

THE CENTRE REPORTER.

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BEAUTIFUL HOLIDAY PRESENTS

It will pay you to call and examine our

HOLIDAY GOODS

Before purchasing. We have elegant Plush Needle sets from \$1.50 to \$8.25 Comb and Brush sets from \$1.00 to \$5.00, Manicure sets, Odor Cases, Gentlemen's Traveling Cases, Whisk Holders, Card Cases, Pocket Books, Lap Tablets, Smoker's sets, Choice Extracts, Cologne, Brushes, etc., etc.

Don't fail to call whether you wish to purchase or not.

GREEN'S PHARMACY, Bush House Block, Bellefonte.

LOCAL ITEMS.

—Farmers are able to do plowing. —The hotel at Coburn is offered for rent.

—Chas. Schiffer is here on a visit to his aged father.

—Wednesday quite fine, Thursday morning started with snow.

—Oysters at Ludwig's, wholesale and retail during the holidays.

—Mrs. James Glover died at her home, near Laurelton, on 3d.

—Long's store, Spring Mills, sells the celebrated Calla Lily roller flour.

—We are informed that the steam saw mill at Coburn is to be removed to Virginia.

—Wm. Wolf and Son's stock of holiday goods will be a fine one. They are unpacking them this week.

—A new paper is to start in Clearfield with the new year. Good idea to reduce the "surplus."

—Fresh candies and confectionery just received at Lohr's grocery, Centre Hall. Will have a complete stock.

—George Confer an old citizen of Penn twp., died last Sabbath, aged 85. He was buried in Georges Valley.

—A fine lot of albums, toilet cases, illustrated poems, suitable Xmas presents at Bairfoot's book store, Bellefonte.

—Postmaster Wm. Wolf of this place is in Washington this week attending a national convention of P. M.

—The barn of Chas. Dieffenderfer, of White Deer twp., Union county, was destroyed by fire. The stock was saved.

—Our townsman John Bishel has been on the sick list the last few days. Inflammation of the bowels is the complaint.

—Our esteemed friend, D. M. Heney, of Potters Mills, gave us a call. He informs us that Robt M'Comick is not improving.

—Candies, finest, best, all kinds, nuts, cakes, and tree ornaments not to be excelled and a large lot of Christmas dolls—see Gestars, Bellefonte.

—Sarah Nagney died at the residence of Charles Nagney, near Milroy, last Wednesday, at the ripe age of 95 years, 4 months and 13 days.

—Don't forget that Bushman and Kreamer have a number of fine organs in stock which they offer at exceptionally low figures. Go and see them.

—A Christmas service will be given in the Lutheran church, by the Sabbath school, on the afternoon of Christmas, to consist of music, recitations and addresses.

—Charley Reesman, of Nebraska, with his family, spent a few days with his brother Andy, at this place. He is on his way to Shamokin where he has accepted a position as a telegraph operator.

—Reesman, the stove man, has been putting out a large number of square parlor heaters this fall. As fast as they go, new ones arrive. See his stock before buying. Rosemont, Princess and Beaver take the lead.

—D. C. Ronkle shipped a regiment of turkeys from this station, this week—enough to feast all Philadelphia after supplying Centre Hall. Twenty-five were found dead when about to be shipped from having been packed too closely.

—There is still much sickness in the rural districts, and our doctors are busy, early and late. Scarlet fever, diphtheria, pneumonia and typhoid fever are the prevailing ailments. Our town, happily, is comparatively free from cases of sickness.

—Miss Mary Kreisher, of Millinburg, who for some ten years had her home with Wm. Wolf's family in this place, and left for Illinois over two years ago, has returned to Millinburg, and paid Centre Hall a visit last week. Mary has many friends here all of whom were glad to see her. She did not miss giving our sanctum a call.

—The sermon about the "Devil" by Rev. Fisher, had the effect of attracting a large congregation, among whom we noticed many who seldom attend services. The sermon was an interesting one throughout and brought forth many interesting points in regard to the origin and character of his Satanic Majesty, which are not generally known.

