you had that conversation and Mr.

husking corn on the farm that day. It

could consult Mr. Dale about it.

Q. Where did you have that conver-

Q. Now did From say anything else

Q. Did he say that the same day

Q. And you say it made him so

Q. Where is that gun now? A.

Q. And still has it? A. I don't

FRANK SHUIT. Sworn and ex-

shop some time previous to the mur-

amined, testified as follows:

before Mr. Dale was killed.

Cross examination by Meyer.

What did From want you to do?

stock and take From's stock.

and he wouldn't hear to it.

would lay him low.

A. Yes, sir.

Jacob From Will Be Tried For Murder of Josiah C. Dale

JUDGE ORVIS INSTANTLY DECIDES THAT JACOB FROM BE HELD FOR TRIAL—JAMES FROM OUT ON BAIL — WITNESSES GIVE DAMAGING EVIDENCE.

Mrs. Mary Decker, the Star Witness, Supported by a Statement Made by From Since in Jail to John Trafford-Court House Filled With Spectators From all Parts of County-Stenographic Report of the Hearing.

"We will hold Jacob From for trial, Q. He would meet who on the and decide in the case of James From road? A. Mr. Dale. on Monday," was the substance of the | Q. Now where did he say that? court's order after the habeas corpus A. Why on the back porch. hearing Saturday morning.

After adjournment of court Judge From have? A. I don't know. Orvis and the attorneys for the Com- Q Where did he have them? Well, monwealth and defendants held a he had some at Dan Keller's and some consultation when it was agreed that at home. I suppose he had to take James From should be released upon them away from Keller's and that is bail in the sum of \$1000. This bail the reason he wanted to put them on what it came from, if I am not miswas furnished by Benner Walker, the Dale farm. west of Centre Hall, and the younger Q. Where abouts were you when From was released.

It was just twelve minutes after ten From said he would lay Dale low? when the babeas corpus hearing was A. Why ca the back porch of the opened and exactly two hours after Florev property at Centre Hall, where when President Judge Orvis gave the we were living at the time. That was decision noted above.

The court house was packed-every farm My daughter Ruth was present. available seat and chair was occupied when Mr. From made that remark. and the three aisles filled-with peo- Q. Did he ever say anything about ple, men and women, from all parts of Mr. Dale's barn? A. Yes, sir; he the county, before court was called to threatened to lay the barn in ashes. order. Throughout the entire hearing Q When was it that he made that one could read on the faces of the just whether it was that evening or spectators how the evidence was re- not. It was just before we moved on ceived. When Mrs. Guistwite, whose the farm. My daughter was present age is eighty-one years, took the stand when he made the threat about putand had completed her statement, the ting the barn in ashes. house was thoroughly convinced that | Cross examination by Meyer. I was she had given her story as she really at home on the morning of the 12th of believed it to be true. Other witnesses November; was boiling apple butter. also shared the belief of the audience Mr. Dale came there that day about 2 that their testimony was true and o'clock. He came alone and was travelgiven in good faith.

Throughout the trial the Froms ex- at home that day; he had taken a hibited great nervousness which be- load of corn down to Centre Hall and came more poticeable in each as evi- it was after 5 o'clock when he came dence was being given that proved home that evening and assisted me in ly twisted a handkerchief, and repeatedly put the ends between his teeth was snowing that day. As nearly as I his yard. and bit on them vigorously.

The evidence reprinted below is from in the evening to go home. I know a stenographic report of the bearing that is the time we missed the buggy. obtained from Miss Olive Mitchell, I was under suspicion for this crime. and consequently is correct. The edi- ANDREW MOYER. Q. Now state give the evidence in the exact words of the witnesses.

The first witness called was Mrs. Kate Dale. She simply testified that her husband, Josiah C. Dale, left home Mountain, and was brought into her home dead at about 8:30 that evening. Q. What did Mr. From say?

