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### Democratic State Ticket.

*For Governor:*
ROBERT E. PATTISON, of Philadelphia.

*For Lieutenant Governor:*
GEORGE W. GUTHRIE, of Allegheny.

*Secretary of Internal Affairs:*
JAMES NOLAN, of Berks.

### The County Ticket.

*For Congress:*
D. E. HIBNER, of Clearfield.

*For State Senator:*
WM. C. HEINLE, of Centre.

*For Assembly:*
J. W. KEPLER, of Ferguson Twp.
J. H. WETZEL, of Bellefonte.

*For Sheriff:*
H. S. TAYLOR, of Bellefonte.

*For Register:*
A. G. ARCHEY, of Ferguson Twp.

*For Recorder:*
JNO. C. ROWE, of Philipsburg.

*For Treasurer:*
W. J. CARLIN, of Miles Twp.

*For Commissioner:*
E. A. HUMPTON, of Snow Shoe Twp.
P. H. MEYER, of Harris Twp.

*For Auditor;*
J. H. BECK, of Walker Twp.
W. H. TIBBENS, of COLLEGE TWP.

### Democratic County Convention.

A reconvened meeting of the Democratic County Convention of June 3rd, 1902, will be held in the court house, at Bellefonte, on Wednesday, October 1st, 1902, at 11.30 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of nominating a candidate for Coroner, and any other business that may come before the convention. All delegates elected at the Democratic primaries on May 31st, 1902, are requested to be present either in person or by proxy. By order of

ELLIS L. ORVIS,
Chairman Democratic County Convention of '02

Attest:
JOHN J. BOWER
Chairman Democratic County Committee.

——The Republicans of Philipsburg met on Thursday evening and organized an A. E. Patton Republican club. The officers are S. M. Miller, president; S. H. Wigton, secretary and G. W. Hoover, treasurer. The organizers were J. N. Schoonover, G. W. Hoover, J. K. Thompson, John Gowland, H. H. Hewitt, S. M. Miller, Frank F. Irwin, S. H. Wigton, C. T. Fryberger, H. J. Goss, P. E. Womelsdorff, A. E. Bolger.

—We hope that editors JOHN C. MILLER and T. H. HARTER, who were on the ground, were not mixed up in that disgraceful melee in Philadelphia on Wednesday.

### The Union Party Endorses Pattison and Guthrie.

*Rioting and Disorder From Start to Finish at the Regularly Called Convention. Knives Were Drawn, Pistols Flourished and Blackjacks Used. The Pennypacker Adherents Presented Themselves at the Hall and Demanded Admission. Being Refused They Forced Open the Street Doors and Made a Rush for the Hall.*

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 3.—The factional fight in the Union party over the endorsement of Samuel W. Pennypacker or Robert E. Pattison, as the gubernatorial candidate to head the state ticket, culminated to-day in the holding of two conventions.

Last night a force of Unionists was placed on guard at Musical Fund hall to prevent the opposition from taking possession of the place to-day. The regular delegates were admitted singlyand were closely scrutinized before being permitted to enter. After all had been admitted the doors were closed and barricaded.

At 11 o'clock, the hour when the convention was to be called to order, the Pennypacker adherents presented themselves at the hall and demanded admission.

FORCED OPEN THE DOORS.

Being refused, they forced open the street doors and made a rush for the hall, which is on the second floor of the building. As they scrambled up the stairway, shouting and cheering, the regular delegates hurled chairs down the stairway. Some were struck by blackjacks. No one was seriously injured, and the Pennypacker delegates, who were led by William R. Knight Jr., of this city, swarmed into the hall and took possession of the front seats.

State Chairman Riter called the convention to order and Secretary George E. Mapes read the call for the convention. The state chairman then ordered the roll called. Immediately there was a storm of howls and cat calls from Knight's followers mingled with the cheers of the regulars

Finding themselves unable to proceed with the business of the convention the regulars contented themselves with hooting and jeering the members who tried to make speeches, who were forced to abandon their attempts to address the convention.