—Mr. W. A. Brown, of Spring Mills, and Mr. C. G. Palmer, manager of the Conn Manufacturing Company, of Elkhardt, Indiana, are organizing a band in Bellefonte and will do so on strictly business principles. His past experience warrants him in the assurance that the earnings of the band, within six months, will pay for the instruments. This is a favorable opportunity for Bellefonte to have a band. Give Mr. Brown all the encouragement he desires.

THE SHAFER TRIAL.

SPEECHES OF LAWYERS ABRAMS AND HIPPLE

In order that our readers may know what the plea of Shaffer's attorneys to the jury was, we give the speech of lawyer Abrams. He said:

He was not here to defend crime, but he was here to prove to them that the evidence that had been given was not enough to convict and take away the life of your fellow man, which you could not return if a mistake should be made. That a most atrocious murder had been committed in Logan twp he did not deny, and when he thought of the brutal deed he wondered where the bolts of lightning that they did not come out of the clear sky and strike down the villain and assassin! The right man must be found, and if this man is guilty and they have shown it to you beyond a doubt, why convict him? I say he should be convicted. But no one saw it done. The evidence must necessarily be all circumstantial, but the jury should be very, very careful not to make a mistake. The gentleman had read of a case where a man servant had been convicted of killing his mistress, and put to torture, and it was afterwards found that he was innocent, and that his friend had done it and then diverted suspicion from himself and placed it on his companion. He earnestly pleaded, therefore, that the jury should be sure that they made no mistake. What was the motive? Mr. Brown stated that it was robbery, yet all that they say he stole, was a watch that he should have sold for a dollar. Would he kill these people for what he would sell for a dollar.

As to the other motive, it seems impossible that a man of sane mind would do the killing with such a base and unnatural motive.

The only damaging evidence the Commonwealth has produced is the watch; the declaration he made to the men in camp, his running away, which they say shows guilt, and the evidence of the pill doctor whom they had to analyze the spots on the clothes. Mr. Abrams then summed up what the witnesses had been called to prove. None of them were called to show that Shaffer murdered any one. Some of them proved that there had been a murder committed, and some were called to show that Shaffer was in that neighborhood, and being in the neighborhood that he could easily have gone there and committed the crime. And then they trace him, and when we look at the great crowd of witnesses one would think that they had overwhelmed the defense. But only a few of these witnesses have been able to show anything against him, and all the others are brought here to prove him in the neighborhood. And as this boy cannot prove anything but that Shaffer was in the neighborhood, where he had been raised and had a perfect right to be, they allege he could heartlessly go and kill those people. He was probably surly to Mr. Allison because he had whisky with him, and when he drew the revolver in Mr. A's presence, it was wrong, but probably he had some of the whisky in him. Now they have not shown anything in all this evidence against any one else. I do not know that there was any one else there, but the Commonwealth does. This I can show you by reading to you an indictment they prepared from the grand jury, Johnson, James Kline, and Esac Kline, and when you know this you cannot convict Shaffer on this circumstantial evidence.

SHAFER FOUND GUILTY.

Lock Haven Daily Democrat, 10: The jury retired at 2:35 o'clock, and in the surprisingly short period of one hour and ten minutes returned with the following solemn verdict: Guilty of murder in the first degree!

When the jury came in the roll was called and every man answered to his name. The clerk then said: "Gentlemen of the jury, have you arrived at a verdict?" To which the answer was given: "We have." The verdict was then handed to the clerk by the foreman, Emanuel Robbins, who handed it to the Judge. His Honor, after opening and reading it, then returned the paper to the clerk, who also read it, and said: "Gentlemen of the jury, you find the defendant guilty of murder in the first degree. So say you all." The jury answered, "Yes."

During the delivery of the verdict the deepest silence prevailed in the court room and everybody listened with the utmost anxiety. As for Shaffer, his countenance betrayed not the slightest excitement or emotion. He took the matter with the utmost coolness, and seemed not to be affected in any manner whatever.

Mr. Abrams, of counsel for defense, then asked the Court for time, at least until Saturday, to file a motion, if they should so desire. His Honor replied that the court would adjourn until Monday, which would give plenty of time.

