



THEY GIVE THANKS.

Bill and John say why others should be and are thankful.

John: Thanksgiving!
Bill: Yes, give thanks.
John: Hear the sermon this morning?

Bill: Oh, yes. Busy world this, but the ordinary man can not say he has too much work, or too much worry, or too much in a hurry to attend the union Thanksgiving services.

John: It appears there are plenty of people who gravely misuse Thanksgiving Day.

Bill: Thoughtlessly.
John: Thoughtlessly and studiously.
Bill: Do you think there is really any heartfelt thanksgiving done any way; that is, outside of what the preachers do.

John: Most assuredly. There is this difference: The minister expresses thanks in a public way, for the public; the minister's thanksgiving while on the pulpit is merely the performance of a peculiar and particular function of his profession; he speaks for the christianized world; in assemblies of christians; his thanksgiving is of a general character.

Bill: Thanksgiving Day should be made a greater day. The day implies so much. You see, there is nothing the human being can do to repay the Divine for his constant, innumerable blessings, whether of a personal or general character, except to return thanks and adore and worship God.

John: You take it that Thanksgiving Day is a proper time to add, in addition to giving thanks daily, special thanks for special gifts to the individual, the community, the nation, the world.

Bill: Just so.

John: Look the world over; what do you think is the greatest blessing to mankind that we are enjoying. Of course, I mean to exclude every thing God-given.

Bill: Then I say, we have nothing to be thankful for. There is nothing good which does not have its origin in God. God is Good, Love.

John: Bill, you're getting too serious. I mean what ought we to be most thankful for that was brought about by mankind, as man's work is generally understood.

Bill: Free Government!

John: I agree—Free Government. A government such as ours, or rather, a government such as the constitution prescribes, is a blessing such as is not enjoyed to as full an extent by any nation on the earth.

Bill: Great assertion, but true. There could be criticism made of the administration of governmental affairs; there is an inclination to undermine the constitution, the national and state laws, by greedy corporations; there is a disposition on the part of some in high authority to pose as being immaculate and having premonitions of political events that is unwarranted and is becoming disgusting; there are agitators who should be curbed, but these criticisms must stand in the background on Thanksgiving Day.

LOCALS.

Harry Stewart has been appointed postmaster at Caldwell, Clinton county.

Charley McClenahan is one of the regular hands at the Dobb's stave mill on Nittany Mountain.

George Dietrick, a tax collector of Williamsport, has been arrested on the charge of converting to his own use nearly \$1,000 that belonged to Lycoming county.

Howard Durst, who had announced public sale for March 18, has decided to continue farming where he is at present, and consequently withdraws his announcement.

Harvey Smith, while working on the Richley lumber job near Potters Mills, had the misfortune to have his leg broken by a log striking him. He was taken to his home at Penn Hall.

C. Harry Gould has been appointed postmaster at Vicksburg to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Howard W. Dieffenderfer, who was elected treasurer of Union county at the recent election.

Eating a portion of horse chestnut nearly caused the death of Edith Brittain, aged two years, at Muncy. The doctor claimed if the child had eaten the whole of the chestnut her life could not have been saved.

J. S. Showers, of near Tusseyville, was a caller Saturday. Mr. Showers announces sale March 19, of his farm stock and implements. He has not definitely decided in what manner his farm will hereafter be farmed.

Mrs. J. S. Showers, of Tusseyville, spent a week or ten days near Kart-house, with two of her aunts. Coal, says the lady, that previous to the rise in price sold for seventy-five cents, now sells at \$1.75. This is to people living near the mines where there is no extra freight to pay.

C. Leon Griffith and Vern Taylor, of Soranton; Wm. Wolf, of Bermuda Island; and J. Roy Kelley, of Reedsville, all students at Pennsylvania State College, Saturday paid a visit to Penns Cave, and on their return favored the Reporter with a brief call. Mr. Wolf, whose home island is but 30x35 miles in dimension, is naturally struck with the vastness of this country.