The testimony of Dr. M. J. Locke, who conducted the post mortem, was that the wound was "one-half inch from the lower border of the scapula, sation? A. At my house. two and three-quarter inches from the medium line of the spinal column, about Mr. Dale? A. He said he would The wound was ragged in character, measuring 1|x1| inches in diameter. Found five shot holes outside the wound described, the one the most distant being 1 inch. The wound extended inward and slightly downward. Death was due to hemorrhages resulting from the gun shot wound."

Cross examination by Meyer. Undoubtedly, from the size of the wound, been to the Froms? A. Well I don't the gun was discharged at close prox- know; I don't think it would be any imity to the person. I found a num- advantage to them. ber of shot inside the body. The wound extended clear through the body and extended clear through the body and he would lay Mr. Dale's barn in ashes the window and looked out and there part of the shot lodged just over the and, if he met him some time on the was no one coming. It was daytime; occurred within two minutes after the sir.

infliction of the wound. A. Yes, sir. Re-examination by Love. From the character of the wound, it was absopremises that day? A. Which day? lutely impossible for it to have been

self-inflicted. The evidence of County Coroner Dr. Q And that gun was taken away, Fisher was similar to that of Dr. was it not? A. Yes. Locke. He said he found a wad in

the buggy. MRS. MARGARET MOYER. I

live at Centre Hall; am acquainted don't know where it is. with Jacob and James From; have known them ever since I can remem- it? A. Yes. ber anything. I knew J. C. Dale. We moved to Mr. Dale's farm the last of know. last March-March, 1906.

about Mr. Dale and about the cattle? am acquainted with Jacob From and A. No, sir, not any more than what James From. Jacob From was in my he told us.

Q. Well, what did he tell you? sation in there and Mr. From should Well, he wanted us to make Mr. have made a statement that the time Dale sell his cattle and take his cattle would come when Mr. Dale would -take Mr. From's cattle. Mr. Dale have to suffer for those things he had I didn't. wouldn't hear to it and of course he. That was after the lawsuit here Q. Did wouldn't hear to it and of course he in Bellefonte, about two or three weeks No, sir, I didn't.

Q. Who got angry? A. Why Mr. Q. Was Jacob From talking about lieve now it was a gun? A. I won't from; and he said, some time he the lawsuit that he had? A. Well he swear what it was, because it was dark would meet him on the road and lay him low.

might have been; I can't remember and I couldn't see.

Q. Did you look at the clock before tion in there and I don't remember all you came out? A. I can't be mis-

Q. But he found fault with Mr. Dale, didn't he? A. Yes, sir. Q. And did he say that Mr. Dale would have to suffer for what he had

done? A. Yes, sir. Q Did he say when he would have

to suffer? A. No, sir.

Q. Who was present? A. Mr. Robert Smith.

Cross examination by Meyer. Q. Mr. have to suffer in this life or the life gravel hole. hereafter? A. No, sir, he didn't mention that.

Q. Did he say it in a very serious wouldn't swear to that, whether he meant business or whether he didn't. ROBERT SMITH. I live right

above Centre Hall; am acquainted with Jacob From, also with Frank Shutt; was in Frank Shutt's shop Q Now, what did Jacob From say? A. Well, I can't repeat just the words Q. How many cattle did Jacob

even with Dale before long, or something to that effect. Q. Was he talking or discussing the

Q Just repeat what he said? A. don't know the exact words.

Q. Just as you remember? A. He saio that he would get even with Dale before long, or something like that. MARY DECKER. I live at Centre Hall; have lived there two years the shortly before we moved onto the Dale last week of this month; am acquainted with Jacob From and James From ; couldn't tell just how long I have known them; suppose may be for sixteen or more years. I live about 20 feet from Jacob From—the width of o'clock in the evening when I went to the audience was very attentive, and threat? A. Well, I can't tell you the post office. Then I stopped at Mrs. Jacobs and came up and it was about six o'clock when I got home; it was dusk. When I came home, I saw some one in front of Mr. From's house; I saw the line of a man right in front of the gate start up the pike with something long in his hand.

Did it look like a gun? A. Well, that I couldn't say, for it was dark ; I wouldn't swear it was a gun.