Shaffer's father and relatives here take the conviction very much to heart, and are bowed down with sorrow. It is indeed hard to bear.

There were 88 witnesses summoned in this case at a cost of \$530. The cost of the jury is \$450. Court charges are \$195. These make the total cost of the trial \$1175. It is estimated by county officials that the trials of the Klines and Johnson will cost about \$3,555, making a total cost of \$4,730.

Johnson and the Klines will be tried at the January term of court.

SHAFER SENTENCED.

New trial for Luther Shaffer has been denied by Judge Meyer. The following is the sentence:

By the Court:—Luther J. Shaffer, will you please stand up. Have you anything to say why sentence of death should not be passed upon you?

By the Court:—You have had a fair and impartial trial, and were ably and zealously defended by your Counsel. A jury of your own selection have rendered a verdict in which they have found you guilty of murder in the first degree. By the stern mandate of the law the punishment attached to this crime is death. Impressed with a sense of the obligation of duty, and desiring to discharge the duty of our office with fidelity, we cannot shrink the solemn and painful responsibility that devolves upon us of pronouncing the sentence that condemns you to death.

The evidence adduced on the trial discloses the commission of a crime almost unparalleled in atrocity, and in your moments of reflection its vivid recollections must appal you. In this your dire extremity, human agency is powerless to afford you any relief or bring you any consolation. Let me admonish you, therefore, to prepare for the great change that awaits you, and turn your thoughts to the only source of true consolation and forgiveness, a merciful God, who is able to save to the uttermost those that call upon him in sincerity.

The sentence of the Court is that you Luther J. Shaffer be taken from hence to the common jail of Clinton county and from thence to the place of execution, and there to be hanged by the neck until you are dead, and may God have mercy on your soul.

John W. Johnson will be tried at the January term.

SHAFER'S SAW.

Thursday, 8, says the Lock Haven Democrat, a part of a case-knife, embracing handle and half the blade, and filed into nickels like a saw, was found by the watchmen at the jail hanging on the knob of the window of Shaffer's cell on the outside. It is supposed that in the crowd and crush at the Court House or in going in or coming out, somebody slipped the instrument into Shaffer's hand. Or somebody may have hung it there for him, thinking he could reach it. The Sheriff captured it and has it in his possession. He showed it to us this noon.

HEAVY SENTENCE.

Joseph Kleckner, landlord at Coburn who pleaded guilty at last court to a violation of the license laws, was sentenced to 3500 fine and six months imprisonment. Kleckner, we are informed is absent just now and not within the reach of the officers who want to escort him to Fort Walker.

SAD SHOOTING ACCIDENT.

INSTANT DEATH OF CALVIN FISHER, OF PENN HALL.

A telegram, announcing the death of Calvin Fisher, son of Maj. J. B. Fisher, of Penn Hall, while hunting at Paddy mountain, startled this community on Wednesday evening.

Young Fisher was out deer hunting with some others from near Penn Hall; it appears Calvin was standing on a log with his gun leaning against him, and it is supposed it slipped off, causing its discharge. The ball entered the back of the head of the unfortunate young man thence to his brain, killing him instantly. None of his companions were with him at the time, but heard the report of his rifle and on going to the spot, found him lifeless. One can imagine their feelings.

An informant says the party, about 9 a. m. heard the report of a gun, but thinking nothing unusual, but when Fisher did not make his appearance at noon, search was made, and he was found dead as above stated. The ball entered under the jaw and passed upwards. The body was brought home last night in a wagon by C. Harper. The party with Fisher were Robt Neese, Harry Neese, Cal. Meyer, and Ira Bartsge. His age was about 28 years.

His body was taken to his home next morning.

This was sad and shocking news for Major Fisher and his family. Calvin was his father's standy in the store and a young man of most excellent character, and good business qualifications. Young Fisher had a friend in all who knew him, for his kind disposition and pleasing manner. The entire community sympathizes with the bereaved family and mourns the loss to that neighborhood of one who would have proven a valued and most useful citizen.

This is the second time death has invaded Major Fisher's household. His oldest daughter, Mrs. Ulrich, died something over a year ago, and now the oldest son is brought home a corpse from an accidental discharge of a gun.

