

CORRESPONDENCE containing important news will be gladly received for publication in this paper...

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An Unparalleled Offer. No. 1.—CENTRE DEMOCRAT \$1.50 No. 2.—The American Agriculturist, post paid, (English or German) for 1888, 1.00 No. 3.—"Christ before Pilate," 22 by 28 inches in size, photo-etching, 1.00 No. 4.—"Christ on Calvary," 22 by 28 inches in size, Mezzo-gravure, 1.00 No. 5.—"Our Homes; How to beautify Them," 150 illustrations, bound in cloth and gold, published December 20th, 1887, 1.00

Total \$6.50 We will furnish all the above post paid, for \$2.60 Send postal to 751 Broadway New York for specimen copy of the American Agriculturist, sample pages of "Our Homes; How to beautify Them," full descriptions of the pictures, "Christ before Pilate" and "Christ on Calvary," and portrait of Munkacey, the painter of these great works.

A series of private Grange meetings will be held under the auspices of the Centre county Penna. Grange, commencing at Victor Grange Jan. 17th, 9 a. m.

Washington Grange, Jan. 17th at 1 p. m.

Centre Grange, Jan. 18th, 9 a. m.

Leonard Grange, Jan. 18th, 1 p. m.

Half Moon Grange, Jan. 19th 9 a. m.

Benner Grange, Jan. 19th 1 p. m.

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Zion Grange, Jan. 21st, 9 a. m.

Walker Grange, Jan. 21st, 1 a. m.

Marion Grange, Jan. 24th, 9 a. m.

Howard Grange, Jan. 24th, 1 a. m.

Bald Eagle Grange, Jan. 25th 9 a. m.

Union Grange, Jan. 25th 1 p. m.

Fairview Grange, Feb. 1st, 9 a. m.

Spring Mills Grange, Feb. 1st 1 p. m.

These meetings will be attended by the Masters of the State and county, Granges. County Deputy and Lecture officers of the Patrons Fire Insurance Company and others. Meetings will open promptly at the appointed hours.

JAMES A. KELLER, Master County Grange.

The Daily News of Tuesday shows commendable enterprise in the quantity of stuff it dishes up on the Johnson trial at Lock Haven, but the quality—well the quality is bad—The writer tries to throw odium on the prosecuting attorneys and on the court and goes off on a political tirade dragging the Democratic party of Clinton county into the case.

Whether Johnson was guilty or not he received a fair trial and was ably defended by counsel of his own selection, tried by a jury of his own choice and found guilty. Shaffer's first statement charged Johnson with the murder while according to the second statement which we give below he committed the deed himself.

If there are any good grounds for a new trial for Johnson he should have it, and doubtless will. The most damaging evidence against him outside the testimony of the peddler and the young man Bierly, was the fact that his whereabouts on the Saturday night preceding the murder was not explained. It is the writer of the article in the News had common sense he would not couple politics with the foul deed.

The commonwealth simply desires to punish those guilty of the murder. The following is Shaffer's confession as given to four prominent citizens of Lock Haven, shortly after his arrest—Shaffer imparted this information to these gentlemen in such a way that they could not testify to the fact in open court without violating a sacred obligation taken by them, but knowing Johnson to be innocent, and that Shaffer is the only guilty party, they will not suffer an innocent party to be executed.

As stated by Shaffer to these gentlemen, was the cause and self protection from a criminal prosecution the motive for committing the crime. He told them that after committing the robbery he stayed all night with the Culveys on Saturday night and ate his breakfast with them on Sunday morning, and when Isaiah went to cut grass for his horses out of sight from the house, and when Nora Culvey was coming from the run with a bucket of water, he met her and undertook to throw her down; that she tore loose from him and ran across the run toward the barn screaming; that whilst she was running he shot her through the shoulder with his revolver and then ran and caught her by her right arm and shot her twice, the last shot striking her in the head, producing instant death. By this time Isaiah made his appearance and he shot him through the head causing his immediate death. He said "I had not killed them both they would have sent him to the penitentiary for attempting to commit a rape."

If the above statement was made to those men, no pledge of secrecy however sacred, should have closed their mouths to Johnson's innocence, and if competent witnesses in his case they did wrong in withholding their evidence.

