

**DEATH A MYSTERY.****WAS IT MURDER, SUICIDE, OR ACCIDENTAL?**

**William A. Campbell, of Shickshinny, Found Dead in His Store With a Bullet Hole Through His Heart—The Unfortunate Man a Brother of Our Townsman C. H. Campbell.**

William A. Campbell, a prominent and extensively known hardware merchant, of Shickshinny, Luzerne county, was found dead in his store Monday morning. An examination revealed the fact that a bullet penetrating the heart had caused his death. On the floor, close beside the body, lay a revolver, with one exploded cartridge. It was first thought to be suicide, but after considerable delving on the part of the dead man's relatives and friends, they are inclined to believe that it was a case of accidental shooting or murder. He very often carried large sums of money on his person, which practice has been the subject of considerable comment.

The deceased was a brother of our townsman Charles H. Campbell, Ex-Register and Recorder, and has a legion of acquaintances throughout Columbia county. He was a prominent Mason, ex-postmaster of Shickshinny, and was twice elected and served two terms as Superintendent of Schools of Luzerne county. He leaves to mourn him a wife and six children. Mr. Campbell was a little past sixty years of age.

The funeral occurred yesterday afternoon.

**Abraham Deppen Death.**

Abraham Deppen, one of Northumberland's oldest residents, died on Sunday evening, at Mahanoy, Pa. He was almost 87 years old, and was one of the pioneers of Northumberland county. In the early part of this century he helped to build the Pennsylvania canal, and also with the aid of another man cleared the first five acres where now Shamokin stands. This life's battle was begun with nothing but a borrowed axe. With indomitable will and perseverance he eventually became the wealthiest man in his community. He leaves to mourn his loss a daughter, Mrs. Muth, of Mahanoy, Pa., and three sons, George, of Herndon; Joseph, of Mt. Carmel, and Alexander, of Dornsife. Thus another old landmark has been removed by the hand of time and has been entered upon the record of eternity.

**Injured While Alighting From a Train.**

John Fry and Will Grey, aged about eighteen and fifteen years respectively, residents of the southeastern part of town, boarded a southbound train on the D. L. & W. Railroad, to ride to Catawissa. Grey decided to stop off at Rupert, and when that station was reached did so, Fry remaining on the train. The train had gained a pretty high momentum when nearing Catawissa, and when at the point where the young man wanted to get off, the speed was greatly accelerated by reason of the descent in the grade. He left himself down very cautiously, but when his feet struck the ground, he was thrown down with great force, alighting upon his head and shoulders. He was picked up unconscious and borne to his father's home on Eighth street. He has remained in a comatose state ever since. His condition is critical.

**Grange Picnic.**

Montour and Northumberland County Pomona Grange, No. 31, P. of H., with Lycoming, Columbia, and Union Counties, will hold a picnic and meeting at Milton Park, on Wednesday, Aug. 16, 1899. All patrons and their friends invited. A building on the ground to accommodate three thousand people in case of storm. No accommodation on the ground for horses or carriages. A restaurant on the ground will furnish good meals for 25 cents. Worthy State Master W. F. Hill, State Lecturer Wm. Pachard and Hon. Leonard Rhone are expected to be there. Trolley runs to the Park from Milton or Watson town every half hour from 5:30 a. m. till 6:30 p. m.

**Veterans' Rally.**

The Columbia County Veterans Association will hold their Fourth Reunion at Millville on September 16th 1899. Jos. C. Eves, Sec.

**THROUGH THE WEST.**

**W. P. Faus Describes His Trip Through the Western States.**

**MONTE VIDEO, MINN., Aug. 12, '99.**  
EDITOR COLUMBIAN:—Having been a citizen of Columbia County for sixty three years, and never having crossed the boundary line of the grand old Keystone State until last month when I left home for a trip through several of the western states, I thought some of your readers might be interested in a few lines concerning my impressions. In company with my son from St. Marys, Elk Co., Pa., I began my journey from that place July 17. We first visited Niagara Falls, and gazing upon that "miracle of nature" recalled the words of the young poet, who under the inspiration of the muse wrote:  
"O Niagara! Niagara!  
Thou art a Staggerer."

Crossing Lake Ontario we viewed Toronto, that thriving city of the Queen's dominion, and returning turned our faces westward. We visited Michigan with its beautiful lakes and forests; we tarried briefly in Chicago, the commercial centre and metropolis of the middle west, and looked in upon the immense stock yards and meat packing establishments of that famous city; we attended the International Epworth League Convention with its more than twenty thousand delegates assembled from all parts of the United States and Canada at Indianapolis, the capital and metropolis of the Hoosier State, and apparently justly entitled to its claim to being the prettiest inland city of America; we crossed Illinois and Iowa where corn is king and where its broad acres of luxuriant growth stretching as far as the eye can see, bespeaks a bountiful yield. From thence we turned northward toward the great wheat belt of Southern Minnesota. A ride of two hundred miles through a beautiful prairie country dotted thick in every direction with shocks and stacks of golden grain furnishes a delightful contrast to the smaller fields, and numerous hills and mountains of Pennsylvania, and makes one feel like the boy whose life had been spent in the confines of a narrow valley between the mountains. One day he climbed the mountain, and for the first time got a view of the beautiful valley beyond, enraptured by the sight he said to his chum, "I tell you Bob this world is a whooper."