DAYID MILLER GUILTY.

Jury After Deliberations Says Second Degree.

NO OTHER CASES OF PARTICULAR NOTE THIS COURT.

A Full Report of the Court Proceedings, by W. Harrison Walker, Esq.

David Miller was found guilty of murder in the second degree. The verdict was rendered at 7:30 o'clock Wednesday evening, after the jury had deliberated two hours and forty-five minutes.

The court house was packed to overflowing in an instant after the bell rang which announced that the jury had agreed.

David Miller, the prisoner, received the verdict without particular concern. A second degree verdict was offered him before the case was tried, but the offer was rejected, and manslaughter demanded.

The imprisonment for murder in the second degree is as the court decides, the maximum number of years of imprisonment being twenty.

The Reporter readers are indebted to W. Harrison Walker, Esq., of the firm of Fortney & Walker for the court report. Much as he would like to, the editor is unable to attend these sessions and prepare the proceedings especially for the Reporter. Mr. Walker, however, is as reliable a court reporter as he is an attorney, and will give an account such as the various cases demand.

The regular term of November court convened Monday morning with Hon. John G. Love, P. J., on the bench, and Prothonotary Gardner, Register Archey and official Court Stenographer Burrows in their usual places.

The forenoon session was largely consumed in the presentation of motions and petitions of various counsel; auditors appointed at last session of court handed in their report; constables of the various townships and boroughs in the county made their usual quarterly returns.

The court then appointed W. H. McCausland, of Phillipsburg, foreman of the Grand Jury and after some instruction by the Court the Grand Jury retired to their room to consider and pass upon the different bills of indictment that are to be laid before them by District Attorney Spangler.

Several of the traverse jurors were discharged on account of sickness and other reasons.

Tuesday morning was the time fixed for the calling of the case of Commonwealth versus Miller who is charged with the shooting of his son-in-law, Robert Roach, of near Sandy Ridge.

The list of cases on the criminal calendar is small, and there are no cases to be tried at this Court of any importance except the Miller case.

Court adjourned at 11:30 Monday forenoon to 2 p. m.

The first case called Monday forenoon was that of Amanda Ostrander versus The Overseers of the Poor of Snow Shoe Township.

Court convened Tuesday morning at nine o'clock with Hon. John G. Love, President Judge, on the bench, and the other court officials in their respective places.

At 9:12 David Miller, who stands indicted with the shooting of his son-in-law, Robert Roach, was brought into court by Deputy Sheriff Jackson. The defendant took his seat near one of the counsel tables while near him were seated his attorneys, Col. Wilbur F. Reeder and E. R. Chambers, Esq. The Commonwealth was represented by District Attorney Spangler and J. C. Meyer, Esq. A true bill was found by the grand jury at August term of court in this case. At 9:30 defendant was directed to stand up. Prothonotary Gardner then read the indictment to him after which he said, "Guilty or not guilty." Defendant replied "not guilty." "How will you be tried?" to which he answered, "by God and by my country." The following jurors were then called who were separately examined:

George Hough, huckster, Phillipsburg. I could render a verdict according to the evidence in the case. I am not related to any of the parties; I am not opposed to capital punishment. Challenged by defense.

Daniel Spittler—Live at Sandy Ridge; know defendant; have made up my mind as to what I would do in the case. Juror excused by the court.

H. W. Morris. Read account of the shooting in the papers; have not formed an opinion as to the guilt or innocence of defendant. Challenged by defense.

John L. Knisely, Bellefonte. Read account of the shooting; have no scruples against capital punishment; would render a verdict according to the evidence in the case. Challenged by defense.

Budd Thompson—Do not know defendant; have no scruples against capital punishment. Juror accepted.

William C. Martin—Read account in the papers about the case; have no scruples against capital punishment. Juror accepted.