The Jurors. The following is the list of the jurors drawn for January term, commencing Monday, January 23d 1888: GRAND JURORS Hiram Grove, Gregg twp. James Cole, Brush twp. Rev. J. F. Toibelman, Huston twp. Wm. H. Phillips, Haines twp. Wm. Perlstein, Bellefonte Boro. Isaac Stover, Spring twp. James A. McClain, Bellefonte Boro. Aaron Thomas, Potter twp. Jerry Merritt, Huston, twp. Thomas Tobin, Half Moon twp. Wm. Moffet, Ferguson twp. Ephraim R. Keller, Spring twp. H. G. Elder, Half Moon twp. Joseph Cenders, Bellefonte Boro. Byron Teller Boggs twp. Nicholas Bauer, Bellefonte Boro. Arthur Graham, Burnside twp. James B. Strohm, Potter twp. Clement H. Gramley, Miles twp. Ellis Lytle, Half Moon twp. John A. Woerner, Penn twp. John Wagner, Howard Boro. Evan Williams, College twp. Elias Elmiston, Rush twp. TRAVELING JURORS John R. Swan, Liberty twp. Christ Hartsock, Patton twp. Robt. Lloyd, Phillipsburg. H. C. Hoyer, Ferguson twp. Shadrack Parsons, Union twp. Frank M. Grove, Rush twp. B. S. Wapkegan, Walker twp. Lewis C. Miller, Boggs twp. D. B. Allen, Union twp. Wm. Tate, Snow Shoe twp. Robt. Maulley, Phillipsburg twp. James Calderwood, Ferguson twp. Samuel Brickley, Howard Boro. James Carson, Spring twp. George Sargent, Spring twp. David Bartley, Bellefonte Boro. John P. Condo, Gregg twp. Joseph R. McClellan, Potter twp. W. W. Royer, Potter twp. Henry Meyer, Ferguson twp. Alexander Keunedy, Rush twp. Joseph Markie, Walker twp. John Powers Jr., Bellefonte Boro. George E. French, Snow Shoe. Daniel Wian Spring twp. James Starnon, Harris twp. I. J. Grenoble, Gregg twp. James Sackey, Burnside twp. Newton Hoy, Ferguson twp. Wm. E. Confer, Howard Boro. John Williams, College twp. A. N. Cormack, Miles twp. E. C. Woods, Bellefonte Boro. Henry Yingling, Taylor twp. L. C. Green, Bellefonte Boro. B. W. Rumberger, Half Moon twp. George W. Fisser, Half Moon twp. Wm. H. Bloom, Gregg twp. Wm. H. Kreamer, Penn twp. W. W. Montgomery, Bellefonte Boro. John L. Craft, Boggs twp. Wm. Powley, Ferguson twp. George Shires, Snow Shoe. Charles Housman, Gregg twp. George J. Hunter, Walker twp. Cass. Hoffman, Walker twp. John Todd, Rush twp. James H. McEwin, Union twp. TRAVERSE JURORS Frank Conter, Howard twp. Wash Irwin, Bellefonte. D. M. Burlew, Liberty twp. Samuel Deihl, Marion twp. S. S. Stover, Patton twp. David Tanyer, Howard twp. Robt. H. Reed, Patton twp. John Hipple, Burnside twp. D. S. Erb, Ferguson twp. Isaac Tressler, College twp. Wm. Hannah, Gregg twp. Harry Smith, Rush twp. Samuel Decker Walker twp. James O'Brien, Bellefonte. Wm. Resides, Huston twp. David Bechdol, Curtis twp. Samuel Bower, Howard twp. John Pootman, Boggs twp. J. H. Miller, Ferguson twp. Geo. H. Young, Boggs twp. John Cole, Snow Shoe. Jacob Keller, Ferguson twp. Daniel Lowder, Ferguson twp. Charles Long, Phillipsburg. John S. Olewine, Bellefonte. J. P. Gephart, Walker twp. Moses Gilbert, Miles twp. Charles Witmer, Benner twp. Austin Kerlin, Snow Shoe. David Tanyer, Liberty twp. S. A. Krape, Gregg twp. N. G. Fletcher, Howard twp. H. K. Grant, Phillipsburg. David P. Western, Rush twp. W. H. Null, Jr., Spring twp. W. P. Parsons, Huston twp.

