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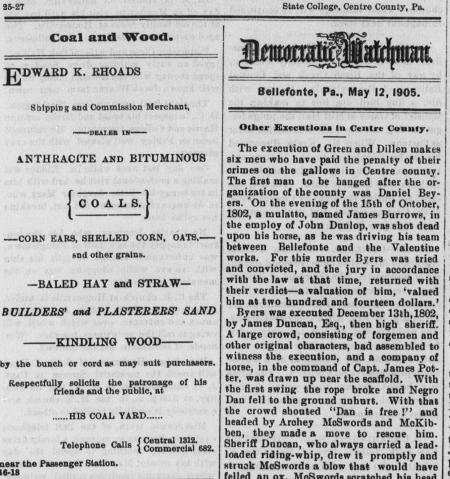
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struck McSwords a blow that would have felled an ox. McSwords scratched his head and said : "Mr. Duncan, as you are a small man, you may pass on." With that Capt. Potter's company made a charge and Wm. Irwin, of the troop leveled McKibben with a blow of his sword, cutting his cap rim through. Meanwhile William Petriken

stepped up to Dan, patted him on the shoulder, saying. "Dan, you have always been a good boy, go up and be hung like a which he did.

The second execution was that of James Monks, a native of Potter township, who was tried and convicted at the November term of court 1818, for the murder of Reaben Guild. The murder, which, from the prisoner's confession, appears to have been entirely unprovoked, took place on the evening of Sunday, November 16th, 1817. It appears from the confession of the prisoner, written in jail while awaiting execution, he was returning to his home on Marsh Creek. Howard township, from



Clearfield and met Guild, who was mounted on a horse, in a lonely part of the road. Having passed the time of day and proceeded a short distance, an uncontrollable desire came upon Monks, who was armed with a gun, to shoot Guild. Apparently powerless to resist the impulse, he raised and shot him through the body. The vic-tim nitered a shriet and fell from the borse tim uttered a shriek and fell from the horse, and as Monks approached him said, "My friend, you have killed me." Monks, feel ing that the shot had proved ineffectual. struck him two blows on the head with his tomahawk, which silenced him forever. Monks was hung on Saturday, January

23rd, 1819, by John Mitchell, Esq., then high sheriff, Wm. Armor, a fifer of the war of 1812, played the "Dead March" under the scaffold. An absurd rumor started shortly after Monks" execution that he had been seen alive afterward, and he became children's "spook" for some years. The county paper of the day had several articles, one favoring the apparition and arguing the possibility of his resuscitation, and others "pulling down the ghost."

From 1819 until 1890, almost three quar ters of a century the county was without the stigma of another hanging but on September 21st, 1889, W. Seely Kopkins, of Philipsburg, shot and instantly killed his wife and her mother, Mrs. Wigaman. He was tried and convicted at the November term of court and sentenced to death by Judge A. O. Furst. The execution took place in the Centre county jail on Thurs-day, February 20th, 1890, under sheriff Robert Cooke. The scaffold was built by Samuel Gault and during the time it was being erected, Hopkins became much interested, as he could hear the carpenters at work.

He had an abundance of spiritual advice, and professed a change of heart, and claim-

took of a turkey dinner, which was furjury. nished at his request. He said he deserved his fate, but that he committed the crime under great excitement. When the time for the execution arrived he marched to the scaffold without any hesitation and made a short address. When the drop was

sprung the rope broke; the limp, uncon-scious body fell to the ground. Hopkins was carried up again, a second noose was was carried up again, a second noose was adjusted and the scoond drop was more successful. The second drop was more successful. The second drop was more and say, 'I know you.' '' As his limbs were being pinioned he kissed Sheriff Cooke The following were the jurors officially selected to withess the execution: I. N.

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Pa The following attorneys were represent-ed in the Hopkins trial: J. L. Spangler and District Attorney J. C. Meyer for the proseention; and W. F. Reeder, Esq., for the defense.

The fourth and last hanging prior to the execution on Tuesday was that of Alfred Andrews, on April 9th, 1890, for the murder of Clara Price, ont near Karthaus. The horrible details of this crime are yet too fresh in the minds of our readers to need

recounting here. The trial of Andrews took place at Janu-ary term of court, 1890. Excitement ran high and the town was througed with people for several days interested in the outcome-some fearing even violence

should there be a failure in the verdict. The execution of Andrews took place Wednesday, May 9th, 1890, under Sheriff Robt. Cooke. The trial of Andrews was

circumstantial evidence in which the late Hon. John H. Orvis was leading counsel. He wove around the man a network that was so complete and convincing that the jury had little difficulty in arriving at a verdict. His address to the jury to this day is remembered and commented upon

as being a masterpiece in its line. Shortly after the trial Andrews made a

Contrary to expectation, he went to the scaffold without a sign of fear and from it he read a chapter in the scriptures and addressed the spectators upon the import-ance of a Christian life. He regretted the orime and among other things said, "I trust I may meet the blessed girl whose life I have stolen from the world. May I good bye and thanked him and Deputy Wilson for the kindness they had shown him. This time when the drop fell the execution was more successful. The ful-

lowing composed the jury: S. R. Pringle, Port Matilda; O. E. Miller, Milesburg; A. I. Katherman, Centre Hall; Isaac Smith, Gregg twp.; M. Miller, Howard; G. G. Matsern, Mattern-ville; Abraham Trimble, Philipsburg: H. M. Walker. Roland; Christ Decker, Zion; C. M. Bower, Bellefonte; Geo. Hastings, Bellefonte; and Geo. R. Boak, Pine Glenn. In the Andrews case the following attorneys were engaged: Hon. John H. Orvis and District Attorney J. C. Meyer for the prosecution; and J. L. Spangler and E. R. Chambers for the defendant.

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