

A CHARGE OF ARSON

May Be Placed Against Chas. And Clarence Foster

Alleged They Caused The Big Fire At Centerburg, O.

Raid Made On Their Home Late Monday Evening

And A Large Amount Of Goods Were Discovered

Fosters Are Now Locked Up In Jail At Centerburg

Centerburg, O., Dec. 19.—A raid on the home of Clarence and Charles Foster at this place by Mayor Best, Marshal L. B. Evans and two deputized citizens Monday night brought to light the fact that the recent big fire at this place was not from accidental cause but that, according to the opinion of the officials of this place, it was the result of a depredation performed by Charles and Clarence Foster. Goods from the E. E. McGuire store, which was burned Saturday, were found at the Foster home and it is known by Mr. McGuire that the merchandise was not missing from the store previous to the fire. In all probability a charge of arson will be placed against the two men who are now being held.

Shortly after 10:30 o'clock Monday night Mayor Best received a call from a citizen stating that there was a disturbance on the street in the front of his home and that the man causing the disturbance would likely do some damage if he was not taken care of. Accordingly Mayor Best called Marshal Evans and sent him to the scene of the disturbance to take the matter in hand. It developed that the man by the name of Samuel Gould was the disturber and he was placed under arrest. At this time Clarence Foster made his appearance and attempted to interfere with the marshal who had started to take the prisoner to the lock-up. Finally getting rid of Foster the officer took his man to jail and then returned to arrest the man who had interfered. This he did but was again given a great deal of trouble by Charles Foster, brother of Clarence, whom he had in custody at the time. Taking Clarence to the jail, he returned and arrested Charles. They were charged with disturbing the peace.

For the past several days the Fosters have been suspected of "boot-legging" and after they were locked up, Mayor Best and Marshal Evans concluded that it would be a good plan to search the home for liquor. It was during the search for "wet goods" that considerable dry-goods and men's furnishings were found and were identified by Mr. E. E. McGuire as property that must have been stolen from his store as he had not sold any such quantity to any person nor had the store been burglarized at any time previous to the fire. As circumstances pointed so clearly toward the Fosters for causing the fire, they will be held for perhaps a much more serious charge than disturbing the peace. Over \$300 worth of merchandise which was identified by Mr. McGuire as his goods was found in the house and the search is still going on.

From 11 o'clock Monday night until 3 o'clock Tuesday morning the men sought for were goods, either wet or dry, but on Tuesday Mayor Best stated that the search has not been completed. It is evident that the village officials want something more and this will be unearthed in a very short time, it is possible.

Before making a specific charge against Clarence and Charles Foster, a conference will be held by Mayor Best with Prosecuting Attorney, L. T. Cromley, but the charge, as stated above, will probably be arson. On conviction on an arson charge the law provides for a term of years in the penitentiary as a penalty.

The time of the preliminary hearing of the two men has not yet been set, but will probably be in a short time.

CASTORIA For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of *Wm. D. Galt*

OFFICERS

And Directors Elected By The Associated Charities

Of Mt. Vernon At A Meeting On Monday Evening

At the meeting of the Associated Charities held Monday evening at the Y. M. C. A. building, the following officers were elected:

President—W. P. Bogardus.
Vice President—C. F. Colville.
Secretary—Ralph Ransom.
Treasurer—B. D. Herron.
Directors—A. A. Perrine, Mrs. L. S. Kinnaird, Mrs. A. D. Bunn, Mrs. P. S. Kelsor, Mrs. Harry Turner, Mrs. O. C. Chase, Mr. E. E. Shireman, Patrick Purcell, Dr. I. S. Workman, L. B. Houck, P. A. Berry, Mrs. J. B. Sellers.

BIRTHS

A daughter was born Tuesday morning to Mr. and Mrs. Charles McKay of East Gambler street.

Lightning Kills Few

In 1906 lightning killed only 169 people in this whole country. One's chances of death by lightning are less than two in a million. The chance of death from liver, kidney or stomach trouble is vastly greater, as Robert Madsen, of West Burlington, Ia., proved. Four doctors gave him up after eight months of suffering from violent liver trouble and yellow jaundice. He was then completely cured by Electric Bitters. They're the best stomach, liver, nerve and kidney remedy and blood purifier on earth. Only 50c at G. R. Baker and Co., Mt. Vernon, and F. Fink, Fredericktown.

