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BEHEADED BY TRAIN.

Christian Harman of Catawissa Steps Off of Car, and is Instantly Killed.

Was To Have Been Married.

That we know not the day nor the hour that we may be called away from life, is a saying that was verified at Rupert at four o'clock Tuesday afternoon, when Christian Harman, Jr. of Catawissa, stepped backward off of a car of the work-train on which he was employed, and met instant death.

The train had been moving to and fro in the P. & R. yards at Rupert, and the young man who was a brakeman on the road, was standing at the extreme end of a car, conversing with a fellow workman, when he unthinkingly stepped backward off the car falling directly beneath the wheel, and before the engineer had been made acquainted with what had occurred, two cars passed over him. Death was instantaneous, as his head and one arm were severed, mere shreds connecting them to the body.

The body was picked up, placed in the caboose and removed to the home of his parents at Catawissa, from which place the funeral will occur to-day. He was twenty-two years of age, and is survived by his parents, a brother, Calvin, and sister Mrs. Calvin Fisher, all of Catawissa. He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, and regular in attendance at its services. The esteem in which he was held is shown by the many kindly expressions that are made by all who knew him.

The accident is one of particular sadness as the unfortunate young man was soon to be married, preparations for which had already been made.

Y. M. C. A.'s NEW OFFICERS.

That there is to be no relaxation in the coming year's work of the Young Men's Christian Association is proven by the election of officers which was just recently effected. Never before has the Association been so thoroughly organized. The work has all been carefully mapped out, and advance is to be the watchword in every department.

The Young Men's Christian Association is a wonderful agency for good. Its chief object is to help young men on in life, and its success must be apparent to everyone. With the men that have been chosen to conduct the affairs of the local association, there is every reason to believe that even greater strides will be made. The organization is as follows:

President, Prof. C. H. Albert; First Vice President, C. C. Peacock Esq.; Second Vice President, W. L. White; Recording Secretary, A. N. Yost; Treasurer, John W. Lewis; General Secretary, U. Grant Morgan; Assistant Secretary, Benjamin Creveling; Board of Directors, O. W. Cherrington, Dr. J. W. Bruner, W. L. White, J. L. Wolverton, W. R. Kocher, T. E. Hyde, A. N. Yost, C. C. Peacock, E. B. Tustin, Prof. C. H. Albert, W. W. Evans, Dr. M. J. Hess, J. I. Harner, E. Woolsey, J. W. Lewis.

The chairman of the committees are as follows: Executive, C. C. Peacock, Esq.; Finance, E. Woolsey; Religious Work, J. I. Harner; Educational, Dr. G. H. Hemingway; Physical, E. F. Carpenter; Membership, S. R. Bidleman; Building, E. B. Tustin; Reception, R. H. Smoyer.

WORK STOPPED AGAIN.

Vested with authority from the Court, Sheriff Knorr went to Millville on Monday and put a stop to the work on the new river bridge, which was being vigorously pushed. This means that nothing further will be done until the Supreme Court passes upon the matter and hands down its decision. The completion of the bridge is now a matter of conjecture. The order of Court is as follows:

"And now, 11 December, 1903, plaintiff having taken an appeal to the Supreme Court in the above entitled proceeding, and having filed an appeal bond in the sum of five thousand dollars, and bond is approved and it is ordered that said appeal shall be a supersedeas.

R. R. LITTLE, P. J.

COURT PROCEEDINGS.

First Week's Business Concluded on Saturday. Several Interesting Cases.

SOME SEVERE SENTENCES.

Commonwealth vs. William Evans. Charge f. and b. This case was tried at a previous term of court and a verdict of guilty returned. Owing to the absence of an important witness however, which apparently weakened the defendant's case, a new trial was granted. A bench warrant for the witness in question was issued and she appeared at this trial, but she had no testimony to give and did not even take the stand. The verdict of the jury, like that of the first trial, was guilty.

