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OFFICIAL FIGURES IN THE STATE.

The official figures show that Stuart's majority was but 6339. Houck's majority for secretary of internal affairs was 48,785, leading the ticket by many thousands.

THE VOTE FOR GOVERNOR

Edwin S. Stuart, Republican	501,782
Citizens	4,610
	506,392
Lewis Emery, Jr., Democratic	301,747
Commonwealth	6,094
Lincoln	145,637
Referendum	784
Union Labor	3,676
	457,937

Homer I. Castle, Prohibition	24,792
James Maurer, Socialist	15,169
John Desmond, Socialist Labor	2,109
Scattering	25

Total number of votes cast	1,016,445
Stuart's plurality, 48,435	
Stuart's majority, 6339	

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.

Robert S. Murphy, R., total	501,841
Jeremiah S. Black, D., total	482,922
H. D. Patton, Prohibition	23,897
Chas. P. Glued, Socialist	16,483
James Clark, Socialist Labor	2,813
Scattering	1

Total votes cast	982,927
Murphy's plurality, 71,919	
Murphy's majority, 26,755	

AUDITOR GENERAL.

Robert K. Young, total	506,833
W. T. Cressy, total	451,177
Edward Moore, Socialist	16,289
William H. Thomas, Soc. Labor	2,952
Scattering	2

Total number votes cast	978,255
Young's plurality, 44,656	
Young's majority, 35,413	

SECRETARY INTERNAL AFFAIRS.

Henry Houck, R., total	511,845
John J. Green, D., total	419,610
George Hoffman, Prohibition	21,547
Henry W. Kane, Socialist	16,212
James A. McConnell, Socialist Labor	2,688
Scattering	3

Total number votes cast	974,945
Houck's plurality, 92,235	
Houck's majority, 48,785	

DO IT THOROUGHLY, MR. CARSON.

The information thus far elicited by Attorney General Carson in his investigation of the State capitol matter must certainly have convinced him that there was something radically wrong in the manner in which the building was furnished. The various explanations vouchsafed by the contractors are far from satisfying and the inference is strong that the State paid several millions of dollars more than it should have for what it received. Now that the campaign is over, the allegations made during its progress concerning the capitol jobbery appear to be better supported than ever. The attorney general of the State therefore cannot perform his duty without going to the bottom of the matter and getting all the facts. If he fails to do this, it will be incumbent on his successor and the next governor to supply the omission. To this Mr. Stuart is pledged, and many of those who voted for him will expect him to keep his word in spirit as well as in letter.

It was superfluous to announce that Senator Penrose would be a candidate to succeed himself. This was a foregone conclusion as soon as the result of the recent election in this State was known. That result afforded ample warrant for his being a candidate and to authorize him to entertain high hopes of being successful. It is said that he is anxious that the Legislature shall conduct its sessions in such a manner as to cause no public indignation. It will receive his orders from him, but not in the open manner they have heretofore been conveyed. Apparently some effort will be made to keep all the pledges made in the Republican platform and reiterated by the successful candidate for governor. However, this remains to be seen. Already it is asserted that the Pennsylvania Railroad Company and its ally, the Standard Oil Company, will not permit the enactment of some of the promised legislation. Time alone will tell whether this report is well founded. Meanwhile Senator Penrose is a candidate for re-election, and it may be frankly admitted that his prospects of success appear to be excellent.

Of course everything may be as lovely on the canal strip as the President's optimistic speech at the end of his flying visit indicated. But a third change in the administration of affairs has been made. First there was a top-heavy tape-bound commission which dug largely by typewriter. Then the commission was reduced to three and the President O. K.'d its work. But now this commission has been abolished as well as the independent canal zone governorship, and Chairman Shontz is vested with full control. The changes are in the direction of greater efficiency, but they come so rapidly as to make the taxpaying public, whose money is pouring into Panama so fast, just a trifle solicitous.

The Howard Iron & Tool Co. has started to make brake beams for the P. E. Co. with their new rolls, and it is said the rolls are working finely.

THE MURDERER STILL AT LARGE.

The slayer of Mr. Dale Yet Unknown—Verdict of the Jury of Inquest—Pull the Drag Net.

Another week has gone by and no developments of any consequence can be given in these columns. There is much conjecture, and the people have been greatly wrought up, but that is the end.

VERDICT CORONER'S JURY.

The verdict of the jury of inquest on the death of Mr. Dale was returned to the coroner Saturday. No additional testimony was taken since Tuesday, 13th inst., the day the jury was impaneled, although much evidence might have been obtained, and possibly sufficient to warrant the arrest of a party held under suspicion.