—List of unclaimed letters remaining in the post office at Bellefonte, Centre County Penna., January 16 1888—Harvey Allen & Son, Mrs. Jane Carr, Mrs. Martha Ewing, Mrs. E. Teuton, J. M. Gray 2, Ben. Jones, Miss Ida M. Miller, Miss Ida McCormick, Mrs. Sallie A. Moore, Ocord Prestler, William Regnal, Harry G. St. Clair, Peter Tolan, John Wilson, Issa Yarnell, Miss Maggie J. Yearick.

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The Mortality Roll increasing as the Searching Parties go out—Men Frozen Within Calling Distance of Their Homes—Rescue of Freezing and Freezing of Passengers of Blocked Trains—A Pathetic Story.

St. PAUL, Jan. 16.—The number of persons frozen to death in the Northwest during the late storm will probably reach, if it does not exceed 100. The storm was thus far more disastrous than the memorable blizzard of January, 1873, when seventy lives were lost in Minnesota. A dispatch from Huron, Dak., gives a graphic account of the storm in that section of the territory.

Thomas E. Gilkerson drives a dairy wagon, Two miles south of town Thursday he and a man named Gose went away a short distance. When the storm struck them they started for home, but the team would not face it. The man then tied the horses and started for shelter. Gose got to the house much frozen after wandering around six hours. Gilkerson has not got home yet.

A force of neighbors have searched for him all day, but found no trace. The body of a man has been found near Virgil frozen stiff. It was that of a stranger and the body lies in the depot awaiting the coroner. Early Friday morning three miles West of Altoona, Emil Gilbertson was found on the prairie frozen to death. He has a claim eleven miles Southwest of Huron, for which he started Wednesday.

Signal Service Sergeant Glenn, of Huron, started to go over an open block which had a sidewalk, destined for home and instead of going a block west he brought up against a fence a block southeast. He then stumbled along as well as a man could, and soon fell over a drift in his own yard, not knowing where he was. There were many cases of persons lost in crossing streets.

RESCUING SNOW-BOUND PASSENGERS. Every railroad is at present packed full of hard snow. The passenger train in that is in the drifts four and a-half miles east of Baton is dead and waiting for spring time. It had thirty-four passengers. Nine relief trains were sent to them from Balaton, but could not get there. Then the people turned out with a long rope and the man at the head of the rope stood at the first telegraph pole. The second with the rope took his place at the next pole, and so on till the last man had reached his pole. Then he notified the one behind him by shouting, which was repeated till the first man was notified who then started on ahead. This round was followed till the train was reached. The passengers rejoiced to see them and to eat the food they had brought. When it came to return there were a dozen of the travelers who preferred staying in the cars. The others went back in safety to Balaton.

Yesterday morning the station hands carried a quantity of provisions to the snow bound passengers, who said they were gay and happy. Another train from Hawarden was caught on the fifty two miles from Vilas. Its passengers were rescued in the same manner as those of the Balaton train.

The death of Robert Chambers is the most pathetic report of this storm. He with his two sons, one 9 years old and the other 11, and a St. Bernard dog went together one mile distant to water some cattle. Mr. Chambers was on foot and each of the boys had a horse.

The father seeing the indications of the storm, sent the oldest boy immediately home as he was troubled with the rheumatism. The older boy reached home in safety. Mr. Chambers and Johnny undertook to drive the cattle home. They were soon bewildered and lost. Johnny, who lived through the storm and is not so badly frozen as at first was represented, tells what followed. He says that when his father said they were lost he made a piece in the snow for him and wrapped him up the best he could. They had no overcoats or extra clothing. Johnny says he was so covered up that he was warm. His father went out and called, and their dog barked but no answer came. Then the father and the dog got in the snow beside him. While he was warm, he knew his father was getting very cold. He urged his father to go out and find the traces, and then he could make home, but the father said: "No I cannot go and leave you here." The boy urged, but the father would do no more than to call for aid, and the dog also kept with the boy.

Through the long night they had conversation about perishing, but the father kept assuring the boy they would get through all right if he would only be sure to lie still. The boy knew his father was freezing, but was quite comfortable and finally fell asleep. When he awoke it was nearly morning. His father was still alive, and discovering that Johnny was awake the father said to him: "Now Johnny, you pray and I will pray, and then I know God will take you through all right." They prayed as proposed, and soon the father died. The boy was entirely covered up, except a little breathing piece through the snow, and he laid still. The dog stood sentry and afforded the cue by which the body was found soon after daylight by a searching party. Johnny thinks his father had not been dead more than an hour when they were found. The boy's hands and feet are only slightly frozen.