Q. Do you know who the man was ? Well, no, I don't exactly; I ing in a buggy. My husband was not wouldn't just exactly swear to a name. Q. Who did you think it was, when you saw him? A. Well, it walked coming into my house, and there was like Mr. Jacob From, but, of course, nobody about. there are lots of people walk alike.

Q How far did you see this man go? damaging. The elder From continual- taking apple butter off. Mr. Dale was A. Well, I suppose he had gotten up o the lamp post at the upper corner of

Q. Where did you go? A. I went can tell, Mr. Dale left about 7 o'clock into the house; ate my supper and washed my supper dishes. Q Did you hear a shot that eve-

ning? A. Yes, sir, about seven o'clock. Q. Now did you hear anything over tor took extensive notes, but prefers to to the court what conversation you in From's house after the shot that had with Jacob From in relation to evening? A. I heard them talking some cattle? A. Well, he asked me over there; I didn't understand what whether I wouldn't take his stock and was said ; I didn't stop to listen. The wanted me to get Mr. Dale to sell his, next day Jacob From said to me that and I told him I wouldn't, unless I Mr. Dale had gotten his end at last and I said it appeared so, and he said Q Did you consult Mr. Dale? A. that he would be taken for it, because Yes, sir, and Mr. Dale told me that he they had this lawsuit. On Wednesday wouldn't do it-wouldn't hear to it- he told me where Dale had been killed. at noon November 12, 1906, went to and Mr. From asked me then whether He said he had been shot at 7 o'clock his farm-the corn field-on Nittany I had seen him and I told him I had at the end of the Nearhood road. That is on the Centre Hall side of the mountain-on the lower side, below A. Well he made threats then that the top.

inside of a month he would have the Q. Now what threats did you hear from From against Dale? A. One time when Mr. Dale went up past there he was in front of his shop and he called him an old rotten son of a b- and said he would kill him. I was sweeping out around.

meet him some time and lay him low. Q. How long was that before the If he would meet him some time, he murder? A. It was before the court -before the lawsuit, after Mr. Dale had him arrested for the timber.

Q. Now what did you hear Mr. From say in the alley about Mr. Dale? A. Well, he was in the alley there one He wanted me to take his stock and day and he was talking to himself and wanted Dale to sell his-get rid of his he said that he had killed him, that he had taken his gun and gone up on the Q What advantage would that have mountain and shot him.

Q. You heard him say that? A. Yes, sir. I did. He was in the alley between the two houses, and then he acted like he was chasing some one that was the window and looked out and there sternum bone in the muscles. Death road, he would lay him low? A. Yes, I don't remember whether it was forenoon or afternoon. It was just about Q. Is Mr. Dale's barn still standing? three weeks before Mr. From was ar-

Q. Did you have a gun about your Cross examination by Meyer. Q Are you not known by the name of Mrs. Lyon. A. That was my former mar-Q. The day Mr. Dale was killed? A. Yes, sir, my brother had his gun. riage, before I was married to Mr. Decker. My name never was changed in the mail and I go by that name yet.

Q. Have you been on friendly terms Q. And you were suspected for comwith From? A. Why I aint envious made. toward him; of course he has been Q. muting this crime, were you not? A. very envious to me.

Q. Do you call at his house? A. No. sir, I do not. Q. I guess the District Attorney got Q. Have you been in to see his sick

wife? A. No, sir, I have not, because I was forbid to come. Q. Now, Mrs. Decker, you say you ing on the ground? A. No, sir, I did

Q. Mrs. Moyer, did you ever have Q. Mr. Shutt, where do you live? any conversation with Jacob From A. Centre Hall. I am a blacksmith; I said I saw him at Jake From's gate and I saw him walk away from there with something long in his hand. I der of Mr. Dale and we had a conver-

Q. Have you not said to some people there that it was a stick? A. No.

Q. You didn't believe and don't be-

taken about the hour; it was about 6 o'clock. About an bour after that] heard a shot -about 7 o'clock. It is Methodists are Preparing for Their Anmay be a mile and a half from my house to Andy Moyer's where Mr. Dale's farm is. I located this shot at Dale's farm is. the gravel hole-not very far above that. I was in the house when it was fired but the door was open; my will convene in the First Methodist son had opened the door to step out on the porch and just as he opened the door this shot was fired. We all heard 20th. Since the first session of the Shutt, he didn't say whether he would the shot. I located it out beyond the conference in 1869, it has not met two

Q. Have you a son? A. I have a son Samuel Meyer. He was home that day with a cut foot-home all day, exmood or was he joking? A. Oh, I cept the time he went to the doctor's to get his foot dressed.