The verdict as delivered, except the signatures, is as follows:

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA } 85 COUNTY OF CENTRE

An inquisition taken at Centre Hall, in the county aforesaid, the thirteenth day of November, A. D. 1906, before Er. Philip Fisher, Coroner of the county aforesaid, upon view of the body of Josiah C. Dale, then and there lying dead, upon the solemn oath, respectively, of Morris Runkle, S. W. Smith, G. W. Hosterman, James W. Runkle, G. W. Bushman, and John J. Arney, of the county aforesaid, charged to inquire on the part of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, when, where and by what means the Josiah C. Dale came to his death, who upon their respective oaths do say that it appears from the view of the body and from the evidence produced before them, that the said Josiah C. Dale came to his death on the evening of the twelfth day of November, A. D. 1906, from a gunshot wound inflicted by hands of some person unknown to said jury.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, as well the said Coroner, as the said jurors, have to this inquisition set their hands and seals, on the day and year and at the place first above mentioned.

EMPTY SHELL FOUND.

An empty shell was picked up at a point where the murder of Mr. Dale might have been committed. It is a No. 12 New Rival. Of course, an empty shell might be picked up almost anywhere, especially this season of the year, but the particular locality where this particular shell was found might make it of more than ordinary importance.

SHOOTING ALONG MOUNTAIN.

Since the Dale tragedy, at least for a week thereafter, guns were fired along Nittany Mountain in the evening to about correspond with the time it is supposed the Dale murder took place. By some it is thought these shots were fired to make it appear that the shooting along the mountain, after dark, is nothing unusual, thus to discredit the belief that the shot fired about six o'clock Monday evening, November 12th, in the vicinity of Adam's road, was fired by a murderer.

SEARCH HIM OUT.

This cowardly criminal, the murderer of Mr. Dale, is undoubtedly daily looking into the faces of many of the citizens of Centre Hall. He is just as guilty now as he will be after the strong arm of the law has him in fetters, and the rope has been knotted for a noose. Search him out!

Today this character is abroad; he is a dangerous villain; he is mingling with the good, law-abiding people. Search him out!

There are a score of people for whom this murderer has as much hatred as he had for the man he slew. Who knows when he will attempt and possibly succeed in seeking vengeance against others. Search him out! The villain! Search him out!

The community is not safe—life or property—with this perpetrator of a most heinous crime at large. Search him out!

PULL THE DRAG NET.

There is agitation, here and there, that the county commissioners should offer a reward for the capture of the murderer of Mr. Dale; that they should employ a band of detectives to scour the community.

The county has machinery calculated to both discover and punish criminals. Let that machinery first be put into active motion; let it pull the drag-net and sift its findings. After that, should the local machinery prove ineffective, it will be time to resort to other methods.

Detectives do not always accomplish what the name implies; rewards are not always productive of discoveries. First the county authorities should exhaust all efforts; detectives, rewards, etc., afterward.

THE CITIZENS DUTY.

However distasteful it may appear it is the duty of every citizen to give up every particle of evidence he or she may have that will aid in fastening this enormous crime on the guilty party. Those who have heard the life of Mr. Dale threatened by any one, no matter who, owe it to themselves and the community to give the facts to the authorities. They should not even wait until they are called upon in an official way, but they should volunteer the information. The life of Mr. Dale was as dear to him and his family as is your life to you and your family, or friends. What assurance have you for the safety of your life so long

A TRADITION SMASHER.

Dr. Surface Says Snakes Do Not Charm; Are Not Slimy; Do Not Coil Before Striking, Etc.

The State of Pennsylvania has issued a snake book which while happily making no pretensions to rival in appearance or cost the famous "bird book" of early days is assured a much wider appreciation.

Ordinarily the literary efforts of an economic zoologist would not be suspected of absorbing popular interest. But Professor Surface is not an ordinary economic zoologist, judging by this publication. He is an iconoclast, a tradition smasher. The chapter dealing with what snakes are not will add more to the public knowledge than could be gathered in perhaps a hundred times as much reading in almost any other book. This is possible because the public knows more about snakes than it is not so than about any other subject.

From the days of the Garden of Eden it has been positively believed that all snakes are slimy. The professor says they are not and never were. The literary genre has never hesitated whether in dime novel or in classic to make the treacherous snake coil before striking. The professor says it would be an impossibility for even a snake to do that. Neither do they charm birds or people. The traditional fascination in the serpent's eye is all in the eye of the fictionist. In fact, nearly everything known about snakes is what is not known about them.

