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THINGS ABOUT TOWN AND COUNTY

Former recorder W. Galer Morrison is confined to his home, on east Bishop street, with an abscess on his hip.

W. E. Kessinger, of Hublersburg, has been appointed game warden for the preserve of the Nittany country club.

The State College sub-Freshman football team will play the Academy eleven on the glass works meadow tomorrow afternoon.

Five holstein cows owned by county commissioner M. F. Riddle got into his orchard, on Saturday, and ate apples until they foundered themselves.

Shem Spigelmyer's remarkable feat of jumping into the air to avoid the shock of striking the ground on a falling elevator is a convincing proof that it pays to get "up in the air" sometimes.

Port Matilda castle K. G. E. has been invited to meet with Tyrone castle, No. 79, to-night, it being the occasion of a fraternal visit by grand chief F. P. Hunsicker, of Allentown.

Mrs. Henry Fye, of Tyrone, had a \$15 cape stolen from her while waiting in the P. R. R. station, in this place, Wednesday morning. She was on her way to visit friends at State College.

Miss Catharine O'Leary, a daughter of John O'Leary of this place, was married to Samuel B. Viall, of Nayatt Point, R. I., recently. She had gone on a visit to relatives and while there met and married Mr. Viall.

A new \$25 fire alarm in the shape of a three bell, high pressure, steam gong has been placed on the electric light station in Tyrone to warn the people of that place when fire threatens to destroy them. It is 8 ft. in length and weighs 300 lbs.

An 18 year old son of Samuel Glantz, of Tyrlersville, fell from the roof of Frank Stevenson's new barn, in Nittany valley, which he was helping to raise, and injured his spine so that his legs are completely paralyzed. He is a carpenter and was working on the building.

Mrs. Womelsdorff, wife of the Hon. P. E. Womelsdorff, of Phillipsburg, who went to Philadelphia two weeks ago to be operated on for a tumorous growth on the side, has returned to her home with the sad knowledge that the most skilled surgeons can give her no relief. They deemed it best not to operate.

The wonderful verisimilitude pictures of the Corbett-Fitzsimmons fight will be shown at Garmans, Friday night, November 5th. This time the engagement is a sure go and if you want to see the fight just the same as if you had been at Carson City when it was pulled off here is the chance.

The postmaster at Selmsgrove recently received a letter from T. Mack, postmarked at Camden, N. J., in which he was informed that the writer had overheard some Millersburg, Pa., men planning a series of systematic fires of stores, and houses in Selmsgrove, Sunbury, Lewisburg and Belleville. The plan was said to have been for an old peddler from Middleburg to apply the torch.

Next Monday and Tuesday the sale of the valuable Michael Grove farms in College and Spring townships will be made. The College township farm will be sold on the afternoon of the first and the Spring township farm will be sold on the afternoon of the 2nd. Both sales will be made on the premises and opportunities will be furnished to purchase two of the finest farms in the county. Particulars will be found in another column of this issue.

On Thursday evening of last week Mr. Claude Cook, of this place, was walking along Green Ave., in Altoona, when he fell into a street excavation. His umbrella stuck in the loose mud and probably saved him from serious hurt. As it was he wounded his right shin and lost a \$10 ring from his finger. Mr. Cook notified the mayor of the dangerous condition of the street and expressed a determination to sue for damages unless his loss was made good. When seen here, on Tuesday night, he declined to talk about the accident.

The dance in the armory, last Tuesday night, under the direction of the Consolidated band proved a pleasurable event to those who attended. The music was good and quite a large party of dancers were there to enjoy it. The concert by the band, from eight until nine o'clock, was *par excellence*. Director Deely handled his musicians in a way that had the effect of producing music of the highest quality. The Consolidated is truly a band of which any community should feel proud and we sincerely trust that no disorganizing influences will be permitted to work their way into it.

Will Kinsloe, eldest son of R. A. Kinsloe editor of the Phillipsburg *Blimington Record*, has been married to Miss Laura Downs, one of the successful school teachers of that place. They will make their home in Altoona, where Will will have his headquarters as a salesman for the Standard paper company of Cincinnati, Ohio. The marriage was celebrated in Washington, D. C. about three months ago, but it was not made public until last week. Since the wedding Mr. and Mrs. Kinsloe had resided in Chattanooga, Tenn., but will now move to Altoona. The bride is said to be a pretty and accomplished woman.

A FATAL HUNTING ACCIDENT.—Claude Miller, eldest son of George C. Miller, of Valentines' iron works, killed himself, last Saturday morning, by tripping and causing the premature explosion of his gun.

