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## Finding of the Jury.

Wellington Hartman's Death,  
Due to Willful Reckless-  
ness.

George Sommers and Miles  
Sassaman Must Answer.

The jury empanelled by Justice of the Peace Bare in Danville in the case of Wellington Hartman, who was killed in a collision with George Sommers and Miles Sassaman on the public road below Grovania on Sunday night, May 5th, completed its labor at an adjourned inquest held at the Justice's office Saturday afternoon. The only additional witness heard was Dr. J. R. Kimerer. He described the nature of the wounds, which he said were sufficient to cause death. The other testimony was printed in last week's issue of this paper. Miss Ella May Hartman, who was with her father when the collision occurred, was called but her testimony was a repetition of that previously given.

The finding was to the effect that deceased, Wellington Hartman, about 8:30 o'clock on the night of May 5th, 1901, while driving on the Bloomsburg road came to his death through the willful recklessness and careless driving of George Sommers and Miles Sassaman, who collided with his spring wagon, causing him to be thrown out and almost instantly killed.

Sommers and Sassaman are both residents of this county, the former residing in Montour and the later in Catawissa township. They will now have to explain the recklessness and answer for a human life. And it is just and proper that they should. Accidents of this nature are becoming far too common for the safety of mankind. It is high time to call a halt. People with an utter disregard for law and correctness should be taught a lesson. They have secured as their counsel R. S. Ammerman of Danville and William Chrisman, of Bloomsburg.

### HELD IN \$1000 BAIL.

The two men were given a hearing at ten o'clock Monday morning. They entered a plea of "not guilty." It was their intention to waive the proceeding by giving bail for the amount demanded, for their appearance at the next session of court. But owing to the seriousness of the charge, the justice was unable to accept bail, accordingly Judge Little was telephoned for and went down on the noon train. During the intervening few hours Sommers and Sassaman were given into the custody of Sheriff Breckbill, and placed in the Montour County jail.

Court convened at 1:30 with Hon. R. R. Little and Associate Judge Blue presiding. Several witnesses were recalled. The prisoners were finally released on habeas corpus proceeding and held in \$1000 bail, each to appear at court.

### Patrick McFadden.

After a short illness, the period of his confinement to the house not exceeding over a few days, Patrick McFadden died from an attack of pneumonia at his home on East Seventh street late Friday night. He had been a resident of Bloomsburg for a long while, and for that reason was well known. Years ago he was employed at the Neal furnace, and after that enterprise ceased operations he sought employment elsewhere. He was engaged a major part of his time, repairing streets and highways. His health had been impaired for some years, but the family little dreamed that his condition was critical.

The survivors are a wife and six children. Four of them, Maggie, Grace, Ella and Henry live at home, while Mrs. Sadie Layton resides at Pittston and James in Philadelphia.

The deceased was sixty years of age. The funeral was held from St. Columbia Catholic church Monday morning. Services were conducted by Rev. Father Barr.

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

The meeting for men, at the Y. M. C. A. Building, next Sunday afternoon, at 2:30, will be addressed by Rev. M. E. McLinn. The invitation is to all men.

## Report of the Condition of the Bloomsburg National Bank

At the Close of Business April 24th, 1901.  
(Commenced Business August 1st, 1899.)

LIABILITIES:		RESOURCES:	
Capital Stock.....	\$ 60,000.00	Loans and Investments.....	\$301,784.60
Surplus and Profits (net).....	26,950.45	Furniture and Fixtures.....	8,000.00
Circulation.....	59,500.00	Cash and Reserve.....	61,758.90
Deposits.....	225,093.05		
	\$371,543.50		\$371,543.50

A. Z. SCHOCH, PRESIDENT.

WM. H. HIDLAY, CASHIER.