Police Captain Hamm and a squad of reserve policemen were in attendance. Chairman Riter appealed to the former to quell the disturbance, but the police were apparently powerless.

State chairman Riter then announced that they would adjourn to meet at the Continental hotel at 3 o'clock, where they would not be at the mercy of such paid black-legs as had forced their way into the convention.

The second convention met in the Continental hotel. It was directed by State Chairman Riter, and endorsed former Governor Pattison, the Democratic nominee for Governor; G. W. Guthrie for Lieutenant Governor, and Lewis A. Emery, of Allegheny.

The convention was called to order by the chairman and the roll call showed 386 delegates out of the 508 in the State present.

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### FRANK BECKWITH ESCAPES THE GALLOWS.

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hardly understand it. I knew Beckwith from boyhood up; I noticed many different changes on Beckwith that morning from usual.

George Merriman called. Live at Retort; know Beckwith; saw him morning of shooting also day before; I talked to him Saturday when he told me that he had just been at Sharer's trying to get his wife to go home; Beckwith at the time appeared to look wilder and more excited than usual. Sunday morning Beckwith came to my house between 4 and 5, and called to me to come out; he asked if his wife was there; I told she was not; Beckwith was not in my house at all. The night was a very rough one with lots of snow. When Beckwith left he went towards Sandy Ridge. I noticed by his talk that his voice wasn't the same, but I did't see him at all.

Samuel Cowher re-called. Saw Beckwith in January shortly after birth of his daughter's child; at the time he was crying; he told me his heart was broken; I told him "I guessed not," but he said "yes, it was." Nothing on cross examination.

George Burns called. Live in Taylor Twp.; know Beckwith; saw him frequently; saw him Feb. 15th, at Retort; Beckwith told me he had wanted me to haul him a load of coal; he told me that he had killed two hogs last fall and that then there was only one piece of meat left; he also said his store bill was about $70 in three months; he told me that he had lived in h—l the past twenty years, and that for several years past he had been trying to break up the trash that laid around his house, but had not succeeded. Nothing on cross examination.

E. E. Burns called. Live in Taylor Twp. and have known Beckwith twenty years; saw him at Retort Feb. 15th, when he told me about his family trouble saying that his daughter Blanche had gone away and his wife also was away; he told about doing the cooking at home. To me Beckwith's appearance was about the same as usual. No cross examination.

John W. Beckwith called. Live at Hannah; am a cousin of Frank Beckwith; he was in my store the evening of February 15; he left the store about train time. I had no talk with him, though he bought some goods of me; I noticed his eyes were bright and dazzling, different from usual; Beckwith took no part in the conversation, but sat there with his head hanging down. Though not a regular customer of mine Frank often bought goods of me. No cross examination.

Mrs. John W. Beckwith called. Mrs. Beckwith corroborated the story of her husband and further stated that she heard Frank say that he was very tired and that he had come there to meet his wife; the people in the store were joking and when they asked Frank to join in the fun he said that "all his fun was trouble." Frank seemed very much worried. In the twenty eight years I have known Frank I have always found him a nice, quiet man, though he was easily excited and when excited he became very much wrought up. No additional facts on cross examination.

Mrs. John Orwig called. Live in Taylor Twp.; know Frank Beckwith; was at the Beckwith home the night Blanche's child was born; it was 19th of Jan.; Beckwith was at home; Mrs. Vinton Beckwith was also there. Beckwith told me that they had kept that all hid from him, and that if they had listened to him this would not have been; Frank said nothing at all to me about Blanche, his daughter. The next time I talked to Frank was on Friday before the shooting; I spoke to him three times and he paid no attention to me. I baked bread for him on Saturday and he stopped in the evening and got one loaf. The next time I saw him was when he came with the officers to my house, Sunday after the shooting, for dinner. Nothing special on cross examination.

Mrs. Margaret Sharer. Live at Hannah knew Beckwith for forty years; helped raise Beckwith. This witness was called to prove insanity on the part of Beckwith and Beckwith's father, but after hearing her testimony the evidence was excluded by the court, because the witness was unable to relate any such facts or circumstances as to warrant accepting her statements.