CHARGE

Of Petit Larceny Placed Against W. H. Trusler

A charge of petit larceny was preferred by L. W. Knox against W. H. Trusler in an affidavit sworn to before Squire George S. Harter the latter part of last week. It is alleged that Trusler stole a narrow which was the property of the plaintiff.

When arraigned before Justice Harter, Trusler waived examination and was bound over to the grand jury under a bond of \$100. The bond was furnished.

Saved His Wife's Life

"My wife would have been in her grave today," writes O. B. Brown, of Muscudine, Ala., "if it had not been for Dr. King's New Discovery. She was down in her bed, not able to get up without help. She had a severe bronchial trouble and a dreadful cough. I got her a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery, and she soon began to mend, and was well in a short time." Infallible for coughs and colds, it's the most reliable remedy on earth for desperate lung trouble, hemorrhage, hiccups, asthma, hay fever, croup and whooping cough. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by G. R. Baker and Co., Mt. Vernon, and F. Fink of Fredericktown, O.

MR. LIBERTY

Sherman Camner and family of Johnstown are still caring for Sherman's mother, who is unable to walk because of paralysis.

Mrs. Dora Nowels of Millersburg spent a day last week with her parents, the McBrooms.

Arthur Tims of Sparta visited Hugh Rinehart and family last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Bradford were at Columbus on business, Monday.

Fred Coile and family of Mt. Vernon are spending a few days with the lady's parents here.

The interest in the shipment of poultry and live stock continues good. Will report number of tons poultry shipped later on.

There will be a union Christmas entertainment by the Sunday schools at the A. C. church Christmas evening, (Monday) and everybody is invited. Admission free.

Mr. Jonathan Tucker and two grand sons, Guy and Ernest, visited Mr. Tucker's son, Chris of Hedding, recently.

Evangelist Moore of West Virginia will be at Mt. Liberty in a few days to conduct a revival meeting in the A. C. church.

HURLED

Wrench Which Struck Workman On The Head

A Fight At Reeves Plant Results Seriously For James O'Rourke

James O'Rourke, an employe of the Reeves Gas Engine works, was seriously injured Tuesday morning at the plant, when he was struck in the head with a wrench hurled by Don Miller, another employe of the works.

Miller was eating an apple and when he had finished he threw the core which struck O'Rourke in the face. He resented this and a quarrel resulted. Miller, it is alleged, called O'Rourke a vicious name and the latter struck Miller in the mouth. Thereupon Miller grabbed a large wrench and threw it with force at O'Rourke's head. The wrench struck the man over the ear and he fell unconscious. He was conveyed to the Mt. Vernon hospital in Chappellear's ambulance. O'Rourke's injuries are reported to be quite serious as it is feared his skull was fractured.

Miller was not arrested.

Lodge Elections

Secretaries of lodges and societies are requested to write out and send or telephone to the Banner all elections of officers.

Bladensburg Eastern Star

The Order of the Eastern Star of Bladensburg met in regular session Friday evening and the following officers were installed:

- Worthy Matron—Leota L. Donahy.
- Worthy Patron—Earl Van Winkle.
- Associate Matron—Orpha Wiggins.
- Secretary—May Stonebocker.
- Treasurer—Grace Horn.
- Conductress—Mary Earlywine.
- Associate Conductress—Alice Hall.
- Adah—Retta Pittsford.
- Ruth—Lizzie Ramsey.
- Leola—Lillian Ramsey.
- Belle—Belle Hess.
- Martha—Emma Hall.
- Electa—Hester McCamont.
- Warder—Edith Blount.
- Sentinel—S. C. Horn.
- Chaplain—Alice Fry.
- Marchant—Elsie Allen.
- Organist—Maud Elliott.

A Terrible Blunder

To neglect liver trouble. Never do it. Take Dr. King's New Life Pills at the first sign of constipation, biliousness or inactive bowels and prevent violent indigestion, jaundice or gall stones. They regulate liver, stomach and bowels and build up your health. Only 25c at G. R. Baker and Co., Mt. Vernon, and F. Fink, Fredericktown, O.