Luther Wirt—Never read an account of the shooting; no scruples against capital punishment. Challenged by defense.

Howard Goss—Do not know defendant; could render an impartial verdict in the case; juror accepted.

William Robinson—Do not know defendant; could render a verdict according to the evidence; challenged by Commonwealth.

Nathaniel Bierley—Justice of the Peace, Boggs township; juror challenged by Commonwealth.

James Weaver—Live at Woodward; do not know defendant, did not read about the shooting in any of the papers; challenged by defense.

Nathan Dale—Do not know defendant; have not formed an opinion as to the guilt or innocence of defendant; juror accepted.

A. C. Williams—Read account of shooting in papers; not related to parties; no scruples against capital punishment; juror accepted.

Isaiah Woodle—Know defendant; I live in Rush township; juror challenged by Commonwealth.

J. H. Meyers—Live in Boalsburg; do not know defendant; am troubled with my hearing, would render a verdict according to the evidence; challenged by defense.

J. F. Heckman—Do not know defendant; read about case, could render an impartial verdict; no scruples against capital punishment; challenged by defense.

James Ross, Jr.—Live at Linden Hall; do not know prisoner, have not discussed the case; accepted.

Joseph Garbrick—Live in Bellefonte do not know prisoner; read account in papers; have not formed an opinion; challenged by defense.

C. S. Barges—Live in Gregg township; formed no opinion in the case; do not know defendant; challenged by defense.

D. K. Keller—Do not know Miller; read about the shooting; challenged by defense.

John P. Eves—Live in Half Moon township; do not know defendant; juror challenged by Com.

M. J. Henderson—Do not know defendant; have seen him; have not formed an opinion in this case; juror challenged by Com.

Wm. Kellerman—Live in Patton township; have not formed an opinion in this case; juror challenged by Com.

Jacob Glossner—Do not know defendant; am not opposed to capital punishment; juror challenged by Com.

H. M. Krebs—Live in Pine Grove Mills; I do not know prisoner; challenged by defense.

Samuel Everhart, College township; would render a verdict according to the law and the evidence in the case; juror accepted.

J. H. Rishel—Have not formed an opinion in the case; have no scruples against capital punishment; read account of shooting in Centre Hall Reporter; challenged by defense.

Emanuel Musser—Do not know defendant; no scruples against capital punishment; accepted.

J. B. Mayes—Live in Lemont; do not know defendant; challenged by Com.

D. W. Clark—Excused on account of being hard of hearing.

Fred Kemmerer—Live in Benner township; do not know prisoner; have no scruples against capital punishment; challenged by Com.

Jonathan E. Miller—Live in Bellefonte; do not know prisoner; have not formed or expressed an opinion in the case; challenged by Com.

Augustus Witherite—Do not know prisoner; would render a verdict according to the evidence in the case; accepted.

Geo. Fred Musser—Excused by the Court; witness stated that he had formed an opinion and that the evidence would not change it.

J. H. Weaver; challenged by defense.

W. C. Smeltzer—Live in Spring township; no scruples against capital punishment; accepted.

John P. Sebring—Live in Half Moon township; have not formed an opinion in case; no scruples against capital punishment; challenged by Com.

Joseph Grossman; challenged by defense.

Jaacob Heaverly; challenged by prisoner.

Adam Ertle; challenged by Com.

Chas. F. Mensch—Live in Bellefonte; do not know defendant; have read considerably about it and have expressed an opinion; challenged by Com.

Robert Kremer; challenged by defense.

Samuel Shoop, Centre Hall—Do not know defendant; have not formed or expressed an opinion; challenged by Com.

Samuel Spangler; challenged by Commonwealth.

Samuel Sykes; excused by Court.

Michael Heaton, Boggs township; challenged by Com.

Thomas Boal, Potter township; challenged by Com.

H. V. Hile, Spring township; challenged by defense.

Alfred Witherite; challenged by Commonwealth.

