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## THE JURYMEN.

September Court Opens the Fourth Monday in the Month.

The September court will open the fourth Monday in the month, on the 25th. The session will continue for two weeks. The jurymen—grand and traverse—are printed below.

### FIRST WEEK—GRAND JURY.

J. C. Hocker, Pa. ton  
William Stine, Half Moon  
J. C. Sunday, Ferguson  
Fred F. Smith, Rush  
W. W. Tibbens, Benner  
Isaac Rider, Ferguson  
James B. Tanyer, Ferguson  
A. M. Vail, Phillipsburg  
Joseph A. Brucker, Unionville  
Peter Smith, Potter  
R. T. Gates, Ferguson  
A. V. Daugherty, Burnside  
J. F. Herr, Howard  
H. L. Yeager, Snow Shoe township  
John M. Walter, Phillipsburg  
Samuel Durst, Potter  
James Rathern, Walker  
J. C. Rossman, Gregg  
Clarence Daley, Liberty  
John E. Foreman, Howard borough  
H. C. Thompson, Worth  
Sidney Krumrine, Bellefonte  
A. E. Barigos, Millheim  
Watson Struble, Benner

### TRAVERSE—FIRST WEEK.

Benner Rumberger, Walker  
J. H. Saners, State College  
Abner Noll, Spring  
D. C. Kustenborder, Benner  
Jacob Keller, Ferguson  
H. E. Crouse, Haines  
W. C. Cassidy, Bellefonte  
Samuel Kreamer, Centre Hall  
William Vonada, Walker  
Harry Garbrick, Walker  
C. S. Gardner, Howard  
C. W. Korman, Boggs  
W. Howard Lingie, Potter  
D. A. Detrick, Walker  
W. I. Harter, Liberty  
Russell Peace, State College  
Fred M. Meek, Rush  
Frank Wian, Spring  
C. H. Small, Miles  
John H. Zerby, Gregg  
J. H. Nodding, Ferguson  
Elmer Boob, Haines  
George Ishler, Harris  
John A. Long, Gregg  
William Walker, Curtin  
George F. Walker, Union  
A. C. Heaton, Snow Shoe  
W. H. Dumberton, Rush  
Fred Martin, Sr., South Phillipsburg  
A. Carpenter, Worth  
D. G. A. Harshberger, Phillipsburg  
H. C. Warfel, Phillipsburg  
I. W. Vonada, Haines  
Joseph B. Mingle, State College  
F. H. Clemson, Patton  
A. Walter, Millheim  
George Lee, Potter  
Epley Gentzel, Spring  
Theophilus Fletcher, Howard borough  
James T. Frost, Gregg  
W. A. Sichel, Snow Shoe  
C. J. Weaver, Miles  
Samuel Garner, State College  
James Zerby, Haines  
Clement H. Gramley, Miles  
Harry C. Bottorf, Boggs  
Orlando Viehdorfer, Snow Shoe township  
Piersol O'Brian, College  
D. B. Thomas, Snow Shoe

### TRAVERSE—SECOND WEEK.

Frank Gowland, Phillipsburg  
P. E. Hicks, Patton  
Charles Lucas, Howard  
W. F. Musser, Gregg  
Israel Young, Harris  
Henry Shuey, College  
C. K. Kessinger, Milesburg  
N. W. Zerby, Gregg  
O. J. Auman, Penn  
Charles Callahan, Rush  
J. D. Lile, Benner  
J. W. Kerstetter, Penn  
John H. Uhl, Spring  
E. K. Keller, Spring  
John Garper, Harris  
A. H. Spyd, Walker  
P. W. Winters, Miles  
John Nixon, Taylor  
Calvin Kling, Marion  
J. I. Gray, Half Moon  
Thomas Rekenroth, Unionville  
James Williams, State College  
Henry Packer, Rush  
B. F. Greenoble, Gregg  
John H. Beck, Walker  
George Grim, Bellefonte  
Miles Dukeman, Boggs  
H. J. Walker, Bellefonte  
A. L. Shover, Bellefonte  
James M. Ross, Harris  
L. E. Stover, Millheim  
J. C. Lupton, Rush  
James Summers, Spring  
George Longue, Howard  
Calvin King, Gregg  
Wills H. Wyland, Bellefonte  
Chester Moore, Howard  
W. M. Garbrick, Liberty  
Curtin Bettie, Rush  
W. O. Dougherty, College