OBITUARY

Harry Cramer

Mr. Harry Cramer, the well known West High street grocer, died at his home at 501 West Chestnut street Wednesday morning at 1:30 o'clock after an illness of four weeks' duration caused by pneumonia. He was 59 years of age at the time of his death and is survived by his wife and five children. He was a member of the Modern Woodmen of America lodge and of the Odd Fellows. The funeral in charge of Mt. Vernon Lodge, No. 29, I. O. O. F. at the late home Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. E. D. Barnett, officiating. Interment in Mound View cemetery.

Ends Winter's Troubles

To many, winter is a season of trouble. The frost-bitten toes and fingers, chapped hands and lips, chilblains, cold-sores, red and rough skins, prove this. But such troubles fly before Bucklen's Arnica Salve. A trial convinces. Greatest healer of Burns, Bolls, Piles, Cuts, Sores, Bruises, Eczema and Sprains. Only 25c at G. R. Baker and Co., Mt. Vernon, and F. Fink, Fredericktown.

OPEN AN ACCOUNT

With the Knox Building and Loan Company before January 10th, and your deposits will bear interest from the beginning of the quarter.

Interest at the rate of 4 per cent per annum is credited to accounts every quarter.

Now is the time to start an account in order to get the advantage of our best terms.

Office No. 5, East High street. C. F. Colville, Sec'y.

FREDERICKTOWN

Mr. Riley Levering returned last week from her visit with her son at Newark.

The Baptist church will hold their Christmas exercises on Friday evening of this week.

Mr. Edward Follin and Mister Jennie Ewahiser visited with their sister, Mrs. S. E. Wiand, the past week.

Mr. E. A. Day of Belleville and Mr. Earl S. Day of Butler visited with their brother in this place on Sunday last.

Mrs. Mary Ackerman of Mansfield visited with her brother, Mr. J. Stillwell the past week.

The ladies' missionary society of the Baptist church sent a barrel of clothing valued at \$55 to be distributed among the poor in the West. The goods arrived at their destination all right and have been given out to the needy.

The Baptist Missionary society met at Dr. C. H. Wright's on Thursday of this week. Mrs. Wright and Mrs. F. A. Day were hostesses. Miss Viola Crowell was leader; topic "Our Spanish Speaking Neighbors."

Mr. N. O. Hankins spent Saturday and Sunday with friends at Mt. Vernon.

Mr. M. D. Harris was a Columbus visitor the past week.

Mrs. Mattie Scott visited relatives at Columbus last week.

Miss Agnes Vail visited with relatives at Centerburg the past week.

Mr. O. S. Cross, who fell and fractured his ribs on the right side a week ago, is improving.

Mrs. Maggie Williamson visited the past two weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Cramer at Orrville.

Mr. Lewis Fricke is back from the West on a visit to his sisters, Mrs. James Hair and Mrs. Spencer Hair.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Booze have moved to a farm south of Mt. Vernon.

Mr. F. A. Day and family will spend Christmas with relatives at Seville, O.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Diekey of Lexington were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Thompson the past week.

Christmas exercises will be held at the Batemanstown M. E. church on Monday evening next.

Mr. Kelley Parmer went to Chicago last week on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvine White of Centerburg were guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Austin last week.

Mr. Fay Whitford returned to Columbus last week.

Mr. Dwight Dean was in Van Wert last week on business.

Mr. L. B. Wagner and daughter were Columbus visitors last week.

The Fredericktown M. E. church will give a fine Christmas program on Sunday evening next.

Mr. and Mrs. Halva Dill, of Ankenytown, visited at the home of his uncle, T. M. Dill on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Dill and son, Walter, will spend Christmas with her sister, Mrs. Wm. Reep, east of town, on Christmas.