The accident occurred on what is known as the "old Johnny Wagner farm," just above Spring creek, near Blair's mine bank, and was the first fatality of the hunting season. Early that morning Claude started out for pheasants with his uncle Ellsworth Miller and George and Caleb, his small brother and cousin. He carried an old musket, while his uncle had a double-barrelled shot gun. They reached a corn field on the Wagner farm about ten o'clock that morning and had scared up some birds; the corn field being just at the edge of a small strip of woods the little boys were sent down into it to raise any game that might be in cover. They had been down there but a short time when the report of a gun was heard, followed by a shriek from Claude, who was just at the edge of the woods, in the corn field, and near to his uncle Ellsworth. Both boys ran up and found that Claude was lying face downward on the ground, while his uncle was standing near him.

There being no eye witness to the accident all that can be done is to take Ellsworth's testimony at the inquest, on Monday morning. He stated that he was about thirty feet ahead of Claude, when he heard his gun crack and on looking around he saw his nephew just in the act of falling to the ground and calling: "My God, uncle Ells, I'm shot." According to Ellsworth's statement the young man fell on his face with his gun partly under him. When he reached him he turned him over on his side, but he never uttered another sound. The entire load of the gun had entered the body slightly to the left of the point of the breast bone and had made a wound the size of a half dollar. The gun had been loaded with No. 6 shot so that it must have been very close when it was fired as the wound was as if made with a single ball with the exception of two shot holes that were slightly below the large wound. The shot went clear through the body and lodged just under the skin in the back, having taken an upward course.

No one knows just how the accident occurred but it was probably caused by Claude's carrying his gun at a trail. In this position it might have gotten fastened in a corn stalk and as he swung his body around slightly to see what was holding it the load was discharged and the unfortunate boy killed. This theory would explain why he was lying partly on his gun and how he could have been shot as low as he was by a gun the muzzle of which reached almost to his chin.

When the others of the party realized the frightful outcome of the accident Ellsworth left the boys with the uncle until he could go to the farm house, about 40 rods below. But before starting he says he picked up his own gun and fired it lest the boys might get a hold of it in his absence and another fatality result. Both barrels were loaded but only one was discharged, the other having missed fire after the explosion of the cap. Then he left them all and ran to Mr. Joseph Rumberger's, who lives on the farm, to get help to Claude. Mr. Rumberger's buggy was ready to start to town, so he just drove up to the corner of the woods where he waited until his son Chester, Tommy Shearer, his hired boy, and Ellsworth carried the body down. The two small boys followed with the guns.

The body was placed in the bottom of the buggy, with the legs extending back under the seat, and little George Miller, the dead boy's brother, got in beside Mr. Rumberger and held the lifeless head to keep it from striking the dash board. Ellsworth and the other boy then started off for home over the hill, with both guns in their possession. They reached home a few moments before the sorrowful load in the buggy got there.

THE CORONER'S INQUEST.—Coroner Locke was notified at once and went to the house where he impaled a jury of inquest. The jury was made up of Samuel Shirk, Edward Osmer, M. I. Gardner, Rev. Goodling, Edward Young and James McCafferty. The body was examined and then the inquest adjourned until Monday morning, when all of the persons who had any knowledge of the affair were examined. The jury returned the following verdict:

We the jurors in the case of the death of Claude Miller believe that he came to his death by the discharge of the gun in his own hands, according to the evidence before us.

C. H. GOODLING
SAMUEL SHIRK
ED. OSMER
ED. YOUNG
M. I. GARDNER
JAMES MCCAFFERTY.

A great many stories have been in circulation; some of them to the effect that Ellsworth accidentally shot Claude. This theory was based on the assertion that Ellsworth's gun had been discharged while Claude's was loaded when it was taken home. The clothing about the wound was too badly blood soaked to show whether the gun had been close enough to his body for the powder to burn it. Mr. and Mrs. Miller, parents of the dead boy, and his sisters all insist that the gun was loaded when it was brought into the house, so that they believe that Claude could not have shot himself. To controvert this Mr. Rumberger and the boys both swore that they heard two shots fired, presumably the one that killed Claude and the one that Ellsworth fired out of his own gun to make it harmless, so as Ellsworth's gun had one barrel loaded when it was found by the officers one of the reports that Mr. Rumberger and the boys heard must necessarily have been that of Claude's gun. Even if