Edward Williams, teacher, Harris township; challenged by defense.

V. J. Bauer was called as a "Talesman" by the sheriff and examined on his voir dire—Live in Bellefonte; have not formed an opinion in this case; am not opposed to capital punishment; accepted.

E. M. Boone, Haines township; challenged by defense.

J. W. Musser, Millheim; challenged by defense.

George Garbrick, gentleman, Bellefonte; do not know prisoner; I would render an impartial verdict in the case; accepted.

The following gentlemen make up the jury: Budd Thompson, farmer, Huston; Wm. C. Martin, farmer, Spring; Howard Goss, farmer, Ferguson; Nathan Dale, agent, Spring; A. C. Williams, farmer, Taylor; James Ross, Jr., farmer, Harris; Samuel Everhart, farmer, College; Emanuel Musser, gentleman, Haines; Augustus Witherite, farmer, Union; W. C. Smeltzer, teacher, Spring; V. J. Bauer, merchant, Bellefonte; George Garbrick, gentleman, Bellefonte.

Court convened Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. The jury was brought into court by Tip-Staves McCafferty and Haupt. The jury will be entertained at the Brockerhoff House during the trial of the case. Mr. Miller, the prisoner, was brought into court by Sheriff Brungart.

The case was opened on the part of the Commonwealth by District Attorney Spangler, who in a brief manner outlined the fact of the case and stated what they would prove by witnesses to be called in behalf of the Commonwealth.

Wilson Roach called and sworn; live at Osceola; know prisoner; Robert A. Roach was my son, he was thirty-five years, two months, and a few days old; he was married to Flora Miller about fourteen years ago; they had three children living when my son was shot. Saw my son July 20, 1902, in the road where he fell after he was shot. I talked with my son, I also talked with prisoner and he told me that he had shot Bob and that if I stepped in he would shoot me too. My son was conscious to the last; he asked the people there to pray for him; they did. Miller said to Roach after he had been shot, "how do you feel?" Roach told him that he didn't deserve such treatment; Miller said "you are a liar." My son's occupation was that of a miner.

Roach-examined by Col. Reeder.

Roach testified that he had a talk with Miller, who was in his yard; that he said he saw the wound in his son. I told I. J. Coffee to arrest him. Some one brought me word that my son was shot; it was about 6:30 when I got up to the place where he was; quite a number of people were there when I got up where my son was lying. My son was supposed to own the house in which he lived. He was married to David Miller's daughter; I did not say to Miller that if I had anything to shoot I would shoot him.

Flora Roach called, sworn and testified that she lived at Edendale, Rush township; I was married to Robert A. Roach; he is dead; we had been married fourteen years; we had six children, only three living. My husband was shot by my father; it was some time in the evening of July 21, 1902. My husband lived three hours after he was shot; my father and mother were away from the house several days before the shooting. There was some trouble between my father and my husband; I heard some noise over at my father's house; I went over there and found my husband holding my father down on the floor; I afterwards saw them tussling in the yard; one of the girls told my husband that my father was going to shoot him. The second shot was fired ten or fifteen minutes after the first one; I was in my kitchen when both shots were fired; I told my father not to shoot Robert but he said he would; I saw my husband lying in the road after he was shot; I heard my father had said he would shoot Robert if it took six weeks in which to do it.

Cross examined by E. R. Chambers.

Robert said he was "not hurting the old man"; he then left him but my father followed him out to the yard. Bob went up stairs for his revolver; we coaxed him to go to the woods; he took his revolver with him; I don't

know whether my father was drinking or not; I held my father until Bob could get out of the house; as soon as I let go of him he started after Bob. He got the revolver after my father said he would shoot him.

Alice Miller called and sworn. David Miller is an uncle of mine by marriage; I made my homewith them for six years; Mr. Miller was very drunk on July 21, 1902; he was not home that afternoon; when he came home there was some trouble up stairs; Bob didn't do any shooting.

