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MANY CASES DISPOSED OF TOWARD CLOSE OF COURT.

Jury in Orviston Manslaughter Case Says "Not Guilty."—Court Adjourned on Friday Afternoon.

The jury in the Orviston homicide case, which took up the first half of the week of September court, brought in a verdict of not guilty last Wednesday evening, after a deliberation of four hours, thus setting aside the verdict of guilty in the first trial, a year ago. The case grew out of the finding of the dead body of Henry M. Confer, at Orviston, on the railroad tracks on the night of May 5, 1915. The three men with whom he was last seen alive—Irvin Johnson, Richard Langdon and Dobbin McGarvin—were arrested on suspicion and charged with manslaughter. Their first trial was before Judge Johnson, of Lewisburg, who at the time of charging the jury declared that they would be justified in rendering a verdict of not guilty.

Other cases disposed of were these: Commonwealth vs. Luella Jones; indicted for malicious mischief; prosecutors M. J. and John Henderson. This case is from Taylor township and the prosecutors are the owners of a tract of land through which the defendant for some time past used a private road. The defendant persisted in opening the bars and leaving them open, claiming that she had a right to do so. At the close of the commonwealth's testimony the court ruled that the only defense that could be offered was that of justification; after which the defendant pled guilty and sentence was suspended.

Commonwealth vs. Reuben Frantz, charged with larceny. The case is from Rush township and the prosecutor, Sterling Simcox, claimed that the defendant took several single trees and pair of shafts from his barn and appropriated them to his own use. Defendant claimed that the prosecutor owed him for paper wood and that the articles were sold to him in satisfaction of the debt. The jury returned a verdict of not guilty, the prosecutor to pay two-thirds of the costs and the defendant one-third.

Commonwealth vs. Robert Ryan, indicted for felonious assault and battery; prosecutor, Ray W. Kunes. The defendant pled not guilty and the case went to trial and grows out of a difficulty between a tramp and an umbrella mender, taking place in Liberty township, but before the case was over the defendant changed his plea from that of not guilty to guilty and was sentenced to pay the costs of prosecutor, \$1.00 fine and to the western penitentiary for not less than two years nor more than three years.

Commonwealth vs. Paul J. McMoniga, charge of larceny; prosecutor Fred Gies, railroad police officer. The defendant waived the finding of the grand jury and pled guilty prior to court and sentence was suspended.

Commonwealth vs. Anthony Sokolosky and Mary Sokolosky, charged with selling liquor without a license; prosecutor William Green. Continued.

Commonwealth vs. supervisors of Walker township. Constables return charging neglect of official duty. R. ad in process of repair and case settled.

Commonwealth vs. Supervisors of Howard township. Constables return charging neglect of official duty. Not pros. and county pays costs.

Commonwealth vs. Supervisors of College township. Constables return charging official duty. Not pros.

Commonwealth vs. Supervisors of Huston township. Constables return charging neglect of official duty, Not pros and county pays costs.

Commonwealth vs. Supervisors of Curtin township. Constables return charging neglect of official duty. Not pros and county pays costs.

Commonwealth vs. Supervisors of Potter township. Constables return charging neglect of official duty. Settled.

Commonwealth vs. Sterling Simcox, charged with carrying concealed weapons. Bill ignored and prosecutor, Reuben Frantz, to pay the costs.

Commonwealth vs. Joan Epoch, charged with burial of body without permit; prosecutor R. J. Brauner, special inspector. Defendant waived the finding of the grand jury prior to court and sentence was suspended upon payment of costs.

Commonwealth vs. Jacob H. Sigle, charged with threats, prosecutor William Urban. Continued.

Commonwealth vs. Eimer Jackson, charged with disorderly conduct. Prosecutor John E. Parker. Bill ignored and prosecutor to pay the costs.

Commonwealth vs. Fillmore Craig, charged with assault and battery; prosecutor R. D. Walzer. Bill ignored.

Commonwealth vs. Samuel Markowitz, charged with threats, etc. Prosecutor William Urban. Continued.

Commonwealth vs. Levi Wance,

CENTRE COUNTY'S FOREST FIRES.