CORNELLY HAS BEEN REFUSED A NEW TRIAL.—On Tuesday morning Judge Love handed down a ruling on the application for a new trial for James Cornelly, convicted of attempting to burn the armory of Co. B, in this place. It was not a surprise to those who have been giving the matter any attention that the petition was refused, but the long delay in filing it led to the belief that the judge would present a careful and exhaustive resume of the testimony produced at the argument on October 6th. At that time the impression prevailed that the petitioner's attorneys had made an exceptionally strong claim to a new trial of the case and that the points of law involved would probably call for a lengthy opinion. The lapse of nearly three weeks added to this conviction and encouraged some to the belief that a new trial would be granted. These hopeful ones evidently didn't have their ears to the ground, else they would have heard the rumors that Judge Love had made up his mind long before filing his ruling.

How authentic these rumors were and whence they emanated no one seems to know, yet the latest development seems to bear them out in a way that leads to the belief that someone, besides the judge, himself, knew what was to be done or took it on themselves to imagine that they knew and struck a correct premise.

The ruling is as follows: This is a motion in arrest of judgment and rule to show cause why a new trial should not be granted. We have since the argument given careful consideration to the several reasons for a new trial and examined the depositions taken in relation thereto. We have not been persuaded that we committed any error in our charge to the jury or upon the trial, injurious to the defendant. We do not deem it necessary therefore to discuss in detail the several reasons assigned.

The fourth reason assigned as to the defendant reading or refreshing his memory from notes made while in jail, and about six weeks before the trial we think were rightfully rejected. This memoranda was made long after the hearing had upon *habeas corpus*, and the defendant had the benefit of the notes of testimony taken at said hearing of the witnesses for the Commonwealth, to aid him in making a memoranda, to meet the testimony of the Commonwealth given at the hearing; and in our opinion it would have been an error to permit the defendant to testify from the memoranda under the circumstances.

Mr. Gillespie used memoranda, but when the question was raised the court asked the witness if they were made at the time a witness were, and no further question was raised.

As to the eighth reason assigned that a deep seated prejudice existed against the defendant, we are not cognizant of it, but on the contrary it was very apparent that there was a very active, and apparently an organized effort to create a strong feeling in behalf of the defendant, and an endeavor to prejudice against the Commonwealth and her witnesses. After a careful consideration of the whole case we are not convinced that the defendant did not have a fair and impartial trial, and that the evidence was sufficient to warrant the verdict returned by the jury. We therefore think the reasons for a new trial are not sustained, and that the rule should be discharged. And now, Oct. 28th, 1897, rule discharged and new trial refused.

BY THE COURT.

THE CENTRE HALL WATER COMPANY LOSES.—At the same time the court filed a ruling on the case of the Centre Hall Water company praying for an injunction restraining the burgess and town-council of that borough from erecting a water works for the use of the borough. The injunction was dissolved by the court and work will be continued on the building of the new plant at Centre Hall, unless the old company carries an appeal to the Supreme court and gets a stay. It is reported that an appeal will be carried up.

THE FORMAL OPENING OF THE NITTANY COUNTRY CLUB.—The members of the Nittany rod and gun club are being notified that the formal opening of the club house and game preserve will be made at the time of the first annual meeting on Thursday, November 4th.

The notice that is being sent out states that within the last two weeks 2,000 pairs of quail have been turned loose on the quail preserve, a tract of 10,000 acres. The trout stream has been cleared for a distance of eight miles with a path along its entire course. Arrangements have been made with J. Amnin, Jr., of Caledonia, N. Y., to put into the 62 fish dams constructed on the stream 2,000 six inch trout and 5,000 three inch trout so that there will be ample fishing next spring. The stocking must be done this fall.

The present officers of the club are: President, J. Henry Cochran, Williamsport; vice president, Charles H. Wilhelm, Reading; secretary, Clarence Sprout, of Williamsport; treasurer, John P. Harris, Williamsport; executive committee, J. Henry Cochran, Seth T. Foreman, of Williamsport; Barton Pardee, of Lock Haven; John P. Harris, Andrew Brockerhoff and Frank Warfield, of Belleville. The club now has 78 members, located principally in Belleville, Lock Haven, Williamsport and Philadelphia.

SHERIFF CRONISTER'S STRANGE FIND.—While walking in the woods below Coburn, one day last week, sheriff W. M. Cronister was attracted by a stick that looked like a cane lying on the ground. On picking it up he discovered that it had evidently been cut for that purpose by some traveler who had afterwards thrown it away.