But when he comes to remedies for snake bites the professor deals the deadliest blow of all. It is entirely wrong, he says, for a person bitten by a snake to fill himself up with whisky, as every victim who allows himself to be bitten to get the remedy is sure he is in deadly extremity they will probably continue to take the last resort first to make sure of the remedy.

The only sort of snakes the professor has overlooked is the brand that appears at Harrisburg when the Legislature is in session. But as the public knowledge of these is much more extensive than of the varieties he writes about he probably concluded that no instruction was needed.

Favors Larger Appropriation.

Dr. N. C. Schaeffer, state superintendent of schools, in his report favors a larger school appropriation. He figures out that in 1895 the appropriation per scholar was \$5 14, and in 1905, but \$4 30. This is due to the fact that the number of scholars has increased, and that almost \$800,000 have been diverted from the public school treasuries to aid normal school students and township high schools.

He strongly favors vaccination, but asks that provision be made for schooling of children who are not vaccinated. This suggestion will be severely criticized.

Superintendent Schaeffer is also in sympathy with the penning of school teachers, and thinks state inspection of township high schools is necessary.

Fire at Howard.

Sunday night the large barn on the farm of Lewis Bolapue, in Howard township, caught fire and was burned to the ground. Two horses, a cow, hay, grain and farming implements were destroyed. The fire is believed to have been of incendiary origin.

Mr. Bolapue, the owner of the farm, had arranged to sell it to a Mr. Richmond, of O'Connell, who intended to occupy it in the spring. Mr. Bolapue is going to Oklahoma to make his future home. There is little insurance on the barn and contents.

The Old Fort Hotel.

The Old Fort Hotel, Edward Royer proprietor, is maintaining its great record for dinner parties. Sunday over sixty persons were guests of the hotel, most of them being lads and lassies from State College and Bellefonte. The lay-out was fine, which will advertise the hotel more and more.

as a murderer is daily looking you in the face. Help to search this murderer out! Once in the meshes of the law a murderer can do no harm to the community at large or to individuals.

Again, however fearful you may be that by giving testimony against a suspect you may be bodily harmed, or otherwise sustain loss, it is your bounden duty to make known every bit of evidence you may have that will aid in searching out the murderer of Mr. Dale.

If a villain fell upon you, and took your life, would you not want the murderer punished? Would your friends not want the same? Quite so. Then it is your duty to volunteer to give evidence that will aid in convicting the person who recently committed the murder on Nittany Mountain. There is such evidence; all that is needed is to induce those who have it to speak out.

POMONA GRANGE MEETING.

The Hearing of Reports on Insurance, Grange Fair, Telephone Company and Organization of a National Bank Take Up the Time.

The fourth quarterly meeting of the County Grange at Milesburg, on the 21st instant, was full of interest and animation. After the opening ceremonies—roll call and reading of minutes by Secretary D. M. Campbell—Henry Heaton, on behalf of Bald Eagle Grange, extended a cordial welcome to the members of the County Grange. Lecturer Willard Dale responded on behalf of the County Grange.

GRANGE PICNIC.

The Grange Encampment committee made its annual report, showing that this department of the County Grange is in a highly satisfactory condition, and returned to the County Grange the largest balance for years.

A detailed statement was given of every department of the Grange Fair and of premiums paid every exhibitor in the Horticultural and Agricultural department. A cash premium was paid for every article placed on exhibition, a favor bestowed to exhibitors not accorded by any other Fair in the state.

The County Grange by resolution appropriated from its treasury \$300 00 toward the erection of a large exhibition building for the accommodation of the Agricultural and Horticultural exhibit and also for a better accommodation of the exhibit of the State College and the state agricultural experiment station.

The finance committee submitted its report, which verified the accounts of the Encampment committee.

GRANGE FIRE INSURANCE.

The Grange Fire Insurance Company also gave its quarterly report, showing an increase of insurance for the quarter of \$250,000, which brings the total insurance of the Grange Company to five million nine hundred thousand dollars. The average cost of insurance for a period of thirty years was stated to be \$7.80 per thousand.

A recess was taken for lunch, the members having brought their lunch with them. At one o'clock the session was resumed.

TELEPHONE COMPANY.

The telephone Company in its quarterly report stated that three Branch Companies had been put into active operation since its last quarterly report, with three or four new Branch Companies in process of organization, and that the system was giving general satisfaction.