Commonwealth vs. Charles Essenhart. This was a case of felonious assault, and was committed on the evening of August 27th last. The testimony of the prosecutor Norman H. Stauffer, was to the effect that on the above mentioned evening, Essenhart appeared at his home, disguised with a face covering and demanded his money, at the same time pointing a gun at him. A hand to hand encounter ensued and Essenhart unmasked and disclosed his identity.

Questioned by the Court the defendant stated that he resided at Shamokin and that he was drunk on the night of the offense. He said that he went to Stauffer the next morning and apologized for what he had done, and that Stauffer promised not to bring any action against him. The gun, he claimed was not loaded.

James Hummel, indicted for stealing chickens from William De Haven of Briarcreek, on the night of Nov. 17th, pleaded guilty. He was questioned by Judge Little, and gave Reading as his birth place. For the past twenty years he has lived in Bloomsburg.

The trespass case of Henrietta Krapp against Harvey Cherrington, which was to have been tried this week, was owing to the present illness of a leading witness, and his consequent probable inability to attend at that time, was postponed, both parties agreeing.

Commonwealth vs. George Lore. Charge cruelty to a horse. The prosecutor in the case was J. W. Wright, a liveryman of Millville. He was the first to take the stand. He told of the defendant coming to his stable on October 8, 1903, and hiring a horse to make a trip to Bloomsburg. The witness was driving the Millville stage at the time. The first he saw Lore after he secured the horse, was between Millville and Bloomsburg. The defendant passed him, driving very fast. He next saw him in Bloomsburg. He had been drinking and was intoxicated. He also saw the mare at Brink's livery stable. She was very warm, and there were ridges on her over a foot long, the result of the merciless whipping given her by Lore. The marks are still on her, and will probably stay there as long as she lives. The mare has never been as good as she was before, the overdriving having practically ruined her.

A number of witnesses saw Lore on the road that morning. Those who gave testimony were Richard Kester, of Berwick, who was in Eversgrove on the morning in question, Clark Sheep, of Millville, Joseph Bierenman, of Bloomsburg, who met Lore on the road, Harry S. Smaker, of Millville, and Ralph Kester, of Berwick.

Their evidence was unanimous that Lore's treatment of the mare was wanton and extremely cruel.

Charles Brink, proprietor of a livery stable in Bloomsburg, testified that the mare was very much heated up when brought to his stable. Lore had ordered her to be cared for.

When placed upon the witness stand Lore denied that he had treated the horse cruelly. He was careful, so he said, to cover her with a blanket when standing. He admitted having used the whip at frequent intervals, but it was because the animal was high strung, nervous, and hard to control. He was searchingly cross examined by Judge Herring, but he adhered pretty closely to his story, and his original testimony was practically unshaken. Wm. Fowler bore testimony to the fact that the mare,

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when he saw her tied in front of Miss Thomas' home was blanketed, corroborating in this particular, Lore's testimony.

Daniel Shultz was present when Wright told Lore that the horse was not hurt.

George Simmons gave evidence similar to that of Shultz, after which the evidence closed.

Argument was made to the jury by John G. Harman for the defense and by District Attorney Duy for the Commonwealth. Both addresses were able, that of the latter being particularly eloquent.

The jury took the case and returned a verdict of guilty.

The grand jury approved the report of viewers, Boyd Trescott, J. M. Ikeler and Joel Trivelpiece, in favor of a bridge over the west branch of little Fishingcreek, near E. Shoemaker's barn in Pine township.

They also approved the report of viewers, Boyd Trescott, Jno. A. Dildine and Eli Ohl, in favor of a bridge over north branch of Chillisquaque creek in Madison township, near J. M. Girton's.

The report of the grand jury was read, and the Court complimented them for the manner in which they had discharged the public business, after which they were discharged.