D. H. Beck called. Live in Taylor Twp. and have known Beckwith the past ten years; saw him on Saturday prior to shooting, but did not talk to him. Saw him on Monday, February 10, when I called Frank to go to work, and he didn't go, because he was sick. Sometime later I had a conversation with Beckwith in which he recounted all his family troubles. On cross-examination witness states that he never saw the prisoner do anything that would be the act of a crazy man.

William Gates called. Live at Retort and know prisoner; the last time I saw Beckwith, several weeks before the shooting, his conversation seemed very irrational. Witness further states that he noticed peculiar actions, but on cross-examination contradicted himself.

J. J. Coffey called. Mr. Coffey is manager and book-keeper at Isaac Reese & Sons at the Retort fire brick works. He testified that Beckwith was a very trusty and steady employee. When Beckwith drew his pay on Saturday, February 15th, witness noticed nothing wrong with him.

Court adjourned at 11:50 until 2 p. m.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

Court called Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The defense continued by calling James Stine. Live at Port Matilda. I have crossed the mountain same way Beckwith testified he crossed it. I crossed it about Feb. 1st. The path was right across the mountain; the distance from Retort to Frank Beckwith's was about 7½ miles. No cross-examination.

Michael Walk called. Live at Sandy Ridge; know Frank Beckwith; saw him Monday morning, Feb. 10th, between 7 and 8 o'clock. Beckwith said his family was driving him to h—l as fast as they could. On Saturday he told me it was a good thing he had gone home as he found his little children there with nothing to eat; he also told me that he had found his wife at Jesse Sharer's; that he told her to get out of that in fifteen minutes and to be home by 11 o'clock. That he didn't want her to go to the Sharer's because there was always trouble in the family.

On cross-examination the witness stated that Beckwith said if his wife didn't go home by 11 or 12 o'clock she would have to put up with the consequences.

William Laird called. Live in Taylor Twp.; have known Beckwith ten years, seen him frequently. Various times when I met him on the road he would pass by and not notice me; once he stopped and stared at me as if he didn't know what to say. Beckwith was nervous and had such a wild look about him that I got afraid of him and got out of the woods. I don't think he talked about family affairs. Don't remember what he said.

On cross-examination the witness stated that the above occurrence took place about two years ago. The last time I saw him was about a year ago when I noticed nothing wrong about him.

John Pierce called. Live in Taylor Twp.; know Frank Beckwith and knew his wife; have visited them frequently; I have met "Bill," Williams there but never Frank Cassidy; have seen Williams and Mrs. Beckwith together and have known of them to spend the night together at the Beckwith home.

On cross-examination witness stated that the meetings between Williams and Mrs. Beckwith took place in the spring of 1900. Williams was described as a small man about 30 years of age. Witness detailed an occasion when he alleged he saw Williams and Mrs. Beckwith in a compromising situation.

Frank Cowher called. Live at Sandy Ridge; know Beckwith and knew Mrs. Beckwith. Have visited there and seen lots of people there, among them Frank Cassidy. Witness stated that he had seen Cassidy and Mrs. Beckwith in a compromising situation about two years ago. On cross-examination witnesses story was more or less confused.

Mrs. Mary Pierce called. Live in Taylor Twp.; knew the Beckwith's well; have visited there frequently; lived there once two weeks; saw William Williams there several times; saw Williams and Mrs. Beckwith together, but never in a compromising position. Nothing new on cross-examination.

William Kneff called. Live in Worth Twp.; knew the Beckwiths; have been there on business; saw Williams and Mrs. Beckwith together several times in compromising positions.

On cross-examination witness stated that he was one of the Kneff's that the defendant had forbidden the house.