We extend our sympathy to the parents; their grief is beyond measure; as we knew Calvin well and knew his worth we know the loss they sustain in his untimely death is irreparable.

Mr. Adam Weaver, about 30 years ago, an uncle of Calvin Fisher, lost his life in a similar manner, while hunting. His gun slipped from where he stood, was discharged, the ball shattered his arm near the elbow—he survived nine days.

DEATH OF MRS. GEN. BRISBIN.

Mrs. Brisbin, wife of Gen. Jas. S. Brisbin, died suddenly in Wyoming Ter., a few days ago. She was a daughter of David Wagner, dec'd, of Bellefonte.

Bag of Flour, 5c.—Garmans: Pretty pieces in china from 5c up. Garmans.

Call on J. S. Rowe, at the Centre Hall livery, when in want of leather. Hides taken in exchange, also, highest price paid in cash for hides. 174d.

—All kinds of Rubber goods at Grahams Shoe store. Driv'g boots, gum bands, gum boots, Lumbermen hands, Ladies and Children gum boots, and shoes of all kinds, selling at the lowest prices. E. GRAHAM & SON.

—"Boy Life on the Prairie"—The "Huskies" in the January number of THE AMERICAN MAGAZINE, will be the first of a series of crisp descriptive sketches, drawn by Hamlin Garland from his youthful experiences as a farmer's boy at the West.

—Frank P. Keller, son of Col. Ronben Keller, of Lock Haven, formerly of Centre Hill, died Thursday night at Ocooca Mills, Clearfield county. Age 38 years and eight days. His disease was brain fever.

—Wear the J. F. Hill & Co's. \$3.00 Gents fine shoes, are made in Congress, Lace and Waukegan. Without a doubt they are the best shoes for the money ever offered to the public, perfectly smooth insoles, no nails, tacks or lead to hurt the feet. Try one pair and you will wear no others. They have been pronounced equal in flexibility and comfort to the best \$6.00 shoe. For sale by E. GRAHAM & SON, Bellefonte, Pa.

—Please call and examine our large stock of cloths and cassimeres suitable for any garment in men's wear—a full assortment of overcoats "READY MADE". The largest line of hats, caps and furnishing goods in the county—all work guaranteed to fit or no sale.

—MORTON & CO. BROKERHOFF ROW & HUNES BLOCK.

FARMERS MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE CO. OF CENTRE CO. PA.

The annual meeting of the members and the election of 12 Directors to manage the affairs of the company for the ensuing year, will be held at the home of D. J. Meyer, at Centre Hall, on Monday, January 2, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 3 p. m. of said day. Members are requested to attend. Centre Hall, Pa., Dec. 15, 1887. FRED KURTZ, D. F. Lusk, Sec.

GRAIN.

REPORTED WEEKLY BY KURTZ & SON. Prices subject to fluctuations of market.

Wheat, red \$2 00 Oats \$2 25
Wheat, white 2 15 Oats 2 15
Corn, shelled 1 50 Barley, No. 1 50
Barley No. 2, mixed with oats, bought at oats weight and price 40
Wheat mixed with Rye bought at rye weight and price.

FLOUR AND FEED.

Fancy Pat. Flour, 1 45 Bran per ton 36 00
Best Roller Flour, 1 25 Bran, retail, cwt. 20
Best Roll'g Flour, 1 00 Chop per ton 22 00
Middlings per ton, 19 00 retail per cwt. 1 25

COAL MARKET.

Broken \$5.00
Eggs 5.50
Sifted 5.75
Small Stove 5.75
Chestnut 5.50
Soft 4.50
Woodland 4.00
Soft 2.75

25¢ discount on all above prices will be made for CASH.

KURTZ & SON

Where to Buy Your

HOLIDAY GOODS.

When buying presents, always select something

Handsome, Elegant and Durable,

And it will be appreciated. Before buying, see our stock of jewelry:

Gold Watches, Silver Watches, Ladies' and Gents' Watch Chains, Gold Watch Charms, Gold Bracelets, Gold Pens and Pencils, Rings,

We handle reliable goods, and guarantee every article.