Statistics Show That 39 Forest Fires Occurred Last Spring With Heavy Losses—Guilty Parties Made Pay Damages in Several Cases.

Statistics made public yesterday by the Department of Forestry show that twenty-nine forest fires burned in Centre county during the 1916 spring forest fire season. The total area burned over by the fires is given as 8,302 acres, and the resulting loss is estimated at about \$8,400. It cost \$2,208.05 to extinguish the fires. Thirteen of the fires were caused by sparks from locomotives not equipped with effective spark arresters, two by brush burning on dry days, three by careless campers, and one by a smoker who threw a burning cigarette into the leaves.

One fire, which burned from May 9th to 16th in Harris and Ferguson townships covered 1,400 acres in Centre county, and 4,270 acres in Huntingdon county. Centre county's share of the loss from this single fire is over \$2,000. Two hundred and fifty State College boys aided in extinguishing the fire. If they had accepted pay for their services Centre's bill for extinction would have been much larger. The largest single fire wholly in Centre county burned in Haines and Miles townships May 11th to 14th. It covered 3,550 acres, did damage estimated at over \$3,000, and was caused by one careless fireman.

Evidence sufficient to convict was obtained in three of the cases. In two cases in Rush and Snow Shoe townships the defendants settled the cases out of court by paying costs and damages. In the third case no prosecution was brought because of the extreme poverty of the guilty person.

LOCALS.

Progress Grange will meet Saturday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Mary Ross advertises her house and lot for sale in this issue.

Mrs. T. L. Smith and daughter Louise spent several days last week at State College, the home of the former's parents.

Unclaimed letters in Centre Hall post office Oct. 1, 1916: Miss Florence Dear, John Keyler, J. A. More, L. H. Smith.—S. W. Smith, Postmaster.

New officers were elected at a meeting of Centre Hall Lodge, I. O. O. F., Saturday evening, and the installation will take place next Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Durst, Capt. George M. Boal, and Mrs. L. R. Lingle attended the funeral of Daniel Rinesmith, near Bellefonte, on Monday.

Samuel Burris, who occupies the George Horner place on Nittany mountain, was a caller at this office on Tuesday and enrolled as a Reporter subscriber.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Ripka and children, Hazel and Byers, motored to Gettysburg and into Franklin county the latter part of last week, returning on Monday.

F. V. Goodhart and sister, Miss Margaret, motored to Sunbury on Tuesday, where the former attended a meeting held in the interest of funeral directors of Central Pennsylvania.

Among the large number of teachers employed in the State College public schools, two are formerly from this section, namely, Miss Mary Foreman, teacher of the third grade, and Miss Viola Harter, teacher of the first and second grades.

Robert D. Muser announces public sale for March 22nd. Mr. Muser will have a large number of Holstein cows and young cattle to sell, having been in the dairy business for a number of years on the Allison farm near Spring Mills.

Prof. P. H. Meyer attended the York county fair on Wednesday. York is the headquarters for the Weaver Piano company and Mr. Meyer's interests in this concern are such that he did not fail to visit the plant and have a chat with the president, Mr. Gibson.

(Continued from previous column.) charged with desertion and non-support; prosecutrix Lizzie A. Wance. Defendant pled guilty and was sentenced to pay the costs of prosecution and pay to his wife the sum of \$12.00 per month from October 1, 1916.

Commonwealth vs. William Crawshaw, charged with non-support, prosecutrix Jennie Crawshaw. Defendant pled guilty and was sentenced to pay the costs of prosecution and pay for the support of his weak minded child in Poik institute.

Commonwealth vs. Alexander C. Sharer, charged with desertion and non-support. Prosecutrix Annie A. Sharer. Continued.

Commonwealth vs. Reuben Hurwitz, charged with assault and battery; prosecutrix Eva St. Clair. Not pros.

Court adjourned Friday afternoon.

FERTILIZER DEMONSTRATION AND FIELD DAY AT SNOW SHOE.

The Pennsylvania State College Has Prepared Interesting Program for Thursday, October 19th.—Lessons in Reclaiming Out-Over Timber Land and Abandoned Farm Land.