Q. Does he have a gun? A. Yes, sir, we have a gun.

Q. Now, Mrs. Decker, did you see Prof. John Hosterman there that evening? A. Where? Q. Right in front of some time previous to the Dale murder | From's house? A. No, I didn't. I it two times. The conference was also and saw Jacob From there. | didn't see Samuel Rowe there that held in Harrisburg, Danville, Carlisle, evening; did not see Mr. From talk- Lock Haven, Altoona, Huntingdon, ing to them about that time. I did see that he said but he said he would get Jacob From bring his cows home that evening. He came home from the corn field I suppose about half past 4 o'clock. He had been working that ministry. Five other members will day. This was Monday, the 12th.

Q Then he didn't see Mr. Dale go ing to his farm that day? A. I don't think he had seen him, occause he was not at home. I saw Mr. Dale going, of the First Church of Tyrone at the it was in the afternoon, after dinner.

Q. Now this conversation that you say you heard was a conversation that he was having with himself? A. Yes, sir. Q He was just talking to himself and close enough for you to hear him and he said that he had been up on he mountain and had shot Mr. Dale? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Mrs. Decker, did you then be-lieve any such thing had occurred at all? That he had shot Mr. Dale? A. I Los Angeles in 1904. always had a belief that he was imthe alley. On the 12th day of November 1906 I was at home all day until 5 enemy of Mr. Dale's.

Q. Was your son on good terms with ie would just as soon work for Mr. Dale as anybody he knew of.

Q Well, will you give the exact language that you say Mr. From used in that alley? A. Yes, sir, I will. He said that he had killed him; he had wonderful country he has lived in. taken his gun and gone up onto the He is the owner of a 320-acre tract, and mountain and shot the son of a b-He was talking to himself; there was not anyone in the alley ; he was walking around in the alley. He would walk to the end of the alley and let on he was chasing some one that was

Q. Did anybody else hear him say that? A. My mother. She was out in some of the ears. Last year's crop of person placed the poison there. the summer house at the time.

Q. How far away was he from your between us. The alley is I suppose the acre. Another crop was 600 against a fence and received a severe about twenty feet wide. He was right quare in the alley, I suppose about ten feet away. The next day he said to me he supposed he would be taken, that he would get the blame for it, because he had this lawsuit with him.

Q. Was there any other time when he nad a conversation with you? Yes, sir. Q. What was this and when was it? A. Well, that was on Wednesday and he said he had been shot at the end of the Adam Nearhood road. Q. Where is that? A. Below the

top of the mountain, on the other side going down toward Centre Hall. Q How far from where you live? A. I don't know now far it is from Centre Hall to the top of the moun-

tain ; suppose it is very near a maile from my place to where the Adam Nearhood road comes out. That is where he told me Dale had been shot. That was the second day after he was killed. Q Haven't you said to some people that you would swear this onto Jake From and let your son off? A. No, sir, I have not. My son is away; appearance, and altogether comforthas been away for four weeks.

MRS. MARGARET GUISTWITE. Live in Centre Hall with my daughter. I remember when Mr. Dale was murdered. I heard a shot about seven o'house and From's.

Q. Did you hear Mr. From say anything in relation to how Mr. Date was murdered in the alley there? A. Yes, ir. Q. Now just state to the court what you heard. A. Well, I heard him say in the alley-and I didn't see or hear anybody else in the alley-that he had killed Mr. Dale; that he had taken his gun and gone up on the mountain and shot the old .

that I heard him say. Q. Can you hear well? A. Yes, I can hear good. Q. How is your eye sight? A. My eyesight is poor ; I can't see, but I can

hear all right. Q. You can't see, but you can hear ? A. Yes. Q. How long after the death of Mr.

about three weeks before the arrest was Q. Who was in the house at that

time, that is in your house. A. Why no person, only my daughter and I were at home Her son was not at home.