### Boy's Strenuous Country Life.

A boy who visited for a week in the country found it so strenuous that he returned to the quiet of the city. According to his diary here's what happened to him:

He was chased by a cross bull, fell from a cherry tree, was shocked while sitting near a telephone, fell on his head from a lime spreader, was kicked by a cow he tried to milk, was stung by a hornet and several yellow-jackets, was poisoned by ivy, tore his clothes to pieces while picking berries, was bitten by a turtle, fell out of the hay-mow while hunting eggs, was beaten on his legs until black and blue by the wings of an old gander, stubbed his toes, cut his finger on a briar scythe, got the stomach-ache from eating green apples, and was seized with an attack of prickly heat.

He seems to have experienced about all of the joys of the farm except turning the grindstone for two hours at a lick, and finding out that the black and white pussy cat down along the lane wasn't a pussy cat at all.

## INSECTICIDE FERTILIZERS A FRAUD.

Fertilizers Claimed to Have Insecticide Ingredients That Will Destroy Hessian Fly a Fraud.

Last week the writer clipped from one of its exchanges an item which in substance stated that a particular brand of fertilizer had mixed with it an insecticide that was sure death to the Hessian Fly. Believing that here lay an opportunity for unscrupulous dealers to sell fertilizers for which it was claimed to have this particular virtue, the article was forwarded to Dr. Surface, asking him to expose the scheme.

Dr. Surface, the State Economic Zoologist, responded as follows: I wish to thank you for your letter of August 5th, with clipping from "Look Haven Democrat" enclosed. I have read this little article on the Hessian Fly, the burden of which seems to be that the regular and well-known methods of combatting this pest are ineffective, and that the application of fertilizer containing an insecticide is all that is necessary to control the Hessian Fly. I am glad to have the privilege of exposing the error of both of these claims. In the first place, no educated entomologist would make the statement that the late seeding of wheat is an absolute preventive of injury by the Hessian Fly. All that is claimed for late sowing is that this wheat will escape the ravage of the fall brood of Hessian Fly which has been deposited upon the wheat stalks above ground previous to Sept. 25th. If we could secure concerted action among the farmers, getting every one to sow after the above date, and at the same time destroy voluntary wheat plants that have come above ground before this date, then there would be no further trouble from this pest. If, on the other hand, as has always been the case, some farmers in each neighborhood sow their wheat early, these fields become infested with a fall brood which hibernates in the pupa state on the plants in these early sown fields, and hatching in the Spring deposits the eggs of the spring brood not only upon the early sown fields, but on the late sown fields in the neighborhood as well.

As to the second thesis of the author, namely, that insecticide fertilizer kills the Hessian Fly, I would say that while the author has failed to mention what constitutes insecticide fertilizer, the principal of applying an insecticide in the form of a fertilizer in the ground, when the insect feeds upon the plant is wrong in all the requirements, like the tree dope bunco game worked so extensively upon the unsuspecting farmer in the southeastern part of the State, whereby poison is put at the roots of the tree or into the bark and trunk of the tree for the purpose of killing San Jose Scale on the twigs.

### Transfers of Real Estate.

Harry B. Bower et al to S. C. Bower, July 25, 1911, tract of land in Howard twp. \$200.

J. S. Williams et ux to Trustees U. B. Church, April 29, 1911, tract of land in Worth twp. \$1350.

Elias Breen et ux to Harry E. Breen, June 14, 1903, tract of land in Spring twp. \$600.

E. B. Meeker et ux to R. B. Daugherty, May 2, 1911, tract of land in Burnside twp. \$53.30.

E. C. Tuten C. O. C. to Sarah K. Auman, August 1, 1911, tract of land in Haines twp. \$550.

C. S. Musser admr. to O. J. Auman, May 20, 1911, tract of land in Haines twp. \$3000.

Mary Ann Haffly et al to O. J. Auman, May 20, 1911, tract of land in Haines twp. \$600.