Vinton Beckwith called. Know Frank Beckwith. Last Friday I visited the house where the prisoner is alleged to have fired two shots at his wife about two years ago, took measurements of the bullet holes in the wall. The room is 16x22 feet in size; one bullet hole was 5 feet 7 inches from the floor and the other one 6 feet. The holes were about 6 feet apart. Witness stated that between the 9th and 15th of February he met the prisoner twice. The first time nothing unusual occurred; the second time was Saturday evening at John Beckwith's store; it was to me Frank said that "his fun was all sorrow." Met the prisoner after his arrest. I said to him, "Frank, I understand you have done a bad crime." He said: "yes, but I was driven to it." Witness stated it to be a fact that Mrs. Beckwith once stated to him that "she could cut the heart out of Frank," when Blanche said: "yes, and I could jump on it."

On cross-examination witness stated that when Mrs. Beckwith said she could cut the heart out of Frank it was preceded with the assertion that if he would strike her she could do it.

At 3:50 court adjourned until 10:00 Monday morning.

THE TESTIMONY CLOSES.

Court called Monday morning at 10 o'clock, the judge, the jury, attorneys and everybody else looking fresh after the Sunday's rest. The prisoner was brought into court wearing the same self-satisfied smile—benign countenance of martyrdom—that has so characterized his demeanor throughout the entire trial. With the opening of court the defense offered in evidence a draft (Exhibit No. 1) of the Beckwith house to show where the bullets struck when the prisoner shot at his wife about two years ago; the clothes (Exhibit No. 2) worn by the prisoner were also offered in evidence.

Isaiah Woodle re-called. Am the officer who arrested Frank Beckwith; at the time he told me he had been hit on the arm and shoulder by Douglass Edmunson. No cross-examination.

Vinton Beckwith re-called. Have visited the Edmunson house three times since the shooting occurred; W. E. Gray and myself made measurements from which a draft of the premises was made; (witness fully described the various measurements, and identifies the draft as a correct one. Draft offered in evidence as Exhibit No. 3, after it had been more fully identified and sworn to by W. E. Gray, Esq.)

Vinton Beckwith re-called. Served all the subpoenas for the defense; tried to find Frank Cassidy, but could not, though watched his house three nights.

Frank Beckwith, the prisoner re-called. On February 16th, before the shooting, George Walk told me my wife had been there one night with Cassidy, and had likely gone to Retort; several others told me she was running around with Cassidy, and all told had spent three nights with him, one at Walk's, one at Merriman's and one at the coal tipple; I heard this news before 5 o'clock in the morning; when I went to Edmunson's it was to find my wife and get her to go home. On cross-examination Beckwith stated that it was David Bennett who told him his wife had been running around with Cassidy; that he recognized him by his voice. Beckwith said he wanted to make his wife go home; did not even look for Cassidy. (On further cross-examination Col. Reeder asked the question "are you acquainted with Blanche Johnson?" the question was objected to by the attorneys for the defense, who asked that counsel for the Commonwealth put in writing an offer of what they expected to bring out, and the court so ordered. The offer and objections being presented the court sustained the objections and excluded the offer) Witness stated that it was five years ago this fall when he moved away from Hannah Furnace.

At 11:17 o'clock counsel announced that the defense rests.

In re-buttal the counsel for the Common wealth called as their first witness Sheriff Cyrus Brungart. (Again the counsel for the defense objected to the admission of any evidence of the sheriff, and the formality of an offer was again gone through with. Objections over-ruled by the court.) Am sheriff of Centre county; shortly after the prisoner's arrest he told me that he "noticed quite an article in the paper in which it was stated that he had shot his wife in the arm." Prisoner then said that "he didn't see how that could be as he had aimed for the head."

Emeline Sharer re-called. Was in my kitchen when Beckwith called there on Saturday prior to shooting; did not see Beckwith give his wife any money.

George Faust re-called. Mrs. Beckwith's clothing was given me just as soon as it was taken from the body; there was no money of any kind about the clothing. Nothing new on cross-examination.

Emanuel Beightol called. Live in Worth Twp; lived at Retort last February; Mrs. Beckwith spent no night at my house prior to the shooting. Nothing new on cross-examination.

