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## FOR MURDER.

**Boyd Wintersteen Faces a Jury On the Charge of Killing M. L. Fisher at Danville.**

**A Verdict of Guilty of Voluntary Manslaughter.**

It has been some years since so much interest was shown in a court trial at Danville, as was exhibited during the past week over the trial of Boyd Wintersteen who was charged with killing Martin Fisher, in that borough, on September 12, 1900. The trial began before Judge Little last Thursday morning, and the court room was packed. The commonwealth was represented by District Attorney Welsh and James Scarlet, Esq. and the counsel for the prisoner were Hon. H. M. Hinkley, Edward S. Gearhart and Major C. P. Gearhart. All of Thursday and a part of Friday morning were consumed in the selection of a jury, many of the jurors stating that they had fixed opinions, and some being opposed to capital punishment. The twelve men were finally selected, and District Attorney Welsh opened the case at eleven o'clock. He stated that the commonwealth expects to prove that this is a case of willful, premeditated murder; that evidence will be introduced to show that on Saturday, September 8, Wintersteen, employed on the Castle Grove farms, had a controversy with Mr. Strouse, a foreman, concerning a certain horse, which Wintersteen refused to drive, and that Wintersteen declared that if he did not have his way, there would be the worst time on that farm that there ever was. Wintersteen then quit work, but afterwards appealed to Superintendent Fisher, after which he left the farm. Before going he repeated his statement that the matter was not ended, and that there would be the worst time that there ever was on that farm.

Other evidence, Mr. Welsh said, will be introduced to show that Wintersteen during the next few days stated to different persons that he would get even or have revenge for his discharge, and that he then bought a revolver at one hardware store and cartridges at another store. He was seen around town by different people on the morning of September 12, to some of them saying that something would happen soon at the Bennett farms. He was seen going towards Castle Grove, and shortly after ten o'clock appeared at the house on the Strouse farm, where he asked for Mr. Strouse. Soon after he left the house men working on the farm saw him in the fields, and fearing that he might injure the women they started for the house. Soon afterwards the farm hands found Mr. Fisher in his carriage, dying from the effects of a pistol shot wound.

Other evidence will be introduced to show that about an hour after the tragedy, employees at the Howe & Polk Mills saw a man walking along the canal bank, acting strangely, walking into and out of the canal, throwing away a revolver, then picking it up again and placing it at his head. The Rolling Mill employees followed the man until he came to "Reilly" Watts' place on Church street, where he said that he had just killed a man on the Castle Grove farms, and wanted to give himself up. They accompanied him to jail where he surrendered himself and his revolver to Sheriff Maiera.

Dr. P. C. Newbaker and Dr. Shultz testified to finding a bullet hole in Fisher's side about three inches below the armpit, and that this wound caused death. A number of other witnesses were called who gave the details of the tragedy about as stated by Mr. Welsh in his opening. Sheriff Maiera testified that when Wintersteen shot himself up he said that he had shot Martin Fisher. The purchase of the pistol and cartridges was proven by clerks who sold them to Wintersteen. Mrs. Strouse testified to threats made by the prisoner, and Dr. Barber said that Wintersteen told him he bought the pistol to kill Fisher and then kill himself, and that Wintersteen was very much excited at the time.

Several other conversations with the prisoner while in jail were admitted, and the prosecution rested, and court adjourned until Monday.

At the opening of court on Monday

## MRS. EFFIE VANCE MOYER.

Again this community was shocked when, on Saturday evening, shortly after six o'clock it was announced that Mrs. Effie Vance, wife of John L. Moyer, had expired. Though in ill health for some time past, and confined to her bed for several weeks, she seemed bright and cheerful on Saturday, and only a little while before her death, she was conversing pleasantly with members of the family. Little dreaming that death was so near, the other members of the household had gone out of the room, leaving one daughter, Helen, to sit with her mother. Suddenly the little girl noticed a strange expression on her mother's face, and, believing she had fainted, she called for assistance. Restoratives were applied, and every effort made to revive her, but when her physician, Dr. Reber, arrived Mrs. Moyer was dead. Heart disease, from which she had been suffering for some time, was the chief cause.