Miss Georgiana Scarbrough came from Mt. Vernon on Monday and visited at the home of her uncle, N. A. Lyons.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Penik go to Uti-cha, Sunday, to spend Christmas with his sister, Mrs. Shields.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Hill and daughter, Elizabeth, visited their daughter, Mrs. Robert Harry, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Poorman and daughter Ethel Vernon, go Saturday to visit Mrs. Poorman's sister, Miss Dyer; she accompanied them home Sunday, and left on Monday for a visit with her brother Isaac Dyer in Alabama.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Harry will entertain with family party on Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Fox, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Ewers, will spend Christmas with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Brown in Ankenytown.

Mr. Elmer Starks of Amity visited his sister, Mrs. R. A. Knox, on Saturday.

Dr. and Mrs. Norrick and family will spend Christmas with Mrs. Norrick's sister, Mrs. Berges, of Mt. Vernon.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cummings will entertain the latter's family Christmas.

Rev. Jonas of Keene, O., is the guest of Rev. and Mrs. Noble for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Crowell, Mrs. H. C. Sweetland and daughter, Geneva, will go to Columbus, Friday, to visit Fred Crowells over Christmas.

Mr. Fred Crowell came Monday to Fredericktown in the interest of Johnston's Harvester Co. He will visit his parents until Friday.

Mrs. Buckmaster from Sparta visited with her son, Mrs. Orris Buckmaster and family in this place last week.

Mr. Earl LeFever was a Columbus visitor last week.

Mr. Lyle Gable and wife of Columbus returned to Fredericktown on Saturday to spend the holiday season.

Mr. John Brown of Fredericktown was elected second vice president of the new organization for old soldiers at their meeting in Mt. Vernon last Monday.

Mr. W. C. Rockwell of Mt. Vernon was calling on Fredericktown friends

on Tuesday of this week.

Mr. Kent Schaffer of Mt. Vernon was a Fredericktown visitor on Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Ed. Walters of Shelby, Ohio, a timber buyer, visited with relatives at Waterford the past week.

Miss Mary Brumbach came home from Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Wednesday, to spend the holidays with her parents.

Orders have been received from Washington that mails will be received and dispatched on trains No. 3 and No. 4 and that the postoffice will be open certain hours on Sunday, time not yet decided.

Mr. F. J. Thomas of Belleville was in this place on Thursday last.

The Presbyterian Sunday school this year will not observe Christmas

Asphyxiated by Coal Gas.

Kalida, O., Dec. 20.—William and Eliza Rower, 89 and 86, respectively, were found dead at their home by their daughter, who lived near by. They had been suffocated by escaping fumes from coal gas.

Youth Guilty of Manslaughter.

Toledo, O., Dec. 20.—Guilty of manslaughter was the verdict in the case against Chester Buczek, 18, who killed his playmate, Karul Finsky, last fall by stabbing him to the heart with a pocketknife.

Our Store is Open Evenings Note the Specials



Christmas

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This best of Christmas Stores was never before so splendidly ready for the last week's rush.

The most and best Christmas Merchandise is here. But there will be enough sales-people so that you will be promptly waited upon.

The last week this year—will unquestionably witness the greatest holiday buying in our history.

But we have made ample preparations—and will be able to give you the promptest and best of service—however great the throngs may be.

We do advise—however—all of you who can conveniently, to do your shopping in the forenoons.

Our Matchless Stocks of New Christmas Merchandise

We've given you during the past two weeks descriptions of our immense holiday stocks until all of you are now pretty well acquainted with our wonderful preparations to provide the best of gifts for everyone.

You are too rushed now with your final shopping preparations to bother much about reading advertising.

So, all we will say is that the "Christmas Store" is now better able to supply your every holiday want than it ever has been in past years.

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Our theatre is safe, sanitary and comfortable; our pictures the best. 3,000 feet of films each show. Every Afternoon and Evening. 216 S. Main St.

Mrs. John McMillen returned to her home in Springfield, Ohio, Wednesday morning after a several days' visit with relatives in Mt. Vernon.

Mr. J. L. Baker of Lancaster, Ohio, was a business visitor in the city over Tuesday.

Mr. George S. Fries of Detroit, Michigan, spent Tuesday in the city on business.

Mr. Wm. Davie of Detroit, Mich., is spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Tinkey and family.

Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Tinkey left Tuesday for Auburndale, Fla.