Q. Your daughter is Mrs. Decker ? A. Yes, sir.

Q. How do you know it was Jacob

From that made that remark? A. know people by their voices, people couldn't tell what it was, for it was that I am well acquainted with, people that I talk a great deal to, I know them by their voice. Cross-examination by Meyer.

How old do you say you are, Mrs. Guistwite? A. I was eighty-one the 20th of December. Q Is your memory good? Yes, my

memory is good. Q. Can you tell us what day it was you heard From talking in the alley? A. I can't tell, for I paid very little at-

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CONFERENCE AT TYRONE.

nual Meeting on March 20th. The thirty-ninth annual session of

the Central Pennsylvania Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Episcopal Church at Tyrone, March successive years in the same church, as is the case now, the conference having met in Tyrone last year. This will be the third time it has been entertained by the First Church of Tyrone. Thus far in the history of the conference only two other churches have had this honor. Bellefonte and Chambersburg have each entertained his pastoral year on the Penns Valley it two times. The conference was also charge. Williamsport, Harrisburg and Tyrone.

The Rev. D. S. Monroe has been the conference host five times during his share the honors of having been the conference host two times with the Rev. John H. Dougherty, the pastor present time. They are the Revs. B. C. Connor, James H. McGarrah, W. A. Houck, G. W. Stevens and R. H.

Bishop W. F. McDowell, of Chicago, will be the presiding officer. He is one of the ablest bishops of the church having been elected to that office at

Green Decker Tells of North Dakota,

A most pleasant half hour was that Ella M. Decker, of near Potters Mills. They are the most welcome guests. After a residence in Dakota for three years, Mr. Decker is back looking last year raised 800 bushels of corn, the method being to simply plow the sod, drop the corn into the furrow, and the next work at the crop was to husk the golden ears, some of which are a foot long. As evidence of the quality of corn, Mr. Decker brought with him wheat was 1100 bushels of the maccaand still another crop was 100 bushels of flax seed worth \$1.25 per bushel. A wound. fine grade of potatoes and all kinds of

no more severe than here, and they ferences. have experienced no blizzards in his ocality since living there. This winter they had about a foot of snow. Cattle and horses are turned out during the entire winter, and keep in good fles's.

The sod house and stable are the common shelters in Mr. Decker's locality. Some of these houses are plastered within and without, silled with boards and present a splendid

North Dakota is all Mr. Decker desires it to be, and if any one wishes to cast his lot with a rapidly developing clock. There is an alley between our country, he is ready to show them the grown and where three years of labor horse sale on Monday. William is an

Move Early or Lose Vote.

Any voter who is going to change his residence from one voting district to another this spring, must move Krumbine, furniture dealer and unpromptly on the 1st or 2nd of April, or dertaker, at Rexis, stated that the before that date, or eise lose his vote rain of last week caused high water in at the summer primary. The law re- that locality, the driveway between quires a residence in a district of sixty that point and Vintondale being coverof June this year-the first Saturday moving is necessary.

Overseer Stine Missing.

South Philipsburg borough, has disap- school. peared and his whereabouts are unknown. It is claimed that he is short Q. What time of the day was it? A. That I can't tell; I didn't pay that is true, his bondsmen are liable for much attention to it; I can't tell you the amount. Stine has enjoyed the confidence and esteem of the entire community and his disappearance has occasioned much surprise.

Public Sales,

Four public sales will be held within the next week, near Centre Hall, They are the sales of James C. Goodhart, near Centre Hill, Saturday, 23rd; B. D. Miller, at Farmers Mills, Monday 25th; Daniel Daup, near Potters Mills, Tuesday, 26th; James I. Lytle, near Old Fort, Wednesday, 27th.

Spring begins today (Thursday.)

