when eight prominent business places and ten or eleven other buildings were burned to the ground, together with nearly all their contents, entailing a loss estimated at above \$150,000, with insurance of less than a third the amount.

Buildings Burned and Damaged.

The buildings burned including the two largest hotels, were as follows: H. W. Berringer's Beaverkill House.

The Faubel House, conducted by Mrs. Charlotte A. Faubel. The large barn of the Faubel House.

The large store and store house of the Roscoe Hardware Co.

The Department store and store house of Assemblyman Wm. B. Voorhees.

The Mauer building, occupied as a bowling alley and lunch room by Balsy Fuhrer, and as a meat market by Sippel Brothers.

The Criterion Theater and icecream parlors of Arthur C. Berringer.

The new double store building recently built by H. W. Berringer and occupied by Bennett Bros' drug store and Herman Buttler's 5 and 10c store.

The residence and barn of O. & W. Agent James Fitzgerald.

The large livery of Frank Wood. The old Berringer hotel building, occupied as a barber shop and residence by Sidney Porter.

The Berringer garage, icehouse, and chicken house.

The storage house in rear of the Sprague store.

Buildings damaged are the O. & W. station, windows shattered by heat.

The brick store of W. E. & O. P. Sprague, plate glass windows broken;

First National Bank stone building, windows broken and interior damaged.

The brick building of J. W. Albee & Bro., jewellers, windows broken and interior gutted on one side.

Residence of John Maus, damaged by water.

Cause of Fire a Mystery.

The cause of the fire is a mystery. It started about 2 a.m. in the bowling alley building, owned by Frank H. Mauer of Liberty. The fact that the people around there were aroused by an explosion gives rise to the belief that the fire was caused by a coal stove exploding.

Woman Breaks Leg Jumping from Building.

When Wesley Sipple and his mother, who lived over the bowling alley, were aroused by the fire they found the entire lower floor of the building on fire and escape by the stairway cut off. Wesley jumped out of the front window to the sidewalk and then caught his mother as she jumped; but she broke her leg at the ankle in striking the sidewalk.

Water Gave Out.

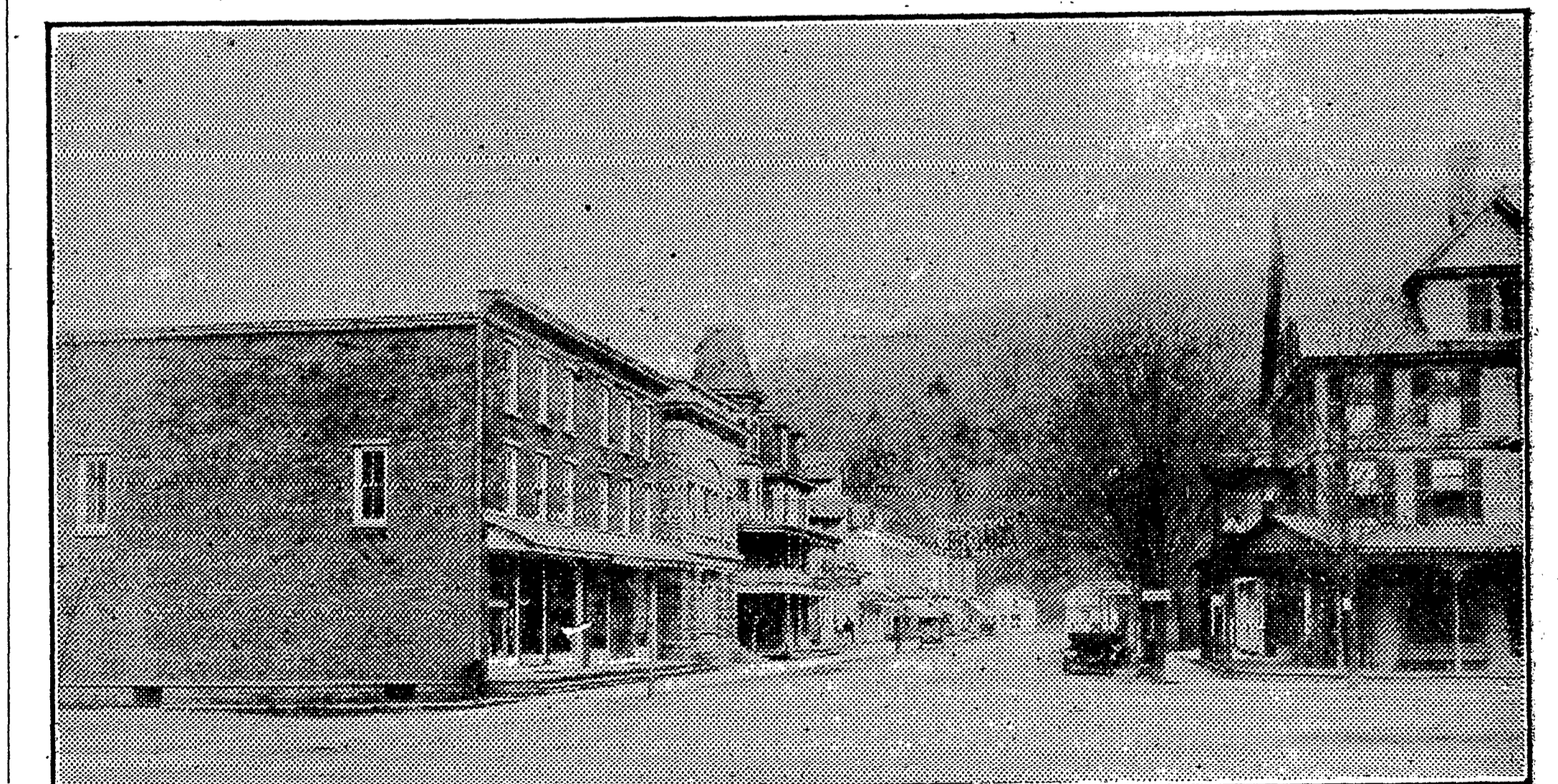
Firemen soon had the fire hose out and connected to the hydrant in front of the hardware store next to the burning building. They thought they had the fire under control when the water pressure began to give out and the water got less. It then became a forlorn hope and the firemen could only do the best they could with the water available, while the occupants of the neighboring buildings began to move out, placing their goods along the sidewalks but having to move them to more distant places as the fire progressed.

Lakewood Gates Opened.

Some one was sent up to Lakewood to open the gates to replenish the small village reservoir, but it was too late. The fire quickly spread from the two-story Mauer building to the three-story hardware store on the west and the Voorhees department store on the east. The fire was halted on the east by the brick building of J. W. Albee & Bros., jewellers, but not until part of the interior of this building had been ravaged by fire and water.

Fire Crosses the Street.

On the west the next building to the hardware store to become a prey to the flames was the four-story (Continued on Fourth page.)



Stewart Avenue, Roscoe, Ravaged by Sunday's Fire (Looking West from Railroad Crossing).

On the left, the first building in the foreground is the Sprague brick store; next is the Bank building, which stopped the fire coming this way; next in order are the Faubel Hotel, the Hardware Store, the bowling alley building, where the fire started, and the Voorhees store. On the right the Beaverkill House is shown in the foreground; next on Stewart Avenue were the new Berringer store building, the Criterion theater and Fitzgerald residence, while to the right of the Beaverkill House, down Railroad street stood Porter's barber shop and residence, Wood's livery, the Berringer garage, etc.