Gertrude M. Musser et bar to James P. Waddle et ux, June 30, 1911, tract of land in Patton twp. \$3800.

John Magreks et ux to Mary Shank, August 4, 1911, tract of land in Snow Shoe twp. \$900.

Paul W. Baudis et al to J. Frank Gates, April 15, 1911, tract of land in Patton twp. \$1200.

Mary M. Gates et al to Jacob O. Meese, July 1, 1911, tract of land in Loveville. \$325.

Mary Ellen Garbrick et al to Harry E. Garbrick, July 1911, tract of land in Spring twp. \$960.

William Alexander et ux to Nannie M. Coxie, in year of 1910, tract of land in Harris twp. \$75.

Sarah Moyer et bar to Nannie M. Coxie, May 13, 1910, tract of land in Harris twp. \$50.

Florence D. Pope et al to Nannie M. Coxie, March 31, 1911, tract of land in Harris twp. \$100.

Messrs. Knepp & Weller, of Lewistown, recently made three trips to The Kerlin's Grand View Poultry Farm, Centre Hall, for the purpose of conveying over four hundred S. C. White Leghorn hens and twenty male birds across the mountains to stock their new plant at Lewistown. They evidently believe in starting right and know where to get good stock.

## LETTERS FROM SUBSCRIBERS.

Reporter Subscribers' Correspondent Column—New Department.

We are having ideal crop weather. Crops of all kinds are several weeks in advance of the ordinary season. Droughty conditions for about two weeks in July caused the pastures to dry up. This and the intense heat for a while threatened the corn and late potato crop. The recent copious rains give assurance of heavy yields of both crops. Early potatoes are a luxury. Only the wealthy, or the more fortunate ones, could afford to even wear one suspended as a watch charm. For a short time, farmers, who possessed the luxuries, sold them for the modest sum of \$2.00 per bushel. They are still retailing at from fifty to sixty cents per peck.

The hay crop was fairly good in yield, but the acreage seems comparatively small. Timothy, on the writer's farm, yielded two tons per acre on the average. It now sells for \$18.00 to \$22.00 per ton—the highest for over thirty years.

Thrashing is well advanced and small grain is fairly good in yield and quality. Fruits of all kinds are plentiful here this season. Small fruits were in great demand at high prices because of their entire absence last season, while apples are a drug on the markets at fifty cents per bushel.

Grasshoppers, in certain localities, are proving very destructive to everything they relish—fence boards and fork handles included. It is very seldom these pests prove troublesome here.

No destructive storms thus far, but the season was a record breaker for heat. Several times in July the maximum was 104 degrees in the shade, while the other extreme was forty degrees with light snow flurries the previous day.

At length, after much quibbling, debate and argument, Taft's reciprocity act has received its finishing touches as far as the United States is concerned. Laurier, Premier of Canada, and his liberal parliament, who are supposed to be in control of the government, seem to favor the agreement, while the conservative element is blocking the passage of the act. There is reason to forecast that Premier Laurier will be compelled to ask for an election so that the people can decide for themselves whether or not they favor reciprocity with this country. However, we may expect matters to pend for at least six months before the agreement becomes operative, if at all, between the two sections. President Taft exerted every energy to force his pet scheme through Congress. Congressmen seemed to disregard their wishes of their constituents in their haste to force the measure to a final passage. The near future will demonstrate to many of the doubting Thomases whether the plan, in operation, is wise or foolish; whether of benefit or otherwise to the great producing class of the United States. Freeport, Ill. J. M. STEFFLER.

Rev. Daniel Green, of Harrison City, writes the Reporter thus: Everything is moving along nicely. Dorothy who had been critically ill is improving. Crops are generally good. Weather hot, occasional showers. Would like to see the good people of Centre Hall and vicinity but will hardly come that way this summer. I trust this will find you all well.