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kerstetter, of Pleasart Gap, have located at Juniata. The library in Grange Arcadia will be open to the public from 4 to 5

o'clock Saturday afternoon. After being in the Bellefonte hospital for three weeks, Mrs. G. Perry Gentzel was discharged much im-

The Penns Valley Echo is in print, the issue being the last before the editor, Rev. G. W. McIlnay, finished

The Nittany Inn, at State College. changed landlords again last Monday. The new manager is H. A. Nicely, one of the proprietors of the bowling alley

and poolroom. A party in honor of George E. Swartz, of Rockford, Illinois, who is visiting in this section, was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Fiedler, near Madisonburg.

While William Houser was razing an old ice house near Chambersburg, he was surprised to find a number of snakes in the sawdust. At the end of

the day he had killed fifty-six. One day recently a horse, belonging to John W. Zerby, of Gregg township, the last General Conference held at in attempting to run out of the stall, in some way broke one of its hind legs. The animal was killed.

Mr. and Mrs. Robin Red Breast came to Centre Hall last week. They spent with Green Decker, of Fleisher, are building a cozy little home and Mr. Dali? A. Yes, sir, he was and he spent with Green Decker, of Fleisher, are building a cozy little home and worked a good bit for him and he said North Dakota, and daughter, Miss will remain until the frosts come.

Mrs. Pearl Condo, of York, was the guest of Miss Roxanna Brisbin, last week. Her two children and mother were at the home of ex-Sheriff Condo. Aaronsburg, while the junior Mrs.

Condo, was in Centre Hall. A young horse recently died for Jacob Herman, at Lemont, and later his son found something in the horse's trough that proved to be arsenic. The conclusion is that some evil disposed

Paul Meyer, the little son of Merroni variety, worth from 60 to 70 cents chant T. F. Meyer, in Milheim, while house? A. Why there is just this alley a bushel, the yield being 40 bushels to coasting on his sled, was thrown bushels of oats, now selling at 45 cents, cut on his head. Dr. John Hardenbergh was called, who dressed the

Rev. Warren J. Johnson, pastor of vegetables can be raised. Mr. Decker the Reformed church at Altoona, reand his son put up sixty loads of signed Sunday morning. He was forprairie hay, worth at present \$4 per merly pastor at Lock Haven, but had been at Altoona for three years. He The climate, Mr. Decker thinks, is and his congregation had grave dif-

> The Reporter has a club laid back for the first man that shoves a poem ou "spring" on the desk. We are all glad to have spring come, and consequently should not seek to inflict punshment by publishing poems on its

Mrs. Irvin Shirk, of Glen Iron, writes that the Reporter furnishes her the home news so completely that she could not think of doing without it, and consequently purchased an 8 so that she would be sure every number would reach her.

The Mifflinburg Times contained the following: W. F. Smith, of Milland where all the staple crops can be beim, "cried" at Henry Walter's have made him look and feel younger, excellent auctioneer and gets good prices for horses, although he thinks Union county bidders are a little " slow."

In a note to the Reporter John H. days to vote at the primary. As the ed to a depth of four feet, which cut primary will be held on the first day off all communication for a short time.

A daughter was born to Prof. and in June coming on the first day of the Mrs. Irvin W. Zeigler, of Frackville, month this year-sixty days before Schuylkill county. The birth occur-Date was that? A. Well, it was only will be April 2nd. Hence an early red while Mr. Zeigler was visiting his mother, west of Centre Hall. This is the first heir, and the people of Frackville will undoubtedly feel more proud Daniel M. Stine, poor overseer of than ever of the principal of their

> Just as was predicted in last week's issue of the Centre Reporter, Penns in his accounts about \$300, but if this Valley was well represented at the habeas corpus hearing Saturday, and yet only a small part of the attentive listeners to the evidence came from the southern portion of the county. Every section of the large, populous county was represented.

The Nittany Valley railroad company began work on an extension out along the old turnpike which, when completed, will do away with the trestle near the toll gate, on this side of Bellefonte. They will run the road several hundred feet further out and cross the road on grade, connecting with the road in to the furnace by a switchback.