The bark was dry and crumbled off in his hands, revealing the most curious and remarkably symmetrical designs that were grooved into the wood. The sheriff was curious to see to what extent the stick was marked and was surprised to find that throughout its entire length it was grooved in the same way; so regular and artistic as to look as if it had been done by deft hands.

It is evident that worms got under the bark while the stick was lying on all those curious grooves were furrowed out.

THE CLEARFIELD POOR FARM A GREAT PRODUCER.—The crops that were raised on the poor farm, in Clearfield county, this year were really prolific and quite gratifying to the tax-payers of that county. Since the building of the county home the poor tax has been reduced about fifty per cent., while better comforts have been the lot of the poor people.

The farm, this year, under the management of D. R. Woolridge, steward, has produced 1,700 bushels of corn, 800 bushels of potatoes, 10,000 heads of cabbage, 186 bushels of rye, a large amount of hay, several hundred bushels of turnips and a vast quantity of other farm and garden truck, besides having the best stock of hogs and cattle in the county. The stuff produced will not be sold, but will go towards keeping up the home and reducing the taxes necessary for that purpose.

Dr. Lawrence M. Colfelt preached to his old congregation in the Oxford Presbyterian church, in Philadelphia, last Sunday night. His reception was in the nature of an ovation and after the service an unanimous congregational call was made to have him return to the church. In addition to the regular large salary Mrs. Hamilton Diston offered the tempting inducement of an extra eight or ten thousand a year if he would accept. It was reported that he had accepted but later information is to the effect that he has not made up his mind what to do. So far as his usefulness is concerned no greater field for his labors could be secured than the one he is working in at State College, where the ever chang-kaleidoscope of youth furnishes opportunities for the great divine to sow seed in soil that could be reached no where else and at no better time.

The state Synod of the Presbyterian church met at Chambersburg last week. Dr. Wm. Laurie, of Belleville, was elected moderator over Dr. Geo. B. Stewart, of Harrisburg, by a vote of 118 to 101. Dr. Laurie had been moderator when the Synod met in this place last year had not the delicacy of his position in being the resident pastor made it seem improper for him to accept the honor that was lately so worthily bestowed.

"Tommy" Maslin, "the rescued man," was in town on Sunday, and spoke to a large crowd of people in the court house. The music with orchestral accompaniment was particularly inspiring and "Tommy" impressed many of his hearers with the story of his misguided early life and glorious conversion. He compared himself to Paul who had at first persecuted Christ, then became converted and preached his gospel to great and small.

The arch-deaconry of Williamsport, that had been in session in St. John's Episcopal church, in this place, since Monday morning, ended their sessions Wednesday evening and departed for their homes. The meetings were quite attractive and largely attended. The visiting rectors were greatly pleased with Belleville.

It is probable that Rev. W. H. Lingenfelter, Methodist preacher in Phillipsburg, will move to Wolsburg, Bedford county, where he has been offered the pastorate of a church.

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Sale Register.

Nov. 28th.—The Michael Grove farm in Spring township, situated 1 mile south of Belleville, comprising 125 acres fertile land, good farm buildings, orchard, water and near to churches and schools. Sale on premises. Sale at 2 o'clock p. m.

Nov. 1st.—At the Michael Grove farm in College township 1 1/2 miles north east of Lemont, near Dales Summit, the farm comprising 170 acres of fine land will be sold. Good farm buildings, orchard, water and near to railroad, churches and schools. Sale at 2 o'clock p. m.

Nov. 13th.—At the residence of George M. Neff, 1 mile north of Mt. Eagle, horses, cattle, pigs, implements and grain. Sale at 1 o'clock p. m. J. L. Neff, Auctioneer.

Belleville Grain Market.

Corrected weekly by Geo. W. Jackson & Co.

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Red Wheat, old..... 85
Red wheat, new..... 85
Rye, per bushel..... 35
Corn, yellow, per bushel..... 35
Corn, white, per bushel..... 35
Oats, per bushel, old..... 22
Oats, per bushel, new..... 20
Barley, per bushel..... 30
Ground Plaster, per ton..... 8 00
Buckwheat, per bushel..... 25
Cloversed, per bushel..... 30 00 to 30

Belleville Produce Markets.

Corrected weekly by Seckler & Co.

Potatoes per bushel..... 50
Onions..... 50
Eggs, per dozen..... 18
Lard, per pound..... 5
Country Shoulders..... 6
Sides..... 6
Hams..... 10
Tallow, per pound..... 3
Butter, per pound..... 18

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