I have just been looking at a new steam thresher, a forty inch self feeder, which it is claimed will thresh and clean and measure thirty-five hundred bushels of wheat in a day. It is also said that there are places hereabouts where one of these machines can begin work and thrash steadily for three months without getting out of sight of the place of beginning. Next week I expect to journey further westward where I hope to spend a few days amid the scenery of Colorado before returning to my native state. I am greatly enjoying the hospitality of friends, the wide expanse of country and the variety of scenery through which I am passing. I am impressed with the vastness and variety of the material resources of our Great Country. Yet from all that the West offers I am sure I shall return with satisfaction and pleasure to the pure air, the excellent water, the fruitful orchards and the thrifty, kindly people of Pennsylvania. **W. P. FAUS.**

**Died in Adair, Adair County, Iowa.**

William R. Evans, aged 82 years less ten days died in Adair, Adair Co. Iowa, July 5, 1899. The deceased was born in Columbia County, Pa. He was united in wedlock with Amanda Young Feb. 11, 1838, to this union were born five children, three of whom and his companion are still living. They emigrated to Poweshirk Co., Iowa in 1867. In 1882 they moved to Adair Co., where they lived until the time of his death. The funeral services were held in the M. E. church, conducted by H. R. Taylor of Des Moines, Iowa.

**Thrown From Her Bicycle.**

Miss Margaret Laubach was thrown from her bicycle and severely cut and bruised about the head, a short distance above Espy, yesterday afternoon. It was thought at first that one of her arms had been broken, but all fears were dispelled by an examination, after she was brought home. The accident was caused by her skirt catching in the sprocket wheel.

**The Mahoning Rolling Mill, at Danville, was damaged by fire yesterday afternoon. We go to press too early for any further particulars.****SEEING THE WORLD.**

**M. E. Edwards, Formerly of Bloomsburg, on His Way to Quebec.**

The following article describing the experience of Mertis E. Edwards, son of Mrs. C. P. Sloan of Market street, this town is taken from the Springfield Daily Republican.

M. E. Edwards, of Miami, Fla., at one time a chef on the Prince of Wales' yacht, has just been engaged by N. D. Bill in the capacity of chef on his yacht Gloria, and is at the Massasoit house awaiting the time for Mr. Bill's trip to Canadian points. Mr. Edwards, for a man of 28 years old, has undoubtedly seen more of the world as a sailor and as a chef in the employ of the royalty and various millionaires, than most any other man of his years. He spent his early life in the small towns of Pennsylvania, where his father was a Methodist minister. When 16 years of age he went to sea on the ship Royal, traveling from Boston to Hong Kong and Manila and return. He then started from Boston bound for San Francisco, but he was caught in a hurricane off Charleston light October 10, 1891, and after being lashed in the rigging of the ship for 24 hours with others, drifted to sea lashed to parts of the boat, when they were picked up by the lifesaving crew. He spent some time sailing on another ship and then took up the study of cooking, at which he has become an expert. He has seen service on numerous prominent yachts, among them the "Nanan," owned by Thompson & English of the Philadelphia yacht club. He has had also extended experience under the eye of the Prince of Wales, having been on an extensive cruise in his private yacht. In one of his cruises Mr. Edwards visited the island made famous by the story of "Robison Crusoe," and has seen the wild man in every form of garb in all the countries of South America and the old world. He has been on the yacht Helene, the Viking, and also spent two months in service on the Sommers N. Smith, the New York Herald's dispatch boat during the Spanish war. On that boat he was thrown in constant contact with several prominent writers. Mr. Edwards left this boat, and after service with other prominent yachtsmen, spent the month of April on the Gloria while Mr. Bill was recruiting in the south. The boat took several interesting trips and Mr. Edwards' work pleased Mr. Bill so highly that he has engaged him for some time. Mr. Bill will leave this city to-morrow evening for Quebec where he will join the Amabelish club and spend some time cruising in near-by rivers in canoes.

**Held Up; Beaten and Robbed.**

"Your money", demanded two highwaymen of Horatio Seely of Nescopeck, as he was on his way home from Hazleton about seven o'clock on Wednesday evening last. Mr. Seely refused to comply with the request, and he was immediately pounced upon by the thugs, and beaten into insensibility, after which they went through his pockets, securing nearly \$80 in cash. The noise of an approaching team down the road a short distance, frightened the robbers and they left the scene making their escape through a field of corn.

The wagon which served to frighten them off, was the delivery wagon of Patterson's Nescopeck meat market. Mr. Seely was picked up by the driver and removed to his home at Nescopeck, where medical aid was hastily summoned. It was several hours before consciousness was regained. He was badly contused about the head and upper part of the body. Mr. Seely and his father are the proprietors of a wholesale confectionery store at Nescopeck, and his work as a traveling salesman, calling on the different store keepers in that vicinity, necessitated his being on the road, alone a great deal. But this is the first time he was ever stopped.

