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## DEATH CAME QUICK

**Peter Jones Crushed to Death by a Falling Crane at Catawissa.**

**He was Foreman at the Hamlin Car Shops.**

Peter Jones, an old and respected citizen of Bloomsburg, met with sudden and violent death at the Hamlin Car Works last Saturday at about quarter of two. Charles B. Ohl, superintendent of the works, gave the following account of the accident to the *Daily* on Monday. Mr. Ohl was an eye witness.

"Mr. Jones was at work with a force of men and was erecting a large derrick pole twelve inches in diameter and forty feet long which was mounted heavily with iron bands, the pole and its equipments weighing about 1500 lbs. This had been raised to a point about twenty-five feet high when the first derrick, by which it was being raised, suddenly snapped in two places, and the huge pole being top-heavy the men with their pike poles were unable to hold it, and the end which was to have rested in a heavy iron socket was forced six or eight feet toward the point where Mr. Jones was standing. In its descent it struck an ordinary hitching post and the rebound of the big piece of timber after striking the post was the blow that unquestionably killed him. He was knocked several feet away and the pole afterward fell across his body in the region of the stomach. The blow struck Mr. Jones in the face and it is thought that his neck was broken.

Kind friends immediately administered to him and medical aid was summoned but it was all to no purpose, as he died in a very few minutes after the accident occurred, which was about 1:45 p. m.

It is strange to relate that the derrick which broke and caused his death was of his own construction and had been erected under his personal supervision.

Mr. Jones was a carpenter by trade. He served four years as a member of the Town Council, and six years as a School Director in Bloomsburg. He has also filled the office of Assessor, and was many times a member of the election board.

He was born in Mt. Pleasant township, this county, on October 10, 1832 and was therefore aged 68 years, 1 month and 21 days. He was a son of John Jones, and the other children were: Catharine, now the widow of Frederick Schwinn, and now residing in Scranton; Evan, now deceased; Eli and Frank, of this town; and Thomas, residing in Three Rivers, Michigan. Peter moved to Bloomsburg in 1850, and has resided here ever since. On February 9, 1860 he married Polly Wanich, and one son, Charles W. Jones, of this town was the only offspring.

Mr. Jones was a quiet and law-abiding citizen, and his family have much sympathy. The funeral was held at the residence on Wednesday at two o'clock.

### Burglar Identified.

A Cambra correspondent furnishes the following:

The burglar, who met death at this place a few weeks ago, has been positively identified, by a careful and thorough investigation, as Sir Chas. Douglass, the name by which he passed at the different fairs; late of Finleyville, Washington county, Pa., where he has a wife. The lady with whom Mr. Hughes has been in communication regarding the man, says he was a Scotchman by birth and very intelligent. He was a reformed gambler and preached while living there. He left sometime in September, since then they have had no account of him until they saw an account of the shooting at this place. He was wanted at that place for burglary, as he took \$200 and a gold watch when he left.

### Photographs Cheap.

The undersigned is prepared to fill orders for photographic views of houses, street views, etc., in Bloomsburg at low rates. Pictures 4x5 at \$1.50 a dozen.

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Bloomsburg.

### On Trial For Murder.

The trial of Riter Goss charged with the murder of John Cole, above Benton on the evening of July 21st last was taken up in court on Tuesday. Our readers are all familiar with the circumstances of the case. Cole it will be remembered was returning home on a bicycle. Above the Edison bridge he was overtaken by a team of horses, knocked down and killed. Riter Goss was the driver of the team. He was promptly arrested. At the hearing given him much evidence of an incriminating nature was offered and he was held for court.

The grand jury returned a true bill. This is only the third time that a Columbia county Grand Jury has returned a true bill on a murder charge. The first was in the famous Molly Maguire case, twenty-three years ago.

An examination of a list of forty-eight jurors resulted in the selection of the following jury: David Mouser, Montour township; Abraham Bennett, Pine; Nathan Rice, Beaver; John H. Parker, Cleveland; James Hobbs, Mifflin; Wilbur Fritz, Jackson; Thomas Downs, Beaver; B. D. Cole, Sugarloaf; Samuel Pugh, Charles Persyl, John W. Knies and William G. Rhodomoyer, Bloomsburg.

District Attorney John G. Harman opened the case for the commonwealth.

The first person called was James C. Brown. He submitted drawings of the road at the point where the tragedy occurred, showing the width of the road, etc. The diagram was handed to the jury for inspection.

Testimony was given by Charles VanHorn, Bruce VanHorn and Robert Evans. All three were with Riter Goss in the wagon on the fatal night. The evidence of the latter was probably the most damaging to the accused of any yet adduced. But he admitted having been under the effects of liquor, which fact took away the strength of his story. In cross examination, too he was badly mixed up.

Fred Ikeler and John G. Freeze are counsel for the defense.