The report further stated that through the Central Company, made up of representatives from the Branch Companies, a better understanding is being brought about, which enables the Branch Companies to work together, and build up a valuable telephone service in rural communities.

By resolution the County Grange appropriated \$40.00 to assist the Patrons Rural Telephone Company to extend its service to localities petitioning for assistance. In addition to the above appropriation the County Grange subscribes \$10.00 to every Branch Company organized.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

An amendment was made to the blank form of insurance application, requiring the insured to make a statement of the amount of valuation placed on the buildings and lands by the assessor of the district.

The Insurance Committee was instructed to prepare a comparative statement, covering a period of ten years, of the average cost of insurance per one hundred dollars in the Grange company, as compared with other companies doing business in the same territory, and report at the next meeting of the County Grange.

GRANGE NATIONAL BANK.

The organization of a Grange National Bank was taken up. Mr. Bellows, a representative of the State Grange, being present, was called upon to explain to the County Grange the plan of organization of these banks. He demonstrated on the black-board the capital required, probable deposits, as compared with other banks doing business in the county, probable loans, cost of conducting the same, rents, etc. He further explained that the State Grange would furnish competent men to assist in the organization and management of the business until fully understood by the local people interested. He also stated that subscription would be received from those outside of the Grange, but not in excess of the subscription held by members of the order. All interested should be given equal representation.

Mr. Bellows gave the par value and market value, also surplus of the National Banks doing business in Centre county, together with much other valuable information.

A committee was appointed to investigate and develop a plan of organization, and report at the January meeting.

Powder Mill Blows Up.

Wednesday afternoon of last week the Clearfield Powder Mills, located two miles from Clearfield, owned by Hon. James Kerr and operated by C. W. Mills, were blown up. Manager Mills and Clifford Shirey were badly burned. The loss will reach about \$30,000.

This is the second time these mills have been destroyed by explosion during the past four years. Mills and Shirey were the only men about the works when the explosion occurred, and they cannot assign any cause. Both were outside of the buildings experimenting with some ingredients when the powder was ignited.

The shock was felt for miles, and huge timbers from the buildings were blown half a mile. A little girl walking on the railroad tracks near the mills was struck by a piece of board and knocked down, but not badly hurt.

When the mills blew up four years ago three men were killed and two badly injured.

Public Sprayings.

Charles C. Hess, special inspector and demonstrator for the division of zoology, Department of Agriculture, for the district of Centre and Clearfield counties, will give public demonstrations of spraying for San Jose scale at the following times and places, at the hour of one o'clock:

- Dec. 1, Peter Gearhart, Clearfield, R. F. D.
- Dec. 3, John Hervit, Jersey Shore.
- Dec. 5, David Schenk, Howard.
- Dec. 7, Samuel Ailey, Jacksonville, Nittany, R. F. D.
- Dec. 15, Emanuel Shook, Spring Mills.
- Dec. 17, Benj. Limbert, Spring Mills.
- Dec. 19, Newton Neidigh, Pine Grove Mills, State College, R. F. D.
- Dec. 21, H. O. Scholl, Unionville, Fleming, R. F. D.

Stonerode in the Pen.

Boyd Stonerode, a former resident of Milesburg, was found guilty of a clever forgery on various banks in the western part of the state, and was sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary. One forgery was a draft for \$1200, and it was while attempting to have it cashed at Bentleyville, Washington county, that a detective arrested him. This was last May. Previously he had successfully obtained at least \$1700 in cash through forgery. Stonerode was a telegraph operator at Coraopolis, on the Wabash system, and posed as a very sahtly man. He would have escaped punishment, but for the efforts of the American Banking Association, who thought him too dangerous a character to be at large.

Corn is King.

One of the things on which the nation's continuing prosperity is builded is the staggering corn crop which the horny-handed farmers have gathered this year. It is now estimated at 2,881,000,000 bushels. This is 173,000,000 bushels in excess of the largest previous crop, that of 1905. Two such full years following in succession give a great lift to the farmers, and the farmers lift all the others. The corn crop this year will be worth as much as the wheat and cotton crop combined, and there are 200,000,000 bushels to spare for export after supplying the home demand. Corn is king, and the Dingley tariff only a pretender.

Killed While Hunting.

Harry Green, a son of John Green, residing near Osceola, a young man aged only about seventeen years, met with a sad death last week while out hunting. It seems that he slipped on a log, and as he did so his gun was discharged, the contents penetrating his stomach, from the effects of which he died several hours afterward.