**Bicycle Races at Berwick.**

On August 26th the Berwick wheelmen will hold their race meet which was postponed on account of rain on June 24th. The list of events is a fine one. Besides the novice, half mile and one mile open and three mile handicap, there will be an Australian pursuit race, open to all; also trial for track record paced by a Quad. The match race between two quad teams should prove quite a novelty as it is the first time such a race has been arranged in this section of the state. For entry blanks or any other information, address Edward Schenke, Secretary, Berwick, Pa.

**THE ELEVATOR WORKS.**

A few weeks ago the stockholders of the Bloomsburg Elevator Works agreed to sell the machinery in the building to a man named Hoffman, for \$15,000. It was currently reported that he was a practical elevator builder, and it was expected by the public that the works would start up and furnish employment for many mechanics. Now it appears that these expectations were groundless, for the machinery is being taken out of the building, and shipped away. It is rumored that the Elevator Trust has now bought the machinery with the intention of dismantling the plant, as an elevator factory. The building is leased by Hoffman for a year.

The factory still contains the engine, boilers, electrical appliances, line shafting, and everything else excepting the special machinery.

**Surprise Party to Jacob Welliver.**

The residence of Jacob Welliver in Benton township was the scene of a merry gathering on Saturday last, when his children, grand children and great grand children to the number of seventy-five, tendered him a delightful surprise party in honor of his eighty-seventh birthday day. It was the leading social event in that township for some time past, and one that will always find a place in the memory of those who participated. Amusements of various kinds were indulged in, reminiscences of happy days gone by were spoken of, diversions for the future discussed, and a general good time had by all. At the noon hour the happy party proceeded to the dining room, where they were confronted by a table filled with all the delicacies of the season. It was a sumptuous spread. There was a copious supply of everything, and for two hours the guests feasted and made merry. The afternoon was very pleasantly spent, and when the time arrived to depart, all voted the occasion the best of the season.

Mr. Welliver is one of the pioneer residents of this county, and held in high esteem by all who know him. In politics he is a staunch democrat, and should his life be spared will help to swell Columbia County's majority for the Democratic National Ticket in 1900.

Those present from this immediate vicinity were Mrs. J. D. Jones and Mrs. H. C. Jones of Bloomsburg, and Mrs. Wesley Flemming and daughter of Rupert. The latter remained and will spend a couple weeks at the Welliver home.

**STRAY PARAGRAPHS.**

—Every word has its root. The root of pig is mud.

—A red face does not always indicate a recent trip to the seashore.

—A man in battle, is not allowed to whistle to keep his courage up, and the whistling of the bullets doesn't have that tendency.

—Nobody can make a newspaper to suit those whose tastes and opinions are always changing. A milliner might as well try to make a petticoat to fit the moon.

—It is a very rare thing to find a man preferring his neighbor's son or daughter to his own. It is not half so rare, to find one preferring his neighbors wife to his own.

—A well known gardner is complaining because his neighbor planted onions which were so strong that they brought tears to the eyes of his potatoes and they couldn't see to grow.

—A friend of ours, who has been hesitating whether to keep a matrimonial engagement, informs us that he has at last bespoken for his wedding suit. He evidently, on the whole, prefers a suit for the fulfillment of his promise to a suit for breach of it.

—On Monday our attention was called to a young couple who were passing rapidly through town on their way to get married. The indignant old folks were full three hours behind. So the adventurous young couple had what might be considered "a fair start in the world."

**Wheelmen's Race Meet.**

The fifth annual Diamond Race Meet given by the Bloomsburg Wheelmen will be held Saturday, August 19th. \$300.00 in prizes, every prize a diamond and guaranteed to be full value. One of the best half-mile tracks in the state.

List of events:— One half mile open, slow race, three mile handicap, boys race (under 16 years of age), one mile open, 2:40 class race and three mile pursuit race. For further information address **W. H. EVER,** Bloomsburg, Pa.

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**Mattings to Close.**

We do not care to carry any mattings over this season. We bought too heavily, but we'll make them go at a price.

**HERE THEY ARE.**

3 rolls, were 35c, now 25c  
4 rolls, were 40c, now 35c  
25 rolls, were 25c, now 18c  
8 rolls, were 17c, now 14c  
4 rolls, were 15c, now 12½c  
Good assortment of patterns and colorings.

Come in and see them. They are sold nowhere else, as we control the output. They are cheaper than boards.

**In Our Dry Goods Department.**

Physicians & Surgeon's Soap, 2 cakes for 15c., sold elsewhere for 20c. Have you tried it? The finest lathering and the purest soap in the market.

**Shirt Waists.**

If there is an unshirtwaisted woman in Columbia county, here is her opportunity. 25 PER CENT. IS THE CUT right through on every shirt waist in stock. We don't want to carry them over.

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