Thomas G. Wilson, writes from Hazel Green, Wisconsin, that "corn never looked better than it does now. The weather is fine. We are all well, and send our best wishes to our friends," he continues. Mr. Wilson, while a resident of Centre Hall, was connected with the Howard Creamery Corporation.

### Farmer's Institutes.

The dates on which the farmers institutes in Centre county will be held are these: Eggleville, December 4-5; Centre Hall, December 6-7; Stormstown, December 8-9.

All institutes in Centre county will be attended by J. H. Peachey, of Bellefonte, with the following staff of assistants: E. B. Dorsett, of Mansfield; Fred W. Card, of Sylvania; M. N. Clark, of Claridge; Dr. W. T. Phillipy, of Carlisle; W. H. Stout, of Pine Grove; F. H. Fassett, of Meeshoppen; C. C. McCurdy, of Hartestown; George E. Hull, of Transfer; Charles T. Corman, of Carlisle; Prof. T. I. Mairs, of State College; Mrs. Jean Kane Fonks, of West Chester; Charles M. Barnitz, of Riverdale; F. E. Bonsteel, of Bear Lake; W. Theodore Wittman, of Allentown; Miss Arabella Carter, of Philadelphia; Dr. J. H. Funk, of Boyertown; Sheldon W. Funk, of Boyertown; W. A. Cook, of State College and Mrs. Sarah B. F. Zeigler, of Duncannon.

Read the Reporter.

## DEATHS.

"Success worthily achieved, a high reputation in a chosen calling, social prominence gained through an irrefragable life and natural gifts, are elements instinctively applauded and rewarded by the world at large. These graces may be found in the subject of this sketch."

The above is the opening sentence in an article in the Centre Reporter, date of February 27, 1902, on the occasion of an "Educational Conference" held at Centre Hall a few days previous. The lines refer to James B. Strohm, then a resident of Potter township, and a teacher in the public schools of Centre Hall. The quotation is reprinted because the Reporter during the more than nine years intervening maintained the same high opinion of the man—now dead, and buried.

Mr. Strohm's death occurred Saturday morning and interment was made Tuesday morning on the family plot in the Centre Hall cemetery. His age was fifty-seven years, eleven months and a few days.

It will be recalled by many of the readers that Mr. Strohm suffered a severe injury while bringing a



THE LATE JAMES B. STROHM.

prisoner from Tyrone to Bellefonte. This was two years ago this month. The man, who threw Mr. Strohm from the train at Port Matilda, was Peter Barbridge, an Austrian. He apparently recovered from the effects of the broken limb and dislocated ankle, but the injury no doubt was the beginning of the disease—creeping paralysis or something akin to it—that caused his death.

Day by day for a period of eighteen months, Mr. Strohm grew weaker, until for a few months he was entirely helpless, not being able to speak, or even move a finger. All this time his mind was clear, and up to a short time ago was able to read. But why speak of this affliction when the man bore it without complaint?

James B. Strohm was self-educated man. Born on a farm in Potter township, this county, almost 58 years ago, his father equipped him for life by instilling habits of industry, and such education as might be gained by regularly attending the public schools and Academy at Penn Hall. These institutions laid only the foundation work of an education. Possessed of an acute mind he set to work to develop himself by continual wide reading and hard, earnest study. His mental culture and ability fitted him for companionship with the best intellects.

It was during 1872 that Mr. Strohm taught his first public school, and that in his own township. Without intermission he taught until 1889, when he was chosen clerk to the county commissioners. In 1890 he was elected a commissioner, and three years thereafter he was re-elected. His record as a commissioner was absolutely clean.

Unlike many public office holders, Mr. Strohm, when his term of office expired, returned to his country home and resumed his chosen profession—that of public school teaching—which he had made his life work. In 1900 he became a teacher of the Grammar school in Centre Hall, where his services were highly appreciated, and in the spring of 1908 he became a resident of this place.

When W. E. Hurley, sheriff of Centre county, was in need of a deputy early in March of 1908, he came to Mr. Strohm, who was then teaching the Grammar school in Centre Hall, with such a tempting offer that he accepted. After he became afflicted with the disease that caused his death, he resigned his position, and returned to his home in Centre Hall where his death occurred. During his prolonged illness his faithful wife gave him her entire attention, and no one could have been more attentive. He was always appreciative, which greatly lightened her burden.