Cross examined. There was only a few seconds between the two shots.

Mrs. Minnie Miller testified that she lived at Osceola, was married to a son of the prisoner; was at their house when the shooting took place; Miller hit his wife when she was going up stairs.

Corra Gardner testified that David Miller was her uncle, that she made her home there; was not there when they had their tussle up stairs; heard one shot fired.

Cross examined; I did not see Miller strike his wife; Dave was awful drunk in the morning.

Maude Dixon testified that she lived at Edendale; was at home that day; heard both shots fired; Mrs. Roach plead with her father not to shoot her husband.

Henry Wetzel called; I made the survey of the distances between properties; the witness gave the various distances and a draft made by him was offered in evidence.

Thomas Maher sworn; saw David Miller standing in the road last July 20; he was standing near the stump; Dave was standing near the stump with the barrel of the gun resting on it, and insisted that he would shoot the ———— When he saw Bob coming out of the woods he walked into the public road, took aim and yelled to Bob to look out that his time was now up, and then fired; Roach dropped where he had been standing.

Patrick Rooney sworn; lived near Bob Roach's house; was there when Bob was shot; saw Dave and he told me he would shoot Roach. He afterward shot Bob.

Valentine Stonebraker sworn. I heard Dave Miller say to Mrs. Roach that he would kill her husband. The shots were about fifteen minutes apart.

Jerry Dixon sworn. This witness corroborated the testimony of Rooney and Stonebraker.

Dr. F. B. Reed, sworn; saw Roach July 21 1902 where, he fell after being shot; took charge of his case. Stated that the ball entered Roach above the hip and passed entirely through his body.

Court adjourned at 5:12 Tuesday evening to 8:30 Wednesday morning.

Wednesday morning Court called at 8:30. The draft was offered in evidence at which point the Commonwealth "rests."

At 8:55 E. R. Chambers, Esq., opened on part of the defense, outlining what would be proven on part of defense; he stated that the defendant was a man of 64 years of age. They will endeavor to prove the fact that the prisoner was exceptionally drunk; that he did not realize the gravity of the crime.

Alice Gardner was the first witness called on part of the defense; she was called the day previous as Alice Miller; I did not see Mr. Miller strike his wife; she testified that he was very drunk when he came home.

The testimony of John Miller, son of the defendant, indicated that both the defendant and his victim had been drinking, and that his father was very drunk when he committed the deed. Daisy Gardner corroborated the fact that Miller was drunk. The same testimony was given by Garfield Gardner and Miller's wife, Grace Miller, a daughter, said that Bob had a revolver and said that if Dave came near him he would shoot him if he killed him.

The witnesses for the defense, with the exception of Miss Hettor, declared the defendant drunk.

The prisoner was not called in his own behalf.

In rebuttal the prosecution called Lloyd Shaffer, G. W. Schnarr, John Emerick, G. Taylor, J. J. Coffee all of whom testified that Miller's actions did not indicate that of a drunken man.

At 11 a. m. the evidence closed. The plea for conviction was made by District Attorney Spangler and J. C. Meyer, Esq. Messrs. Reeder and Chambers plead eloquently for the prisoner.

The judge's charge was regarded entirely impartial.

The grand jury reported that they had acted upon eleven bills of indictment; they found nine true bills, ignored one, and found one not a true bill. They also recommended the repairing of the floor in the corridor. They completed their work Tuesday noon.

The entire list of civil cases on the list for trial at this term of court were continued on account of lack of time, there being several other criminal cases to be disposed of this week.

Heavy Porkers.

The Millheim Journal in speaking of heavy porkers, mentions the following persons as being in the lead: Henry Duck, two that weighed 800 lbs.; Wm. Kremer, two that weighed 940 lbs.; Jerry Snook one that weighed 652 lbs., and J. W. Stover two, one weighing 829 and the other 586 lbs.

Mrs. Michael Willow Dead.