W. D. Edmunson re-called. I did not hit Beckwith with a poker.

Blanche Beckwith re-called. John Pierce and wife spent a night at our house; came there about 6 o'clock; I occupied the lounge that evening, having scalded my face; did not go to bed until ten o'clock, and slept with my mother, who came to bed ten minutes after I did. Nothing new on cross-examination.

At 11:50 the Commonwealth rests. The defense had nothing to offer in sur-rebuttal and the court announced the evidence as closed. Court then adjourned until two o'clock p. m.

When court called at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon, counsel for the defense presented eight points of law bearing principally on the allegation of the defense that the prisoner was stricken with emotional insanity at the time of the shooting. Ellis L. Orvis argued the presentation for the defense and J. C. Meyer for the Commonwealth, one hour and a half having been taken up in the argument, at the expiration of which Judge Love announced that he would allow counsel three hours and a half on each side to argue the case, the Commonwealth to open and close.

It was just 3:36 o'clock when District Attorney Spangler began the argument for the Commonwealth. Mr. Spangler talked for one hour and thirty minutes reviewing the evidence in a clear, concise and logical way, without any attempt at peroration. His address was forcible and impressive.

At the conclusion of the District Attorney's argument, and at 5:08 o'clock W. E. Gray opened the argument for the defense. Mr. Gray had about half finished his talk when court adjourned until 8:30 Tuesday morning.

TUESDAY'S SESSION.

When court called Tuesday morning at 8:35 o'clock W. E. Gray resumed his argument for the defense. Mr. Gray talked until 9:50, or two and a quarter hours, all told. His argument throughout was forcible and emphatic, and whatever the verdict or the fate of the prisoner, may be he can find no fault with the efforts put forth by his counsel in his behalf.

When Mr. Gray concluded his argument the court announced that there was one hour and fifteen minutes time left for Mr. Bower in which to make the closing argument for the defense, and that gentleman at once began his talk. In his address Mr. Bower scored County Detective J. W. Rightnour, whom he characterized as "An officious County Detective, paid by the people for peddling lies in order to convict this man." Mr. Bower talked just one hour and thirty minutes and his argument was an eloquent plea for mercy and justice for the prisoner, which he claimed ought to be a full and free acquittal, or at the most only voluntary manslaughter. Mr. Bower closed his argument at 11:25 o'clock with a touching appeal in behalf of the defendant.

It was just 11:30 when Col. Wilbur F. Reeder opened the closing argument on behalf of the Commonwealth. Mr. Reeder talked thirty minutes when court adjourned till 1:45 o'clock p. m.

When court called at 1:45 Col. Reeder resumed his argument for the Commonwealth. Col. Reeder went into a clear elucidation of the evidence in the case and his arraignment of the prisoner was at times most scathing and severe. But through it all Beckwith sat unmoved and apparently calm as ever. With a brilliant plea that justice and justice only be done Col Reeder closed the argument at exactly 3 o'clock and the court began the charge to the jury.

CHARGE OF THE COURT.

In his charge Judge Love said, after fully defining the law and reviewing the evidence, that the difficulty which occurred between the defendant and the deceased about two years ago, was to be given little weight by the jury in the consideration of the evidence, inasmuch as the offense had been condoned by the parties continuing to live together, and that the jury should take the circumstances dating from the 19th of January up to the time of the shooting as the main facts from which they should arrive at a verdict.

Regarding the question of temporary insanity the court said that the evidence to sustain such a defense was very meagre.

Regarding the eight points of law submitted by the defense the court affirmed them in toto and instructed the jury accordingly. After a charge of one hour and eight minutes length the jury was sent out at 4:08 o'clock.

THE JURY AND ITS VERDICT.

The jury that brought in the verdict as it appears in the opening of this article was composed of:

Harry Lingle, clerk, Philipsburg.
John D. Miller, farmer, Walker Twp.
John Y. Stover, gentleman, Miles Twp.
H. H. Miller, veterinary surgeon, Miles Twp.
Nicodemus Lose, farmer, Haines Twp.
R. C. Mallory, blacksmith, Rush Twp.
Benj. F. Vonada, farmer, Marion Twp.
Charles McClintock, laborer, Walker Twp.
Henry Breon, farmer, Penn Twp.
S. H. Hoy, farmer, Benner Twp.
Michael Shaffer, gentleman, Potter Twp.
Frederick Bartley, farmer, Boggs Twp.