A field day and fertilizer demonstration will be held on Thursday, October 19, on the fertilizer demonstration plots which have been conducted by The Pennsylvania State College one mile west of Snowshoe, on the Clearfield and Phillipsburg highway.

More than ordinary interest attaches to this experiment which is an attempt on the part of the college to ascertain the possibilities of reclaiming out-over timber and abandoned farm land which is found to such a large extent in a number of counties in the State.

Three experiments have been conducted during the past year at the point mentioned by Professor J. W. White of the Department of Experimental Agronomy at State College. One is a pasture demonstration, another covers the economical application of phosphoric acid and a third is a crop rotation experiment. All of these tests have had for their purpose the discovery of the most economical method of reclaiming the large acreage of DeKalb soil, which represents over 12,000,000 acres of land or 43.5 percent of the soils in Pennsylvania. Thirty-three fertilizer plots one-tenth of an acre in area have been used in this test. Up to date most encouraging results have been obtained and it is with the idea of acquainting the farmers in the vicinity of the experiment with the results which have been obtained that the Field Day has been planned by the college.

The program will begin at 11 o'clock in the morning. Addresses will be given by prominent men from State College, including Dr. Edwin E. Sparks, President of the Pennsylvania State College; Dr. R. L. Watts, Dean of the School of Agriculture; Professor F. D. Gardner, head of the Department of Agronomy; Professor W. H. Tomhave, head of the Department of Animal Husbandry; Professor J. W. White, of the Department of Experimental Agronomy.

Go and take your family and your neighbors and see and hear what State College is attempting to do through these soil and fertilizer experiments.

PROGRAM.

Fertilizer Demonstration and Basket Picnic One Mile West of Snow Shoe, on Clearfield and Phillipsburg Highway, Thursday, October 19, 1916 at 11 A. M. Under the auspices of The Pennsylvania State College and Experiment Station.

Greetings: Dr. Edwin E. Sparks, President of The Pennsylvania State College; Dr. R. L. Watts, Dean of the School of Agriculture. The Snow Shoe Experiment and Its Results: Prof. J. W. White, of the Department of Experimental Agronomy. Livestock and the Utilization of DeKalb Soils: Prof. W. H. Tomhave, head of the Department of Animal Husbandry. Making poor soils good: Prof. F. D. Gardner, head of the Department of Agronomy.

Almost 2 Inches of Rain.

One and eighty hundredths inches of rain fell Thursday night and Friday, the heaviest precipitation in twenty-four hours in many months. A drop in temperature and frost Friday night followed, mercury going down to 38 degrees.

Deaths of Centre Countians.

Elmer Frank Frain, a native of Howard, died last Thursday night at Tyrone, of pulmonary trouble, aged forty-four years.

Mrs. Amelia Miller, wife of County commissioner Isaac Miller, at Bellefonte, aged seventy-four years.

Mrs. Catherine Muser, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. D. O. Etter, at State College, aged eighty years.

Robert Barlett, at State College, aged seventeen years.

John W. Parsons, at Unionville, aged almost ninety-one years.

Mrs. Henney's Millinery Opening.

Thursday and Friday, October 5 and 6, are the days set for the millinery opening at Mrs. Lucy Henney's store in Centre Hall. Having recently returned from Philadelphia with an exceptionally pretty and stylish assortment of fall and winter headwear, she is prepared to suit the most exacting at moderate cost.

Something nice for the small girl as well as for the miss.

Don't forget the days—Thursday and Friday of this week.

The defeat of President Wilson would be an invitation to war. It can mean nothing else.

A political leadership which offers nothing in place of these things but an ill-defined policy of change may be able to substitute war for peace, panic for prosperity, agitation for contentment, reaction for progress, and privilege and greed for justice and humanity, but it can do nothing else; in fact, it is precluded by its own argument and by the circumstances from doing anything else.

Stand by President Wilson.

STUDENTS FIND DEAD BODY OF MISSING BOALSBURG WOMAN.

Mrs. John Woods, Aged 68 Years, Wandered from Home and Believed to Have Perished During Hard Rain Thursday Night—Had Lost Her Reason.