The news of the death of Mrs. Willow, widow of Michael Willow, deceased, will be a surprise to the Reporter readers. Mrs. Willow died at Williamsport and will be interred at this place Friday.

The deceased leaves three daughters, Mrs. Curran, wife of Rev. G. W. Curran; Mrs. S. T. Lobaugh and Mrs. Amanda Spangler. Mrs. Doyle and Mrs. Baumgardner are dead.

James Knoffsinger Dead.

James Knoffsinger died at his home near Pleasant Gap, Friday night. Interment Monday forenoon. The deceased was aged about forty-eight years. He leaves a widow, and two children by his first wife.

Mr. Knoffsinger suffered from cancer of the rectum for four years. Several months ago he underwent an operation at which time the bowels were brought out at left of middle line of body. At seven or more points the disease had eaten to the outside.

Marriage Licenses.

B. F. Burd, Tyrone.
Clara Keister, Aaronsburg.
Howard C. Fiegel, Phillipsburg.
Maude Smeal, West Decatur.
Lloyd Riboub, Phillipsburg.
Mary E. Johnston, Phillipsburg.
Marve J. Woodring, Port Matilda.
Murley P. Crain, Port Matilda.
Ira E. Shultz, Rebersburg.
Blanche M. Wance, Aaronsburg.
John M. Seaton, Yarnell.
Rosetta M. Rokey, Yarnell.
Oscar M. Long, Nittany.
Charles E. Raymond, Phillipsburg.
Katharine Hurbert, Munson Station.
Sidney Z. Reish, Williamsburg.
Lottie Koyer, Millheim.

School Directors Association.

The Centre county directors' association is without a president, the gentleman (Hon. Wm. K. Alexander) filling that position having died. Several other offices of the association are also vacant, owing to death or failure of re-election.

The officers of the association as elected last year are as follows: President, Hon. Wm. K. Alexander. Vice Presidents, Osmer Muthersbaugh and B. F. Vonada. Secretary and Treasurer, H. C. Quigley, Esq.

Executive Committee, J. L. Neff, W. S. Glenn, F. D. Hosterman, Cornelius Stover, Samuel Bruger.

Delegates to the State Convention, D. F. Fortney, Esq., S. W. Smith, Wm. C. Heinle, Hon. Wm. M. Allison, Prof. C. L. Gramley.

The committee on nomination will likely be asked to select a president for the association prior to the assembling of the same.

LOCALS.

Miss Emille Alexander, of Tyrone, is here for Thanksgiving.

Merchant J. Frank Smith and Samuel Shoop are jurors at court this week.

Newton Yarnell, of Linden Hall, advertises for a lost heifer.

Samuel Gramley, one of the foremost citizens of Rebersburg, is seriously ill.

Mrs. P. F. Geary while in Millheim took sick. Barber Geary is there at present, but both expect to return home to this place by Friday or Saturday.

M. Milleisin, cashier of the Reedsville National Bank has resigned to accept a similar position at Bloomsburg, Pa., and R. J. Faust, of Mt. Union, Pa., has been appointed to fill the vacancy.

C. S. Freeman accompanied Hoffer Dale to his home in this place to spend Thanksgiving. Both are Seniors at Pennsylvania State College. Paul Murray, a Sophomore of the same institution, is also at home.

Harry Farmer, son of Samuel Farmer deceased, who with the family removed from this place just nineteen years ago, spent several days in town and Colyer with his uncle, Wm. Farmer. The junior Farmer is engaged as agent with the American Plate Glass Co., Hazlehurst, McKean county.

Mr. L. Roberts, who for the past year was superintendent of the press department of the government printing office in Manila, arrived in Centre Hall last week on his way to his home in Washington. He encircled the globe. Mrs. Roberts, who is a sister of Furniture Dealer John Krumbine, returned from the island early in the summer, and at present is in Atlanta, Georgia, with her sister, Mrs. W. N. Filmore.