H. H. Miller was the foreman. The jurymen were all glad that their long work was over, but they did it cheerfully and uncomplainingly, feeling all the time the awful gravity of the case that rested in their hands.

It required seven ballots for them to come to a unanimous conclusion, the results being as follows:

| Ballott | 1st Degree | 2nd Degree. |
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| 1 | 3 | 9 |
| 2 | 4 | 8 |
| 3 | 2 | 10 |
| 4 | 1 | 11 |
| 5 | 1 | 11 |
| 6 | 1 | 11 |
| 7 | 0 | 12 |

A singular change in the voting is noticeable in the second ballott, where one of the jurors evidently changed from second to first degree. It is thought, however, it was a mistake in count rather than of the actual intention of the juror.

THE SENTENCE.

The motion for an application for a new trial of course prevented the immediate sentencing of the convicted man. The reasons for the application for a new trial will have to be filed within a time designated by the court, then a day set for argument of the same so that the final disposition may not be for a month or six weeks yet. It is not at all likely a new trial will be granted.

As the penalty for murder in the second degree the maximum sentence is twenty years, and as much less as the court may feel disposed to give. But even the maximum sentence would not mean such a long term in prison. The commutation law passed by the last Legislature provides for a commutation of sentence of two months for the first year; three months for the second; four months for the third and fourth, and five months for each succeeding year, so that a sentence of ten years the prisoner would be given three years and seven months commutation, and on a maximum sentence of twenty years the commutation would be seven years and nine months, and the actual time to be served would be but twelve years and three months.

### COST OF THE TRIAL.

The Beckwith trial has been a costly one. An effort was made to get the actual cost in dollars and cents, but as all bills have not yet been received by the County Commissioners, it was impossible to learn the definite amount. We give, however, the leading items of cost as follows:

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| Witnesses, fees, court records, etc. | $1,158.00. |
| Jury fees, lodging, etc. | 336.00. |
| Tipstaves in charge of jury | 48.00. |
| Experts on insanity witness | 375.00. |
| Attorneys fees (estimated.) | 500.00. |
| Incidental expenses (estimated.) | 250.00. |
| Total | $2,667. |

A pretty good price to pay for one man's act, and still another murder trial on the docket for the November court.

BETTER THAN EVER.—The fifty-ninth annual fair of the Union county agricultural society will be held at Brook park, Lewisburg, Sept. 23rd, 24th, 25th and 26th, 1902, and promises to be the best exhibition ever given by this, one of the oldest fair associations in the State. The grounds have been improved, the premium list revised and increased. The managers have arranged for some very fine attractions for the daily exhibitions in front of the grand stand. A large and spacious grand stand with private boxes for those desiring comfortable seats during the track events. Excursion rates on all railroads.

### Howard.

We are sorry to say that Mrs. Wm. Weber is seriously ill.

Wm. Wilhelm, of Buffalo, is visiting at the home of his sister.

Mrs. Robert Holter, of Kane, is visiting her mother Mrs. M. Miner.

Miss Mattie Thomas, of Hecla park, visited many friends here on Sunday.

Miss Nellie Burns departed on Tuesday for Milton to visit friends and relations.

Wm. Long, who has been visiting his daughter at Niagara, returned home on Saturday.

Miss Nellie Holter, who has been spending the summer at Oak Hall, returned home on Monday.

Clair Tipton, son of Geo. Tipton, departed on Monday for Williamsport, where he will go to school this winter.

J. L. DeHaas, who has been to the Williamsport hospital for treatment, returned home much improved.

Mrs. K. G. Shutt and daughters, who have been visiting her parents for the past few weeks, returned on Thursday to their home in Kane.

### Pine Grove Mention.

Schools will begin next Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Rishel, of Boalsburg, spent Monday in this place.