There survive the deceased the wife, nee Maggie Evans, and three children, namely, Rufus, in London, England; and Mrs. A. E. Person and

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Born in Millin county in 1833, January 28, Daniel Wion died at his home in Centre Hall Sunday, aged seventy-eight years, six months and fifteen days. Interment was made Wednesday morning, at Centre Hall, Rev. Fred Barry, pastor of the Lutheran church at Bellefonte, officiating in the absence of a regular pastor. There survive the deceased a wife and these children: Frank Wion, Bell-fonte; Mrs. Susan Reish, Pleasant Gap; Miss Margaret, Centre Hall; Mrs. William Carson, Spring Mills; Mrs. Richard Brooks, Centre Hall; also, fourteen grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Mrs. Henry Swab, Centre Hall; Mrs. Catherine Reed, Reedsville; Mrs. Ella Gross, State College, are surviving sisters.

On February 25, 1858, Mr. Wion and Mary J. Swab were married at the home of George Swab, on the Vantries farm, this side of Linden Hall, by Rev. P. P. Lane, pastor of the Lutheran church at Centre Hall. The couple began housekeeping in a tenant house on the farm now owned by D. J. Meyer, near Linden Hall; and a year thereafter began farming for themselves on the Christ Gingery place (now Lloyd Brown); from there they moved to one of the Sparr farms in Harris township, then to the John Gingery farm (now Martin M. Keller) and then to the Dr. Neff farm, near Centre Hall. Thirty one years ago Mr. and Mrs. Wion moved to the Milligan farm, near Bellefonte, and after living there thirty-one years they retired from farm life and moved to their present home in Centre Hall.

The deceased was a member of the Lutheran church, and attended that church when living near Bellefonte. Mr. Wion was a man large and physically strong, and suffered little pain during his life. He was ill for four weeks.

Sunday evening of last week George W. Sager died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Charles Ammerman, of Bellefonte, after an extended illness with kidney trouble. Deceased was aged sixty-five years and eleven days. By trade he was a carpenter, and was highly respected in the community in which he resided. Surviving are a son, John E., a daughter, Mrs. Charles Ammerman, of Bellefonte, and one sister, Mrs. Harry Bowersox, of Nottawa, Michigan. Interment was made at Bellefonte the following Tuesday, the services being conducted by Revs. Winey and Shuey.

William A. Tanyer, aged almost eighty-eight years, died in Ferguson township Sunday night of last week, death being due to a paralytic stroke received several weeks ago. He was a carpenter having followed that trade from early life. A brother, Captain Alexander Tanyer, of Kansas, survives as do also the following children: Mrs. Harry Imboden, Mrs. George Graham and Alexander B. Tanyer, of State College; J. E. Tanyer and Mrs. N. G. Krebs, of Pine Grove Mills, and Mrs. Milton Shuey, of Ferguson township. Burial was made at Pine Grove Mills on Thursday.

Although she had been a sufferer from kidney trouble for some time, the death of Mrs. W. Scott Crain, of Port Matilda, was a surprise to her many friends. On the morning of Friday, 4th inst., she was seized with convulsions and never recovered, death coming that evening at about seven o'clock. Deceased was aged thirty-three years and leaves to survive her husband, three small children, a brother, Quay Williams, and her father, William H. Williams. Two days after her death interment was made in the Presbyterian cemetery at Port Matilda.

At his home at Beech Creek, John Hunter, a veteran of the Civil War, died Wednesday of last week, of a complication of diseases. His wife, two daughters, Mrs. E. J. Morrison, of Jersey Shore, and Mrs. Roy Shook, of Williamsport; three sons, Torrence and Charles, of Beech Creek, and John, of Chicago, survive. He also leaves to mourn his loss three brothers, I. T. W. H., and S. H. Hunter, of Mill Hall, and four sisters, Mrs. A. E. Stover, Mrs. Maza Calderwood and Mrs. S. A. Palmer, of Mill Hall, and Mrs. Jane Smith, of Lock Haven.