### KRICKBAUM WINS.

There was considerable excitement on the street on Tuesday morning, when it was announced in the city papers that the Supreme Court had reversed Judge Halsey's decision in the Krickbaum case. The opinion has not been received here yet, but it is understood that the decision is based on the ground that a County Commissioner is not such a trustee, manager or director, as is meant by the act. The effect of this is to put T. J. Vanderslice, the appointee of the Court, out of the Commissioner's office and reinstate William Krickbaum. As a proper recognition of his victory Mr. Krickbaum gave orders to prepare for a demonstration in the evening, and put the matter in the hands of W. B. Allen to make the necessary arrangements. The Berwick, Catawissa, Buckhorn and Bloomsburg brass bands were engaged, and a number of banners prepared. At about 8:30 in the evening the procession started, and Main Street blazed with red light rockets and music. It looked like the 4th of July or a Presidential ratification meeting. This ends another chapter in the Vanderslice-Krickbaum controversy. What is going to happen next no one can foretell.

### HOME FROM THE PHILIPPINES.

A home-coming which brought pleasure to his numerous friends was that of W. E. Ammerman, son of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Ammerman, of Light Street. He is a member of Company D 28th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, and alighted from the train at the Lackawanna station, Wednesday afternoon, having come direct from the Philippine Islands. The bravery and fighting ability of the "Twenty Eighth" is too well known to our readers to need any comment here. Excellent has been its showing in the far off islands, and the leading journals of the land have sung its praises.

Mr. Ammerman remained here till the departure of the B. & S. train at 6:40, during which time he renewed acquaintances and described in a vivid manner his experiences. When he arrived at Light Street his reception was more than cordial, friends crowded about in their eagerness to grasp his hand. But the happiest of all were his parents. We may be able to give our readers some interesting reading concerning his adventures, later on.

### Arrested for Stealing Coal.

There was a group of colored offenders before Squire Jacoby Friday morning, when Amanda Dennis, Nan Rhoades, Annie Stucky, Florence Rux, Wilbur Rux and Frank Parks, were arraigned on a charge of larceny. The arrests were made by Constable Miles Betz. It appears that the purloining has been carried on all winter, and the amount taken it is believed would aggregate many tons. They did not confine their practice to any one particular dealer. The coal yards of various vendors were visited, and the commodity carried away in a sufficient amount to keep the temperature of the several homes comfortable for days at a time. When the supply was exhausted, another coal yard would be invaded. In this manner it was kept up all winter. The dealers, or at least some of them missed the coal, but were unable to account for its disappearance. A dark man on a dark night, is as dark as sin. They each furnished bail in the sum of \$1000 to appear at the September term of court.

The Orangeville Council has purchased a road grader, and the streets of the Borough will all be improved.

### RUSHED WITH ORDERS.

The Richard Mfg. Co. is Receiving Recognition from Uncle Sam.

The Richard Manufacturing Company's plant is all activity these days. Orders are daily coming in, and the institution is running with a full force of hands. Among the latest orders received is one from the United States Government for four large observation towers, which are to be built and shipped to Seattle, Washington, for erection. They are to be completed by July 1st. This is only one of the many orders received within the past two weeks, and the plant is taking a place as one of the leading manufacturing institutions in this section, which speaks well for the efficient and progressive management of F. J. Richard, who gives every department his personal attention.

### Committed Suicide.

Dyer Thomas, of Eversgrove took his own life Monday morning by shooting himself through the heart with a shot gun, within a stone throw of his home. He arose quite early in the morning, ostensibly to shoot a hawk, which had been carrying off some young chickens. A short time after he left the house, a report of a gun broke the stillness of the morning, but his parents thought nothing of it.

Finally when the breakfast hour arrived, and the son failed to appear, and a call brought no reply, a search was instituted. A short distance from the house in a wooded ravine his body was discovered. Life was already extinct. The shot which had attracted the attention of the family an hour or so previous had no doubt been the fatal one. The contents of the gun took effect immediately below the heart, and death must have been instantaneous. Just what actuated the deed is a mystery, but the general belief is that he was disappointed in love. It is known that he had imagined himself ill-used, and his affections trifled with. For days he had been pensive and had expressed himself in terms, which showed that life had no joys for him, thus he sought comfort in death.

The deceased was nearly forty years of age. He was gentle in disposition and generally esteemed. His parents Mr. and Mrs. Brittain Thomas, are greatly depressed. Their sorrow is shared by the community.