Silverware!

We have a fine line of silverware, which has just been received, suitable for table service.

—CANTORS, CAKE DISHES, CUPS, PICKLE DISHES, KNIVES, FORKS, SPOONS, ETC.—

Also a fine line of Hanging and Table Lamps. Cutlery a specialty. Come and see our fine line of Xmas goods.

BUSHMAN & KREAMER.

SANTA CLAUS SIDE-TRACKED!

At BARTHOLOMEW'S STORE, Centre Hall Station.

Our stock of goods for the Holiday Season will be a fine one and contain an unusual lot of articles suitable for Holiday presents.

—Fine Silk Handkerchiefs, Neck Wear, Gloves, Ladies' Wraps, etc. We will also have a fresh stock of

Candies, Nuts, Tropical Fruits, Toys, Safes, Banks, Sweetmeats, Raisins, etc.

and novelties for the children.

FAMILY BIBLES!

We claim we have the finest line of FAMILY BIBLES ever shown in Pennsylvania. We are selling them at reduced rates. Come and see them.

WM. WOLF & SON,

Are busy unpacking their Goods for the Holiday Season, which will contain an endless variety of Fancy Articles, Novelties, New Designs, Toys, etc., suitable for Xmas and New Year presents.

Remember we will have something for all. Fine Silk Handkerchiefs, Mufflers, Scarfs, Neck Wear, Kid Gloves, and a hundred other articles. Also a fine line of China Ware.

Don't fail to

SEE OUR XMAS STOCK!

Go and see

S. W. Bairfoot's Stock of

BOOKS, TOYS, FANCY GOODS,

PLUSH GOODS:

Toilet, Manicure and Toilet Sets; Cuff and Collar, Jewelry and Work Boxes; Oder Cases, Mirrors, Picture Frames, etc., etc.

The largest stock of Xmas cards, and Illustrated Poems in town. ALBUMS A SPECIALTY.

2 doors from Post office. Bellefonte.

A GREAT BIG STIR!

AT THE ONLY FIRST-CLASS CONFECTIONERY IN CENTRE CO. SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Send for prices if you are going to hold a festival. We supplied 150 Sunday Schools last Christmas. Prepared for as many as will come this year.

JACOBS, No. 10 Bishop St., Bellefonte.

"The Old Stone Mill."

Among the places of business in Pennsylvania none is better known than the Old Stone Mill. Time and Fire have leveled the old mill to the ground, yet as a point of business, it today surpasses its former record.

THE (O) NEW (O) STONE (O) MILL (O) STORE.

In full blast again and we are running out immense quantities of goods to our customers, and supply ourselves with new stock as the seasons demand. Our

HOLIDAY GOODS!

Are here, consisting of a collection of beautiful articles suitable for presents. We have marked them away down. We will have a fresh stock of confectionery, nuts, fruits, etc. Come and see our goods.

KERLIN'S STORE, Stone Mill Pa.

HOLIDAY GREETING.

Special Hard Times Offer!

While you are looking around for something nice in the way of a present, think whether an organ would not suit.

SEE THE PRICES:

A FINE COTTAGE ORGAN FOR \$50. A VERY FINE PARLOR ORGAN FOR \$80. THE FINEST ORGAN MADE FOR \$100.

—If we cannot prove that these Organs are sold by other Dealers for THREE TIMES the Price we ask, we WILL PRESENT YOU WITH ONE for your trouble in coming to see us. Write for Prices, it will Pay you.

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS of all kinds, for sale as Cheap as anywhere.

W. A. Brown, SPRING MILLS, PENN'A.

ZELLER'S DRUG HOUSE,

BELLE-FONTE, PA.

This year we will open up the finest line of Holiday Goods ever seen in Centre County.

Plush Goods, Perfumery, Toilet Cases, Work Boxes, Cologne, Fancy Goods, etc.

Manicure Sets, Novelties, Fancy Goods, etc.

These goods have been selected with great care and take pride in showing them if you want to buy a fine Xmas present.

Zeller's is the Place.

Prices on all goods lower than ever before.