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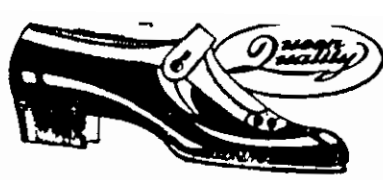
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# WALRATH BROS.

## EDSON D. AMES.

Edson D. Ames, for many years a resident of Great Valley and Ellicottville died Thursday morning May 6 at the family home in Ellicottville. The funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at 2:30 from the home. The remains were removed to Sinclairville where they were interred Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Mr. Ames' parents, David H. Ames and Clarissa Edson, were among the early settlers of Charlotte, Chaut. Co., and it was here that Mr. Ames was born October 14th, 1840 and made his home until 1868.

On Jan. 1st 1868, he was married to Clementine C. Hart, with whom he removed, in the spring of the same year, to Great Valley to begin the new home. About 10 years ago the family removed to our village where they have been active in all the best things connected with the town's life.

Mr. Ames served three years in the Civil war, enlisting with Company F of the 15th regiment New York volunteers and was discharged with his regiment at Elmira in 1865. He was engaged in 20 battles, some of them at Chancellersville, Gettysburg, Missionary Ridge, Peach Tree Creek, and the campaign with Sherman to the sea and the return North, were among the most severe as well as the most important of the war.

Mr. Ames is survived by his wife, four sons and one daughter—Dr. A. D. and A. E. of Ellicottville; Assemblyman D. H. and G. C. of Franklinville, and Mrs. C. M. Cross of Ridgway, Pa. Also two brothers, H. A. Ames of San Rafael, Cal., and J. M. Ames of Cassadaga, and two sisters, Mrs. Adeline Hart of Dodge City, Kan., and Mrs. W. A. Putnam of Forestville.

Mr. Ames was a member of the Presbyterian church and a charter member of the Henry VanAernam Post of the G. A. R. and always took a lively interest in local and national affairs; but perhaps his largest service and achievement as well as his chief enjoyment was the home with which the years has singularly blessed him.

The family has the sincere sympathy of the large circle of friends in their sorrow.

## WON CANDY.

The five dollar box of candy given away by C. A. Churchill to the person guessing nearest the correct number of beans sealed in a glass can in his window was won by Mrs. J. McCadden. The number of beans in the jar, 1082, were counted by the judges, Misses Helma Blackall, Eleonore and Marion Murphy. The number given by Mrs. McCadden was 1080, the next nearest Mrs. E. ... and the third

## FURNITURE STORE BURNED.

Fire and smoke were discovered by employees of the condensery coming from the C. B. Greene & Co. furniture store and undertaking rooms on Monroe street at 3:45 Friday afternoon.

The H. F. Northrup Hose company soon had two lines of hose playing on the fire and in a short time a third line. The entire upper story over the store was drenched with water before the fire was found to be confined chiefly to the attic and rooms in the rear of the building. Ladders were placed on the back veranda and the hose thrust through the upper windows. Charles Dietter and Ralph Olin broke into the kitchen where the fire had originated and threw water from the kitchen faucet onto the fire in that room. Another hose was directed from the side towards L. C. Bowen's store by Lon Drier and afterwards given to A. J. Maloney who with great difficulty had broken into an attic window. Maloney was nearly suffocated with smoke but managed to keep his position until the fire was out. The building would undoubtedly have burned to the ground had not the iron roof kept the fire from spreading. Fortunately there was little wind to carry the sparks to surrounding buildings.

Soon after the fire started a large crowd of spectators, informed by the fire bell and condensery whistle, gathered and in short time had all of the furniture, caskets, household goods, etc., out before the water and smoke had touched them. The goods were taken to The Post building, to the stores vacated by L. C. Bowen, the livery barn and the residence of D. L. Mudgett.

All of the rear upright part was gutted by the fire and the water and smoke spoiled the plaster, paint and paper throughout the building.

It is supposed that the fire started from the kitchen chimney in the part occupied by W. H. Greene and family as this was the section damaged the greatest by the fire. The roof was also damaged where the firemen had chopped holes through to get at the fire. The building and goods were covered by insurance.

## METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

The Rev. E. A. Overton, Pastor.

The pastor and four of our young people attended the Olean District Epworth League convention at Olean May 7 to 9. At the annual election of officers, Mrs. E. A. Overton was made District Junior League superintendent.

The Cabinet of the local Epworth League is mapping out a complete program for the work for the coming year. Both re-elected and newly elected officers are entering into the League's work with fine enthusiasm. The mid-week prayer service will be