### New York Musical Club.

The first entertainment before the Teachers' Institute was given on Monday evening by the New York Musical Club, which includes a reciter, who captivated the audience; a soprano singer, who has a sweet voice, though rather weak, and who was laboring under a disadvantage by slight illness; a violinist; and a saxophonist, who are named on the program as soloists, but who can hardly be placed in that class professionally. It did not profess to be a highly artistic program, and probably pleased the audience better for that reason.

There were "tunes" in their selections that everybody could understand and appreciate, and that is why every number was enthusiastically encored. Miss Greene's recitations were very well rendered. She made the audience laugh at her humorous selections, and held their closest attention when she gave a serious scene from "Quo Vadis."

### Krumm Family Reunion.

A large Thanksgiving dinner party was entertained at the home of J. L. Krumm, East Danville. Those who got away with the turkey were Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Krumm, Montandon; Mr. and Mrs. Amos Krumm and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Krumm, Bloomsburg; Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Krumm and Mrs. Rebecca Brobst, Catawissa; John E. Krumm and family, Turbotville; Lewis Krumm and family, Watson-town; William A. Krumm and family, Strawberry Ridge; Mrs. Thomas Cole, Mrs. Margaret Cole and Harry Cole, Danville.—Danville News.

### Appointed Deputy Sheriff.

Sheriff elect Daniel Knorr has appointed A. Bruce Black as his deputy. Bruce is the present incumbent and has been for the past three years, so that he is thoroughly acquainted with the duties of his position. He is courteous, gentlemanly, industrious, and intelligent, and Sheriff Knorr could have made no better appointment.

### Topic Cards.

A fine line of samples of Topic Cards for Christian Endeavor, Epworth League and Baptist Societies are kept at this office. Committees should call early and make their selections so that the cards will be ready by January 1st. This office can furnish them as cheap as they can be obtained in the city.

### DECEMBER COURT.

#### Proceedings in the Hall of Justice.

The regular December term of Quarter Sessions Court convened at 9:30 Monday morning with His Honor R. R. Little and Associates Fox and Kurtz on the bench.

Petition for sale in the estate of Ezra Stephens, confirmed nisi.

Road in Conyngham township near county line. Report of viewers in favor of vacating said road confirmed nisi.

Report of viewers in favor of bridge in Hemlock township near Hugh D. McBride's confirmed nisi.

Estate of Rebecca Hunsinger. Return of sale confirmed nisi.

Estate of Daniel Fry. Writ of partition. Return of Sheriff confirmed nisi.

Report of viewers against road in Bloomsburg and Scott township. Confirmed nisi.

Constables of the various townships called, sworn and made their returns.

Grand Jurors called and sworn. J. Kersey Sharpless appointed and sworn as foreman.

Milton Cox appointed constable to wait on Grand Jury.

The court charged the Grand Jury. Report of viewers in favor of road in Greenwood township near Jacob Derr's. Confirmed nisi.

Report of viewers of a county bridge in Main township near M. E. Church. Confirmed nisi.

Bridge over Lick Run in Mt. Pleasant township. Report of inspectors confirmed nisi.

Bridge in Montour township. Report of inspectors confirmed nisi.

Estate of Philip Morris. Auditor's report confirmed nisi.

Petition of John Hinderliter for rule to show cause. Rule granted June 26th, 1900. December 3d, 1900, rule discharged.

Estate of George W. Utt. Return of sale confirmed nisi.

Estate of Levi Beishline. Return of sale as to tract No. 2 confirmed nisi.

Report of viewers in favor of county bridge over creek near Bower's store in Center township. Confirmed nisi.

Estate of J. H. Fritz. Auditor's report confirmed nisi.

Estate of Henry Litwiler. Report of sale confirmed nisi.

Report of viewers in favor of public road in Pine township near Wm. Kingston's. Confirmed nisi.

Estate of Jackson Karns. Report of sale confirmed nisi.

Joseph Knarvitch sworn as interpreter.

Petition of Wm. P. Miliken and John A. Sterett, executors in the estate of M. Louisa Schuyler for discharge and appointment of trustee granted and Thomas Simpkins appointed trustee. Bond in sum of \$1500 with surety to be approved by the court.

Petition of Bloomsburg Store Co., for decree of dissolution. Petition granted.

Estate of Hester A. Moore. Return of sale confirmed nisi.

Estate of Charles Whitmire. Order of sale granted.

Estate of Arthur C. Nash. Petition for citation. Citation awarded.

Estate of Lavina Vandine. Auditor's report confirmed nisi.

Estate of J. S. Yohe. Order of sale granted.

George K. Hess et al. vs. Rebecca Creasy. Return of inquest confirmed nisi.

P. M. Thornton vs. Frank Ikeler and Fred Ikeler, executors. Petition for order of inspection. Rule granted.

Estate of J. B. Patton. Order of sale granted for private sale, and return of sale confirmed nisi.

Michael Malarkey and Patrick Murphy sworn and admitted as citizens of the United States.

Register's accounts confirmed nisi. Widows' appraisements confirmed nisi.