For a number of years prior to her marriage Mrs. Moyer, then Miss Effie Vance, was a popular teacher in the public schools of Bloomsburg. She was a daughter of the late Major Michael Vance, of Orange township, and was born in Orange township on the 24th day of January, 1847. She was married to John L. Moyer on the 13th day of October, 1874, and to them were born the following children: Myra, Laura, Helen, Lewis, William, and Harold, who, with their father, survive her. Two other children died in infancy. One sister, Miss Mary Vance, of this town, is the only surviving member of Major Vance's family.

Mrs. Moyer was possessed of a happy disposition, and by reason of this and her many other admirable qualities of character, she was endeared to a large circle of friends. The family have many sympathizers in their bereavement.

The funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon at half past one o'clock, the services being conducted by Rev. Dr. G. H. Hemingway, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, of which the deceased was a member, assisted by Rev. Mr. Martyn, of Orangeville.

The floral offerings of loving friends were numerous and beautiful, and the large attendance betokened the high esteem in which Mrs. Moyer was held.

The remains were laid to rest in the family lot in Rosemont Cemetery.

## PETER BUSH.

Peter Bush, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. John Bush, died at his home on Third street last Thursday afternoon at two o'clock, aged sixteen years, three months and twenty one days. Bright's disease was the cause of his death, and he had been ill for some time. Peter was a bright boy, and popular among his associates. He exhibited considerable musical talent, playing the flute and piccolo remarkably well. He was also an artist, and could draw pictures with accuracy. He was a member of the Boys' Brigade. The funeral took place on Monday morning at ten o'clock at St. Columba's Roman Catholic church of which Peter was a member. The church was filled to its utmost capacity. High Mass was said by Rev. Father Barr, who also preached an appropriate sermon. The floral offerings were numerous and beautiful. The pupils of the room at the High School in which Peter was a student were present, and also the Boys' Brigade, the latter firing a volley over the grave at the close of the services. The pall bearers were Charles Casey, Harry Beckley, Ray Neyhard, Ray Nuss, Michael Casey, Reginald Hemingway, Wilson White and Joseph Skeer.

Mrs. Katharine Kitchen, for many years a resident of Bloomsburg, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. L. M. Newman, at Northumberland, last Saturday, after an illness of about ten weeks. The deceased is survived by a sister, Mrs. Sarah J. Campbell, of this town, a brother, Wm. Moore, residing in Missouri and a daughter, Mrs. Newman, residing at Northumberland. The remains were brought to Bloomsburg on Tuesday morning, the funeral occurring from her late residence on Iron street, Tuesday afternoon. Interment in Rosemont cemetery.

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## ANNUAL MEETING

**Of the Columbia County Agricultural Society, Held on Saturday**

**For the Election of Officers—A Harmonious Gathering.**

The annual meeting of the Columbia County Agricultural, Horticultural and Mechanical Association for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year was held in the court room at two o'clock Saturday afternoon. There was a large attendance of the membership.

The meeting was called to order by President E. H. Sloan. The organization was effected by electing H. V. White chairman and the election of C. C. Yetter as reading clerk and Harry Barton and Freeze Quick as secretaries.

Minutes of last meeting were read and on motion duly seconded were approved as read.

Mr. White then spoke of the Farmers' Institute which will meet here on January 30 and 31 and said that the association had tried to make arrangements to secure the meeting for the same date at which the association held its annual election but that they had been notified by the State Board that they were unable to furnish speakers at the time requested. He said he had assurance that the institute would prove very interesting and that the speakers and lecturers would be among the best.

It was moved and seconded that the salaries of the officers remain the same as last year. Carried.

E. H. Sloan, the present incumbent, was again made the choice of the members for president and was unanimously elected.

For vice president the names of A. C. Creasy, C. E. Adams, F. P. Hagenbuch, I. B. Ikeler and Elisha Ringrose were placed in nomination—four to be elected.

For treasurer James C. Brown was the choice of the members and he was unanimously elected.