Irvin D. Jordan, a telegraph operator on the Bald Eagle division of the Pennsylvania Railroad, died on the 4th inst., at Howard, from hemorrhage of the bowels. Deceased was aged about twenty-eight years and was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Jordan, of Fruitdale, Alabama. His wife, to whom he was married only a few months ago, one sister, two brothers and his parents survive. Burial was made at Jacksonville the following Monday.

## TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

### HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Landlord Shawver, of Millheim, is the owner of a new Ford touring car.

Paul Murray will be home from Chicago the latter part of next week.

A new steam heating plant is being installed in the Lutheran church at Millheim.

Muncy is talking of erecting a milk condensing plant to cost something like \$175,000.

Miss Theresa Shields, of Bellefonte, has been the guest of Mrs. Charles F. Shaw, in Centre Hall, for the past week.

Miss Tacy Kreamer, of Johnstown, is at the home of her father, Merchant W. H. Kreamer, in Centre Hall, where she will remain for a short time.

Secretary of Agriculture Wilson now comes out with a statement that we are having the poorest crops of corn, potatoes, oats and barley in ten years. The July drought did it.

Mrs. T. L. Moore, accompanied by her children, Friday of last week, went to Elysburg and Sunbury, where she will visit her mother and sister. She will be gone for about two weeks.

Misses Anna and Grace Stover went to Altoona last week where the latter will spend a week. The former Miss Stover will reside there, having been elected to teach school in that city.

The fine weather the latter half of last week permitted much of the oats crop to be "hauled in" in pretty fair condition, considering the thorough soaking the rains the week before gave it.

The watering trough in the Gap on Nittany Mountain is again restored, and man's most faithful animal is again permitted to quench its thirst from the little stream that comes through the gorge.

The Lock Haven Business Men's Association disclaims all connection with the business men's picnic to be held at Hecla Park, on 22nd, and has asked the Lock Havenites who hold places on the committee to resign.

Says the Millheim Journal: There is considerable complaint in this neighborhood that the potato thieves are at work and numerous patches have been visited by them. They do the work at night and eventually will run against a sure thing in being caught in their nefarious work.

The pike from Centre Hall to Bellefonte is in fine condition. There is not a prettier drive anywhere in the state than from Centre Hall to Pleasant Gap, across Nittany Mountain. The mountain road is in almost perfect condition—thanks to the good management of the Pike Company.

Rev. George Hawes, of Braddock, was elected pastor of the Bellefonte Presbyterian church to succeed Rev. J. Allison Platte, who several months ago removed to Wilkinsburg. Seven candidates were voted on, and 153 votes were cast. Rev. Hawes receiving a plurality of 30 and a majority of 8.

The Patrons Rural Telephone Company held its third quarterly meeting at the Garman House, Bellefonte, Thursday of last week. The meeting was quite largely attended, and there was considerable enthusiasm among the members. The local branches have been thoroughly welded together for mutual protection.

Monday of next week Mrs. A. E. Kerlin, accompanied by her nephew, F. S. Long and family, of Washington, D. C., will leave for points in the west. Before leaving this state they will spend two days in Johnstown, and from there they will go to Chicago. Their destination is Maubatten, Illinois, where a month will be spent with Mrs. Kerlin's sister, Mrs. C. C. Flink.

Charles Miner, of North Rose, New York, was in Centre Hall for several days last week. Mr. Miner was interested in the Centre Hall and Cornburn evaporating plants when they were first operated. He is located in the New York fruit belt and is interested in fruit growing and is also a shipper, his trip here having been to look up the prospects for apples in Central Pennsylvania.

The fall term of the Lock Haven State Normal School opens September 11th, and already almost all of its rooms are reserved. Now is the time to engage rooms if students desire to have any choice whatsoever. The expenses are moderate and the advantages are of the very best. Its faculty is made up of college and university graduates who have had wide experience as teachers. Being located in the central part of Pennsylvania on both the lines of the Pennsylvania railroad and the New York Central it is easily accessible. Write for its catalog.