J. M. Morris, of Rebersburg, has been elected principal of the High school.

W. E. Meek who has been critically ill for several days is much better at this writing.

Mrs. L. W. Kimport and her daughter Myra visited friends in Pine Grove yesterday.

The Bolinger sisters have quite a lot of choice peaches ready for market in their orchard at Tadpole.

Wm. G. Grove is laid up with typhoid fever in the Altoona hospital. He had been working in the shops there.

Squire Michael Hess came up from Bellefonte on Monday to look over his possessions and talk politics by the way.

Miss Tessie Aikens, of Harrisburg, and her friend, J. C. Lescher, are being entertained at the parsonage this week.

John D. Dannley and family who have been visiting relatives here for some time left for their home in the Buckeye State on Monday.

John Bricker has accepted a position as a clerk in the Bellefonte Supply Company's store. John has had considerable experience and is a most obliging young man.

On Saturday the Baileyville and Huntingdon Furnace ball teams crossed bats on the Stucky field. The game resulted in a score of 5 to 29 in favor of the Baileyville boys.

Charley Smith went to Medina, Ohio, on Monday where he has a big contract as a trimmer in a carriage concern. He took his sorrel stepper with him and is going to put him on the track.

Miss Maggie Kustaborder, daughter of D. H. Kustaborder was taken to the Pennsylvania hospital in Philadelphia last week for an operation for displacement of the intestines brought about by a fall.

On last Thursday evening a very pleasant reception was given at the Presbyterian parsonage at Pennsylvania Furnace for the new pastor, Rev. R. M. Campbell, and his family.

Miss Grace Mitchell and her cousin Richard Lane, of Philadelphia, came up from Bellefonte Wednesday to enjoy a few days at the John Porter Lyon country place at Pennsylvania Furnace.

Rev. and Mrs. C. T. Aikens gave a picnic on Thursday up on top of Tussy mountain for some Harrisburg friends. It is needless to say that a delightful time was enjoyed for Mr. and Mrs. Aikens are noted entertainers.

James and Nettie McCool are mourning the death of their infant son, who died last Thursday evening. He was two months old and had been sick only a short time with catarrhal fever. Funeral services were held on Saturday morning.

Miss Leah Dunlop, a graduate nurse from the Norristown hospital, is spending her vacation at her parental home here. Her mother, Mrs. S. A. Dunlap, was called to Waddle's on Monday by the serious illness of her aged mother, Mrs. John Gummo.

Frank Barnhart, an employee of the Linden Hall Lumber company fell over an embankment recently and severely injured his back. He is laid up at the home of his father, Nicholas Barnhart, at Oak Hall. Mr. Barnhart has been most unfortunate recently. He has been off duty on account of the loss of the middle finger of his left hand, which was taken off with the saw. Last summer he lost the two middle fingers of his right hand in the same way and only a few days ago he received word that his daughter was at the point of death at his Williamsport home.

### Spring Mills.

The new Lutheran church has been erected almost by magic. The building is all under roof and carpenters are now busy in the interior. When finished it will be a decided improvement to the neighborhood.

Last week C. E. Zeigler sold to Mrs. Hirman Durst a very beautiful new Milton piano. Musical critics have pronounced the Milton a very superior instrument, and many regard it the finest piano sold in the county.

John Smith & Bro. have recently purchased the entire stock of wall papers and fixtures of Geo. W. Dunkle, the well known wall paper merchant of our village. Owing to failing health Mr. Dunkle retires from active business.

Portions of this community have been very much exercised of late, over the mysterious disappearance of shingles and loose boards from off low sheds and out-houses. The supposition, however, is that it is the work of sparrows, grasshoppers or "spooks."

C. E. Royer while using the rip saw in the planing mill on Friday last, a piece of edging broke off and struck him in the stomach, entering to a depth of 2½ inches, causing a very ugly wound. His physician as yet, does not apprehend any serious results.

What do bicyclists mean by riding up and down the roads at a break-neck speed at night, without a lighted lantern on their bicycle, thus endangering life and limb of pedestrians. Has the law prohibiting such folly and recklessness become obsolete?