Commonwealth vs. D. Karlavich. Nolle pros. granted upon payment of costs.

Commonwealth vs. Roger Shearan, et al. Charge, assault and battery. Continued.

Commonwealth vs. A. M. Hess. Charge false pretense. Continued. Recognizance forfeited, etc.

Commonwealth vs. John Nebraska et al. Charge assault. Nolle pros. granted upon payment of costs.

Commonwealth vs. John Nebraska. Same as above.

In the matter of the Auditor's report in the estate of C. E. Winner. Petition of Dr. B. F. Gardner for confirmation absolute of said report as to his claim. Confirmation as to above

claim allowed; also as to officers of the Court.

The following reports of viewers in favor of roads and county bridges confirmed absolute:

Road in Fishingcreek township near Thomas Coleman's.

Bridge over Roaringcreek in Franklin township.

Road in Cleveland township over lands of Fisher, Long, et al.

Bridge over West Branch of Briar-creek near house of Daniel Kelchner.

Bridge over Little Fishingcreek between Fishingcreek and Greenwood townships near house of Simon Boyer.

Recognizance of Michael Rodger and Patrick Shearer and John R. Murray in the sum of \$500 for appearances of said Michael and Patrick Shearer at next term of Court.

Petition of Wesley Morris and G. W. Derr, supervisors of Greenwood township for mandamus, awarded as prayed for.

Petition of Mabel E. Sterner by her brother John Sterner for revocation of former order. Rule granted.

Estate of Samuel Hilday. Report of sale confirmed nisi.

Estate of George Rice. Return of private sale confirmed nisi.

Commonwealth vs. Lawson D. Gaumer. Charge surety of the peace. Hearing in open Court.

Court sentenced defendant to pay cost of prosecution and give bail in the sum of \$200 to keep the peace toward all good citizens, and especially toward prosecutor, Nelson Blair, and stand committed, etc., and the prosecutor, Nelson Blair, to give bail in the sum of \$100.

Recognizance of Nelson Blair in the sum of \$100 to keep the peace toward all good citizens and especially toward Lawson D. Gaumer, etc.

Grand Jury returned the following bills:

Commonwealth vs. Alex Williams. Assault. Not a true bill. Prosecutor John Berger to pay costs of prosecution, give bail to Sheriff for payment of same within ten days, stand committed, etc.

Commonwealth vs. Harry Klingaman. Assault and battery. Not a true bill, and prosecutrix Rebecca Klingaman to pay costs.

Court sentenced prosecutrix Rebecca Klingaman to pay costs of prosecution, etc.

Commonwealth vs. John Wellington Manning. F. and B. A true bill.

Commonwealth vs. Jos. Lettunnix. Assault and battery. A true bill.

Commonwealth vs. Joseph Roof. Assault and battery. A true bill.

Commonwealth vs. Harry Farver. Larceny. Not a true bill. County to pay costs.

Estate of Adam Shelhamer. Answer of heirs and order of Court filed.

Court adjourned to meet at 9 a. m. Tuesday Dec. 4, 1900.

Court convened Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock with his honor R. R. Little and Associate Fox on the bench.

Report of inspectors of bridge over Roaring Creek near Litwiler's. Continued.

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### License Blanks.

License blanks for Hotel, Restaurant, Wholesaler, Bottler, Distiller, for sale at this office, 10 cents each, 3 for 25 cents.

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### The Leader Department Store.

Christmas thoughts are the uppermost in one's mind at this time. Not alone the children, but the older folks as well, are beginning to wonder what good Santa Claus will bring to them. What a time of guessing the next three weeks will be! Guessing not only what will be given, but also what to give.

Let us help you. For weeks before we were making purchases with the view of meeting your wants, and here they are. Good and useful, fancy and ornamental, and at prices to meet all purses.

We have decorated our store, and with all due modesty, we think we have the prettiest decorated store in the county. Come down and tell us if we are not right in our belief.

First of all, you can't think of Christmas without thinking of good things to eat. Not very spiritual, we'll admit, but none the less true.

**OUR GROCERY DEPT.**—Will supply you with all the staple dainties. Candies, from 6c. to Lowney's, Fruits, nuts, raisins, figs and dates. Give us a call.

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For the holiday trade we show a specially fine line of lamps—something which will brighten up your rooms and make home more comfortable. Prices range from \$3.50 to \$6.00. Don't think because we are a general store that we cannot offer you something tasty and acceptable in *Jewelry.* We have a well chosen line of rings, breastpins, chatelaine bags, at moderate prices. Will look as well and wear as well as similar goods, which cost a great deal more money.

Our handkerchief stock is especially large and chosen for the holiday trade—good, reliable goods—and when we say they are all linen, they are all linen, and you can depend upon it. The same is true of our *Table Linen.* Covers and napkins always make a desirable present. Give us the pleasure of a call. Even though you don't buy, it does us good to hear you say we have "nice things."

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