REPORT OF GRAND JURY. To the Honorables, the Judges of the Court of Quarter Sessions of Columbia county:

The Grand Inquest of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania inquiring in and for the body of said county, respectfully report:

That we have, pursuant to our required duties, investigated all bills of indictment presented for our consideration, and have passed upon them according to their respective merits. We have also examined the public buildings and find them in good repair. A few repairs that were recommended by the grand jury of September term are being attended to, so they tell us. All of which is respectfully submitted.

ELLIOT ADAMS, Foreman. The first work of the court Saturday morning was that of passing sentence on those who had pleaded guilty and others who had been found so by the jury.

William Evans, charge f. and b. Usual sentence.

Dr. L. P. Boston, f. and b. Sentenced to pay half the costs of prosecution. The sentence on the prosecutrix Clarissa Evert, was suspended.

Myron Shuman, who pleaded guilty of larceny while clerking at the Berwick Store Co., was sentenced to pay the costs of prosecution and a fine of \$100.

The sentence to Charles Eisenhart, who pointed a gun at Norman H. Stauffer, was that he pay the costs, a fine of \$100 and undergo an imprisonment of nine months in the county jail.

Charles Rick. Larceny of a coat. Pay costs of prosecution and a fine of \$50.

For stealing pocket books William Meredith was sentenced to pay costs of prosecution, a fine of \$50 and six months in the county jail.

Paul Thiel. Obtaining goods under false pretenses. Sentence, pay costs of prosecution and a fine of \$50.

For cruelty to a horse, George Lore must pay costs of prosecution, a fine of \$100 and undergo imprisonment in the county jail for three months.

Stitzman and Lundy, who burglarized the D. L. & W. station at Berwick, were sentenced to pay the costs, a fine of \$500 each and to undergo three years imprisonment at

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Useful Christmas Presents

(Here's a few of them.)

Mrs. Potts' Irons, Dover Irons, Bissell Sweepers, Wringers, Nickleware, Carving Sets, Enamel Ware, Pocket Knives and Shears.

Mechanical Toys, Skates, Sleds and Tool Chests.

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FOUND HER SON.

Mrs. James Barkel who resides just north of Bloomsburg was made glad yesterday when she was informed by 'Squire Jacoby that he had at last succeeded in locating her son William. At the outbreak of the war with Spain, William enlisted in the army. He served until April 1st, 1902, when he was discharged at Fort Yellowstone, Wyoming, but immediately re-enlisted in Troop H for service in the Philippine Islands. Not having heard from him since June last Mrs. Barkel was very much worried and feared that he was dead. She solicited the help of 'Squire Jacoby and he wrote the War Department for information. The reply states that William W. Barkel, Troop H 1st Cavalry was on Oct. 3, 1903 the date of the last report received concerning him, present for duty at Fort Clark, Texas, where he should be addressed.

CHRISTMAS DANCE.

Invitations have been issued for a dance to be given at the Exchange Hotel on Monday evening, December 28th. The music will be furnished by Oppenheim's orchestra of Wilkes-Barre. The committee having the matter in charge are A. W. Duy, E. F. Carpenter, S. H. Harman, John G. Harman, Geo. E. Elwell, of Bloomsburg, and Morrison Oswald of Berwick.

The patronesses are Mrs. F. G. Yorks, Mrs. F. P. Pursel, Mrs. S. B. Arment, Mrs. G. E. Elwell, Mrs. C. W. McKelvey, Mrs. W. M. Reber, Mrs. J. R. Schuyler, Mrs. P. E. Wirt, Mrs. Frank Ikeler, Mrs. R. C. Butler, Mrs. R. Hawley, Mrs. N. U. Funk, Mrs. A. Z. Schoech, Mrs. H. A. McKillip, and Mrs. J. L. Dillon.

Engaged for Institute Work.

Miss Mary Albert and Messrs. O. H. Yetter and R. F. Colley left for Uniontown where they are singing at the sessions of the Snyder County teachers institute. They constitute three of a quartette, the other member is Miss Brooks, of Pittsburg. Mr. Yetter has charge of the music. Mrs. Colley and Mrs. Yetter accompanied their husbands. They expect to return on Saturday.

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