From 1000 to 1200 bushels of huckelberries, and possibly 150 bushels of blackberries were brought to this village since the berry season commenced. But blackberries appeared to have no particular market, and of course only a limited sale. While huckelberries were in constant demand, O. T. Corman shipped over 500 bushels. C. J. Finkle 350, C. P. Long 200, and Howard Rossman about the same number. Corman and Finkle each had a wagon in the mountains twice a week purchasing from the pickers. The other merchants just bought what was brought to their respective stores. The berry crop has been immense, and the cry is "still they come."

### Lemont.

Lawrence Brisbin, of Unionville, has been cheering his aged mother by spending a few days with her.

John R. Schreck has taken leave of our town once more, as he has gone to Curwensville to blacksmith.

Mrs. Gilbert Rice has been quite ill of inflammation of the stomach, and is not improving very fast.

David Dale has gone to enjoy a two weeks vacation at the sea shore, whither he will return to the medical school that he is attending.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Whitehill look pleasant these times and when we inquire the reason they state a daughter came to their home during the week.

The Lemont M. E. Sunday school will picnic in the woods near the Centre Furnace mill Saturday, Sept. 13th, and they wish all to come and have a pleasant day in the grove.

The schools of College township are all in full blast now as they opened on Friday and the attendance was good the first day as can be seen by noting the attendance of a few, as follows: Lemont grammar, 12; Oak Hall grammar 9; Houserville, 21: Oak Hall primary 31; etc.

Philip Wirtz's barn seems to be the abode of ill luck, for on Aug. 27th, 1901, D. M. Tate had the misfortune to fall into the Houser thresher which caused his death, and this year the Baumgardner machine was at the barn on Aug. 27th, and a fork fell into it and knocked out twenty-two spikes.

On Saturday afternoon, as the venerable Daniel Houser and wife, of Centre Hall, were coming into Lemont, four or five bikes came flying past them and their horse became very much excited and started to run, and ran in close to the Ross store, over the scales and then turned towards Houserville, which is a very sharp curve, and ran as far as Jas. E. Lenker's store, at which place he was caught. Mrs. Houser was so much frightened that she became quite ill. The harness was torn several places but that was all the damage done. It might have ended quite seriously.

### Real Estate Transfers.

The following real estate transfers have been recorded during the past week by Recorder N. E. Robb.

Andrew Solt et ux. to Delia N. Angell, dated Aug. 4th, 1902, lot No. 44, Philipsburg, $175.00

Mary Ellen Hartzel et bar. to Rosanna McKisick, dated June 25th, 1902, 1 acre in Snow Shoe Twp. Consideration $10.00

Theodore McMullen et al. to William Showers, dated Nov. 23rd, 1885, 5 acres 3 perches in Walker Twp. Consideration $628.04

L. B. Bathurst's Adm. to C. A. VanValin, dated Aug. 29th, 1902, lot No. 20, in Unionville. Consideration $757.00

Going Thomas et ux. to H. Y. Stitzer, dated Sept. 18th, 1900, lot in Bellefonte. Consideration $169.64

Philipsburg Coal and Land Co. to Geo. W. Pfoutz, dated Aug. 12th, 1902, 8½ acres in Rush Twp. Consideration $200.00

William Reese to Jessie Cohn, dated Jan. 8th, 1902, lot in Rush Twp. Consideration $175.00

MARRIAGE LICENSES.—Following is the list of marriage licenses granted by orphan's court clerk, A. G. Archey, during the past week:

Chas. F. Carney, Sandy Ridge, and Jennie E. Williams, Osceola Mills.

Samuel R. Garman and Artie M. Keller, both of Madisonburg.

Chas. McClenathan and Frances Smith, both of Centre Hall.

George Delige and Blanche Johnson, both of Matternville.

Wm. R. Young and Mary F. Wolf, both of Potters Mills.

John L. Shultz and Mary Elizabeth Neiman, both of Milesburg.

Adam W. Shroyer, of Milesburg, and Mary Boyan, of Roland.