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MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Marcellus Sankey, of Potters Mills, was elected an auditor of the Grange Fire Insurance Company for three years.

This being the time for the election of five directors to the Patrons Rural Telephone Company, the following were elected to represent the County Grange: Leonard Rhoad, John Dale, James Gilliland, Willard Dale and S. W. Smith; to serve for one year.

By resolution the Finance Committee of the County Grange was instructed to audit the account of the Telephone Company.

By resolution the Finance Committee was instructed to make a complete inventory of all investments of the County Grange and report at the January meeting.

During the day interesting recitations were rendered by Mrs. George Ebbs, of Half Moon Grange, and Mrs. Carrie Dale.

After the transaction of much other business the County Grange adjourned to meet at Centre Hall in January.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Go to Grange Arcadia tonight (Thursday). Something good to eat. Lock Haven is selling city bonds bearing 3 1/2 per cent interest. \$25,000 are offered.

Mrs. William Scholl is back from Altoona where for several months she was the guest of her son, J. C. Scholl.

Benner Graham moved from Bellefonte to Philadelphia. His son, Scott Graham, is employed in Wanamaker's store.

Hon. W. C. Heinle is now located on the second floor of the Crider exchange, where he is willing to meet his friends.

William Hipple, of Baltimore, Md., brother-in-law of Mrs. E. W. Crawford, was in Centre Hall for a short time, a guest of the Crawfords.

The Penns Valley Echo is in print, and this week reached its patrons. Rev. McInisy, the editor, is to be congratulated upon the matter the paper contains.

In another column is an account of the proceedings of the Centre County Pomona Grange, that may be read with profit both by members of the order and others.

The Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of Tusseyville will hold their annual Thank-offering Service Sunday evening. All are cordially invited to attend.

Justice W. H. Musser and son, Horace Musser, have joined forces in conducting an insurance business in Bellefonte. The Junior Musser and family had been living in St. Louis.

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Harter, of Harrisburg, visited the former's mother at Aronsburg. Mr. Harter is boss engineer at the Harrisburg electric light works, and was formerly a resident of Centre Hall.

S. C. Wagenseller, Republican, defeated by 17 votes by Nicely, Democrat, for register and recorder of Northumberland county, will make a contest, and has petitioned the court for a recount of the votes.

From the farm to the hotel—That is the move to be made by Lewis E. Kover, low tenant on the William Kremer farm south of Millheim. He has leased the Coburn hotel, and will occupy it in the spring.

Miss Flora Love is back from Atlantic City where she and Miss Meek, of Bellefonte, spent eight weeks. Before returning, Miss Love visited at the home of Rev. W. K. and Mrs. Foster, at Jenkintown.

Someone has reported that George R. Meiss, the Wanamaker of Colyer, is contemplating disposing of his stock, and moving to his farm in the Seven Mountains. But what would Colyer be without Meiss?

Snakes! The Reporter has snakes in its library, but they are bound in a volume issued by the division of Zoology, entitled "The Serpents of Pennsylvania." There is one snake missing—the Legislative Snake. Guess it's too great a monster to conquer.

Ambrose Ray, of Bellefonte, was badly bitten below the knee of the right leg by a dog, while passing along the residence of Harris Hoy, on the Rock View farm, near Bellefonte. The infection became very much inflamed, and after a running sore developed at the knee cap.

A wedding ring was found in a rabbit's stomach; in the mouth of a fish; encircling a cabbage root, and a number of other peculiar unlooked for places. Just now, this November, a ring may be found in almost every pig's tail, and in the snout of the vagrant that picks its living.

The Millheim Journal relates the following: Michael Hess, of Fiedler, while camping with a party of hunters on Round Top Mountain, east of Woodward, was stricken with paralysis Thursday. He was conveyed to his home and the latest report is that he has recovered from the stroke.

The fellows who are discrediting newspapers, endeavoring to make it appear that they have been shorn of their influence, as a rule, have had a good dose of news ink applied to themselves, and the result invariably has been contrary to their wishes. The reflection cast through printed pages is hated by the lilliputian politician, the common grafter, and the criminal.

At the Northern Conference of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod, which convened in the Lutheran church at Legation, Rev. H. C. Bixler, of Rebersburg, was elected president; Rev. L. N. Fleck, of Nittany, vice president; Rev. J. I. Stonecypher, of Boalsburg, was re-elected secretary, and Rev. J. M. Resnick, of Centre Hall, was re-elected treasurer. The Conference voted to meet at Millburg in May, 1907.