The lifeless body of Mrs. John Woods, who wandered away from her home near Boalsburg on Thursday afternoon, was found by Prof. Dr. Dye, of Pennsylvania State College, who with a number of students and citizens of Boalsburg scoured the mountains on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Woods, for the past four years, were making their home with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Klinger, who reside only a short distance from the old Woods home. Mrs. Woods, several years ago, became a nervous wreck and lost her reason. Since that time she periodically wandered through the woods, being seen often times at the old home in Reitz's Gap. Her actions were always child-like and she busied herself with "playing disceps." No attempt was made to keep her home for she always returned before the close of the day.

Last Thursday afternoon she left the Klinger home and was seen a short distance away by a former acquaintance who spoke to her. Not returning at night fears were entertained for her safety but owing to Mrs. Klinger's absence from home and to the fact that Mr. Woods was too feeble to search for her, no effort was made to locate her until Saturday morning when a trip was made to Boalsburg and the citizens notified. A search was at once instituted but no trace was found of the missing woman, although the field in which she was later discovered was gone over by the men and a number of girls had plucked flowers in the same field which lay to the foot of the mountain. The search was resumed on Sunday and just before the noon hour the efforts of the searching party were rewarded. The dead woman was lying face downward in a ditch among the weeds and judging by her condition she had lain out in the open during the heavy rains of Thursday night and all day Friday. Her clothing was soaked by the rain. It is supposed that she fell into the ditch and owing to her feeble condition was unable to raise herself, and died of exposure.

Deceased was Mary Ellen Kuhn, daughter of Joseph and Mary Ann Kuhn. She was born in Harris township and resided in that section all her life. Her husband and five children survive, namely, John, of Shingletown; Joshua, of Reedsville; Mrs. Ada Reed, of Milroy; Mrs. Margaret Cramer, of Aaronsburg, and Mrs. Emma Klinger.

Funeral services were held Tuesday morning, conducted by Rev. E. C. Stover, and interment made in the family lot in the Boalsburg cemetery.

DEATHS.

Mrs. Annie Miller, widow of D. L. Miller, was found dead at her home in Pine Grove Mills on Saturday evening at five o'clock, by a neighbor, Mrs. J. E. Williams, who made daily calls upon Mrs. Miller, who lived alone. Upon entering the home Mrs. Williams found her neighbor in a reclining position on the sofa, fork in hand. She had been in the act of preparing her evening meal when she was apparently stricken with neuralgia of the heart and seated herself on the sofa, close to the stove.

Deceased was a daughter of Jeremiah and Susan (Dale) Treasler and was born at Linden Hall sixty-one years ago. January 1st, 1851, she was married to David L. Miller, who died Nov. 11, 1906. The surviving brothers and sister are R. Treasler, of Madisonburg; George, of Penns Cave; and Mrs. John Neese, of Jacksonville. Four step children also survive. She was a faithful member of the Lutheran church and an earnest worker in all its branches. She was most efficient nurse and it was while on such a mission that she was taken ill. Thus another soldier's widow was called home. Burial was made by the side of her husband in the cemetery Tuesday afternoon, her pastor, Rev. N. L. Fleck, officiating.

Israel Young, a Civil war veteran, died at his home east of Boalsburg, Sunday morning, after a year's illness with kidney trouble and complications. He was born in Lebanon county seventy-six years ago, and was the son of David and Zippora Young. Early in life he came with his parents to Boalsburg, where he learned the occupation of gunsmith from his father.

In the war of the Rebellion he served bravely as a member of the 49th regiment, Pa. volunteers. He was married to Miss Ellen Leitzell, who survives with ten children, three others having died some years ago: Charles, of Nelson, Neb.; Calvin and Harry, of Freeport, Ill.

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Dr. Wolfe Buys Luce Home.

Mrs. Daniel F. Luce transferred her residence property to Dr. L. E. Wolfe, who moved here from Quincy a few weeks ago and occupied the residence. The deal was consummated on Friday, the consideration being \$2850.