W. B. Allen was unanimously elected as librarian and A. N. Yost, the present secretary, was also unanimously elected.

The names presented for the executive committee were Henry Deighmiller, W. J. Hiday, Jere Kostenbauder, W. B. Mericle, D. A. Munson, Ellis Ringrose, A. R. Henrie, Emery D. Hagenbuch and J. W. Bowman—three to be elected.

For Auditors the following names were presented: John Scott, H. C. Hess, George B. Patterson, J. B. DeLong and Wm. Mensch—three to be elected.

The result of the vote cast was as follows:

**VICE PRESIDENT.**  
A. C. Creasy.....127  
C. E. Adams.....147  
F. P. Hagenbuch.....145  
I. B. Ikeler.....74  
Elisha Ringrose.....131  
All but Ikeler were elected.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.**  
Henry Deighmiller.....93  
W. J. Hiday.....89  
Jere Kostenbauder.....35  
W. B. Mericle.....17  
D. A. Munson.....22  
Ellis Ringrose.....60  
A. R. Henrie.....87  
Emery D. Hagenbuch.....63  
J. W. Bowman.....33  
Deighmiller, Hiday and Henrie were elected.

**AUDITOR.**  
John Scott.....99  
H. C. Hess.....95  
George B. Patterson.....63  
J. B. DeLong.....97  
William Mensch.....89  
Scott, DeLong and Hess were elected.

The report of the Treasurer was read and approved.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

## Y. M. C. A. Notes.

Rev. G. H. Hemingway, D. D., will address the Men's Meeting next Sunday afternoon at the usual hour. All are welcome. Let there be a large attendance.

There will be a social entertainment for boys from 12 to 15 years of age, in the Y. M. C. A. building on Friday evening, January 25, from 7 to 8:30 o'clock. The invitation is cordially extended to all.

## DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS.

In response to the call of the members of the Democratic Standing Committee residing in Bloomsburg, a party caucus was held in the Town Hall last Friday evening for the purpose of nominating candidates for the several offices to be filled at the February election. John G. Harman, Esq. called the meeting to order.

Freeze Quick was elected chairman and W. B. Allen and John Tracy were made secretaries.

For President of Town Council, Frank Ikeler, Esq., the present incumbent, was nominated unanimously.

For members of Town Council the following were placed in nomination: H. F. Dieffenbach, Wm. Kashner, C. L. Cronin, Clinton Sterling, Dr. T. C. Harter and John A. Cox.

Charles Roadarmel was also named but declined.

For School Director Dr. F. W. Redeker was nominated unanimously.

For Assessor, W. F. Stohner was nominated unanimously.

The tellers appointed to receive and count the vote were John Gross and Miles Betz.

The vote for Councilmen resulted as follows:

C. L. Cronin.....110  
Wm. Kashner.....98  
H. F. Dieffenbach.....64  
John A. Cox.....43  
Dr. T. C. Harter.....26  
Clinton Sterling.....13  
Messrs. Cronin, Kashner and Dieffenbach having received the greatest number of votes, were declared the regular nominees.

The following were named for the other offices in the four districts:

**FIRST DISTRICT.**  
Judge of Election—John W. Knies.  
Inspector of Election—Wm. E. Knorr.  
Registry Assessor—Miles Betz.

**SECOND DISTRICT.**  
Judge of Election—George Yost.  
Inspector of Election—Frank P. Baum.  
Registry Assessor—George W. Belg.

**THIRD DISTRICT.**  
Judge of Election—George W. Martin.  
Inspector of Election—E. J. Stetler.  
Registry Assessor—D. F. Weiss.

**FOURTH DISTRICT.**  
Judge of Election—John Fry.  
Inspector of Election—Wm. May.  
Registry Assessor—John T. Tracy.

## JOHN N. GORDON.

Ex-County Commissioner John N. Gordon died at his home in Montour township last Friday morning, from consumption, after a long illness. He was aged about sixty years, and leaves one son, John R., of Montour township. Mrs. Gordon died several years ago. Mr. Gordon held township offices for a number of years, such as Constable and Tax Collector. In 1897 he was elected County Commissioner by the Democrats, and filled the office very acceptably. The funeral was held Tuesday morning, and the attendance was very large. The services were conducted by Rev. M. E. McLann, of the Lutheran Church, of which the deceased was a member.

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