### Hand Out Off.

An accident occurred at J. J. Robinson & Co's planing mill Friday morning which renders Clark Bowen a cripple for life. He was a new hand at the mill, having only been employed a few days previous, and was unfamiliar with the location of the various machines. At the time of the accident he was engaged at work other than that intended for him to do. He was cleaning away the accumulation of shavings which covered one of the moulding machines, and thrust his hand down between the knife blades, the keen edges of which nearly severed his hand at the wrist. His perilous position was discovered by a fellow workman, who with the assistance of some others took him to the home of his father, Alford Bowen, on West Third street. Dr. Gardner was summoned and dressed the wound. He is only a little over 13 years of age.

**GREENE**  
Consolidated Copper Co.,  
377-379 Broadway, New York.  
Dividend No. 1.

A dividend of 2 per cent. on the Capital Stock of this company has been declared, payable May 23rd. Transfer books will be closed on May 18th at 3 o'clock p. m. and reopened on May 27th.  
PHILIP BEROLZHEIMER, Treasurer.

# OUR MAY SALE COMMENCED TUESDAY, MAY 7.

## SPECIAL SALE OF MEN'S, BOYS AND CHILDREN'S SUITS.

\$18.00 Suits,	-	-	-	-	-	\$15.00
15.00 "	-	-	-	-	-	12.00
12.00 "	-	-	-	-	-	10.00
10.00 "	-	-	-	-	-	8.00
8.00 "	-	-	-	-	-	6.50
7.50 "	-	-	-	-	-	6.00
6.00 "	-	-	-	-	-	5.00

Children's Suits reduced in the same proportion.  
Our Light Weight Overcoats at a Big Reduction.

The reason we have this reduction sale is we have a little too much stock on hand and want to reduce it.

# BEN GIDDING.

Come in and see us—we'll treat you right.

### Real Estate Sale.

Edward B. Tustin, Cashier of the First National Bank, has purchased the M. C. Sloan property, corner of Third and Market streets, also the adjoining lots of C. P. Sloan, with the carriage and blacksmith shops formerly occupied by M. C. Sloan & Bro., and twenty feet of W. S. Rishton's lot. Mr. Rishton retains twenty feet adjoining his house. It is reported that Mr. Tustin will erect a handsome residence there. Possession will not be delivered until September 1st. This will remove another of the few remaining eye-sores on the prettiest street in town.

### Directors Elected.

The North Branch Furniture Company held a meeting Tuesday afternoon of last week, and elected the following directors to serve for the ensuing year. G. W. Correll, Dr. F. W. Redeker, Samuel McKamey, Dr. W. M. Reber, William J. Correll, L. N. Moyer and Dr. J. B. Montgomery. Hawley & Slate are the successful operators of the extensive plant and its product is among the finest and best on the market.

**J. G. WELLS,**  
Successor to S. F. Peacock  
& Co., Market Square.



The Strafford and Independent Bicycles for \$16.20, guaranteed for one year.

Just received—Fine new line of Penna. Lawn Mowers, Hammocks, Fishing Tackle, Base Ball supplies, &c.

**J. G. WELLS,**  
GENERAL HARDWARE.

## The Leader Department Store.

# UNMATCHABLE

In keeping store one finds that all the criticisms made are not of the fault finding kind. Many patrons, who know good goods, are willing to say that the line submitted is a pleasing one.

This has been our experience with LININGS. Our friends tell us that we keep one of the most complete assortment of LININGS in the county. We are anxious that you say so also.

We offer you the celebrated Gilbert makes Oriental Silks, 18 and 25c. Paune Silks, 25 and 30c. Good Percale, 15, 18 and 25c. All these are in the popular colorings. We have full lines of all the standard qualities.

Our friends also tell us that we keep the nicest line of SHIRT WAISTS in town. We have pick'd them very carefully and with the sole idea of giving you the best value for your money that there was in the market.

Take our 50 cent Shirt Waist. It is of Percale, has detachable collar, and is well made.

For \$1.00 we offer you a cool, gray Cambridge cloth, trimmed with figured Cambridge. Front has reverse.

Of course, for \$2.00 we can show you something better. All with turnover laced trimmed collars, tucked and lace fronts.

Our best is \$2.75, and it is a particularly stylish garment, with Allover lace fronts.

\* CARPET \*

# BARAINS.

The Leader Store Co., Ltd.,  
Fourth and Market Sts.