Frank, of Shady Bend, Kas.; Thomas, of Arizona; William B. of Boalsburg; Mrs. Clara Straw, of Detroit, Mich.; Mrs. Helen Roan, of Williamsport; Leitzell and Mrs. Ruth Russell, at home. A number of grandchildren and the following sisters also survive: Mrs. Mary Brouse, Pine Grove Mills; Mrs. Harriet Steele, Bellefonte, and Mrs. Sara Williams, Lemont.

Funeral services will be held this (Thursday) morning in the Lutheran church, burial at Boalsburg. Rev. G. L. Courtney will officiate.

Mrs. Anna Catherine Mehaffey, wife of Thomas J. Mehaffey and mother of Clyde Dutrow, east of this place, died at her home in Altoona, Sunday morning, from leucemia; after an illness of three months, superinduced by a fall on July 4th. She fell down a flight of stairs and injured several arteries in her wrist. She had almost recovered from the injuries when complications set in and terminated in her demise. Deceased was the daughter of Peter and Sarah Lauck and was born at Pine Hall, Centre county, on October 12, 1853, and had she lived until Tuesday of next week would have reached the age of sixty-three years. She was a member of the Third Presbyterian church of Altoona and an earnest Christian woman. She was held in respect and esteem by all who shared her acquaintance. She was twice married and is survived by her husband and these children: Clyde Dutrow, of Centre Hall; P. L. Dutrow, of Altoona; Mrs. W. H. Crocker, of San Pedro, Cal.; Mrs. L. K. Dixon, of Johnstown; Mrs. J. W. Bromley, of British India, and Mrs. G. W. Richards, at home. She is also survived by the following brothers and sisters: D. F. and Adam Lauck, of State College; William, of Snow Shoe, and Mrs. W. A. Daugherty, of Tyrone. Eighteen grandchildren and one great-grandchild survive. Funeral services were conducted at the late home on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock by her pastor, Rev. James E. Irvine, Ph. D. Interment was made in Rose Hill cemetery.

Daniel Rinesmith died in the Bellefonte hospital Thursday night from exhaustion due to an attempt to lead home an unruly cow which he had purchased a day previous. Owing to his weight of years, being close to eighty-five, the task was more than he could endure and resulted in his death.

About twenty years ago Mr. Rinesmith occupied the farm now owned by Albert Spayd, at Earlstown. Two sons and a daughter survive. Burial was made at Bellefonte Monday morning.

Samuel J. Havice, father of Mrs. John Burkholder, of Centre Hill, died at Siglerville, Mifflin County, last Wednesday, and was buried near Milroy on Friday. Three sons and three daughters survive.

Fractured Her Hip in a Fall. Mrs. Daniel C. Bohn, of near Boalsburg, was the victim of a peculiar accident, resulting in a most painful injury, last Thursday noon at the home of her brother, John Wert, near Tusseyville. Mrs. Bohn had driven to the Wert home in company with her son, Wert Bohn, and her mother, who was returning to the home of her son after a short visit at the Bohn place. Upon leaving the farm a heavy gate at the end of a long lane had to be opened in order to pass onto the public road and in driving the horse through Mrs. Bohn walked by the side of the buggy, holding the lines. In some manner she tripped and fell to the ground which was quite stony. With great effort she raised herself from the ground and managed to work herself into the buggy. She was suffering intense pain and long before reaching her home her cries brought her husband to her side. After reaching the home a doctor was summoned who after an examination discovered a severe fracture of the hip. Dis. Kilder and Woods set the bone on Thursday evening and on Saturday afternoon Mrs. Bohn was removed to the Bellefonte hospital where an x-ray examination was made on Tuesday.

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TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

No court this week. Mrs. D. F. Luce spent several days last week at the George W. Ocker home in Lewisburg.

To-day (Thursday) and to-morrow are the opening days for the fall millinery showing at Mrs. Lucy Henney's millinery store.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Cook Hubler drove to Lock Haven last week, remaining for a day with their son, Harry F. Hubler, and wife.

Mrs. H. E. Shadle, of Charleston, West Virginia, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Bradford for the greater part of last week.

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