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## DEATH WARRANTS READ MONDAY

Prisoners Were Not Visibly Affected  
By The Ordeal.

## HOPE IN BOARD OF PARDONS

Case Will Come Up April 20th--Petitions Are Being Prepared and Circulated--Green Keeps up a Bold Front--Dillen is Serious.

On Tuesday, March 7th, Gov. Samuel W. Pennypacker signed the warrants fixing the time for the execution of Ira Green and William Dillen, in the Centre county jail, at Tuesday, May 9th. The documents did not arrive here until Saturday evening, but the prisoners were indirectly apprised of the Governor's action. This they knew would happen, as a part of the legal procedure in their case, and they were not at all disturbed when the information was broken to them.

Monday morning, at 11 o'clock, Sheriff Taylor, accompanied by two witnesses, made the official announcement by reading the warrant to each one separately in their cells.

The first warrant was read to Ira Green, who looked on the document in an interested manner, with a sneering grin on his countenance. When Sheriff Taylor finished he called the prisoner's attention to the fact that his time was short, and he should prepare himself accordingly. To this Green replied, "That is so; I am ready any time." As the sheriff passed out the cell across the hall to the door of Wm. Dillen's cell, Green called out in a loud, bantering tone: "Hello, Dillen! there comes the sheriff with your death warrant; take your medicine as I did." Dillen was smoking a pipe when the sheriff entered. He stood up, retained the pipe in his mouth and listened attentively to the reading of the fatal document; showed little or no emotion; that serious expression so marked on his face since the deed was committed, was more evident. He likewise was admonished by the sheriff that his time was short and to prepare accordingly.

When the party emerged from the cell, Green called to the sheriff, and in a jocular way insisted that he ought to have brought along another warrant and read it to their watchman, and then laughed heartily at the joke he sprung. It is the impression, after paying Green a visit, that the prominence he has attained in this murder and conviction, has aroused in him a certain amount of mistaken pride—as tho he were assigned a leading role in a great drama. The notoriety seems to please him, and his ideal apparently is to play the "Bravado" to the grand finale which is set for Tuesday, May 9th. How well he will act his part remains to be seen.

The interior of the men's cells are ornamented with paper decorations, such as rosettes, fans, festoons designed from various colors and are arranged with artistic effect. It gives their prison cells a gaudy attire—as tho some festive occasion were at hand.

A constant watch is kept over them day and night, so that nothing may be done by them, or communicated to them to thwart the sentence of the courts being imposed upon them.

### THE DEATH WARRANT.

As it may interest some of our readers, herewith is presented a copy of the death warrant. In it the italic represents the printed form while the Roman face, are the parts inserted. Ira Green's document is same, excepting the change of name:

IN THE NAME AND BY AUTHORITY OF THE  
**Commonwealth of Penna.**  
(COAT OF ARMS)  
Executive Department.

To HUGH S. TAYLOR, Esquire, High Sheriff of the county of Centre, or your successor in office, sends Greeting:

WHEREAS, At a Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Jail Delivery held at Bellefonte, in and for the county of Centre, August Sessions, 1904, a certain WILLIAM DILLEN, was tried upon a certain indictment charging him with the crime of Murder, and was on the twenty-eighth day of August Anno Domini one thousand nine hundred and four, found guilty of Murder in the First Degree, and was thereupon, to wit: on the thirty-first day of October, Anno Domini one thousand nine hundred and four, sentenced by the said Court, that, he the said WILLIAM DILLEN be taken to the jail of the county of Centre, thence to the place of execution, and that he be there hanged by the neck until dead.

NOW THEREFORE, This is to authorize and require you the said HUGH S. TAYLOR, Esquire, High Sheriff of the coun-

ty of Centre as aforesaid, or your successor in office to cause the sentence of the said Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Jail Delivery to be executed upon the said WILLIAM DILLEN on the ninth day of May Anno Domini one thousand nine hundred and five, between the hours of ten A. M. and three P. M. in the manner directed by the seventy-sixth section of the Act of the General Assembly of this Commonwealth, approved the thirty-first day of March, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and sixty, entitled "An Act to consolidate, revise and amend the laws of this Commonwealth relating to penal proceedings and pleadings"; and for so doing this shall be your sufficient warrant.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State, at the City of Harrisburg, this seventh day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and five and of the Commonwealth the one hundred and twenty-ninth. By the Governor:

SAML W. PENNYPACKER.  
LEWIS E. BEITLER, Dep. Sec. Com.

The Board of Pardons will meet on the third Wednesday and Thursday of April, when the case will come up for a hearing. It is possible that owing to the illness of Hon. A. O. Furst, the hearing might be postponed. Clement Dale, Esq., is now preparing the case for that hearing. An extensive petition has been circulated and received many signatures up to this time. Many people think that hanging is not deserved by the condemned men, yet if the sympathetic inclined were to voice the punishment for such crimes, life and limb would be in constant peril.

### Married 62 Years.

The sixty-second anniversary of the marriage of George B. Weaver and his wife, Sarah Harper Weaver, was celebrated at Rebersburg last Sunday. Friends from far and near gathered to make the event a joyous one. The couple have been life-long residents of Centre county. They belong to two of the pioneer families of the county and both can relate many interesting incidents of the earlier days.

George B. Weaver was born October 14, 1821, at what was then Wolf's Mill, just east of Rebersburg. The bride he won, Sarah Harper, was born near Rebersburg June 24, 1824. They were married March 12, 1843, by Rev. Peter Fisher. They have three children, Fietta, wife of S. Krumrine; Joanna, wife of County Superintendent C. L. Gramley, and Miss Della J., all of Rebersburg. They have two grandchildren, George E. Krumrine and Mrs. Alma G. Haines, of Rebersburg. One grandchild, Gertrude S. Gramley, daughter of C. L. Gramley, died ten years ago.

George B. Weaver was for many years one of Penns valley's leading farmers, but for the last thirty-seven years has lived a retired life. Both are members of the Reformed church.—Press.

### Lock Haven Hotel Fire.

Meitzler's Riverside Hotel at Lock Haven was badly damaged by fire Sunday afternoon. The upper part of the building was burned, before the fire was under control. The building was completely drenched from attic to basement with water and there was only one dry bed in the whole house. A conservative estimate places the damage at \$5,000, \$3,000 on the building and \$2,000 on the contents. There is \$2,000 insurance on the building but none on the contents.

### Killed by the Cars.

John Neville, whose home was at Snow Shoe, and who was a freight brakeman on the Cresson & Clearfield division of the Pennsylvania railroad, while stepping from one car to another at Barnesboro, on Saturday, tripped and fell to the rails, receiving such injuries that death was almost instantaneous. He was aged 24 years, and is survived by two sisters and two brothers, residing at Snow Shoe, where the remains were sent for burial.

### Odd Fellows' Day.

The twenty-first annual session of the Pennsylvania Odd Fellows Anniversary association will be held in Sunbury on Wednesday, April 29, 1905. If the day proves pleasant there will be from eight to ten thousand people in Sunbury that day. In the district belonging to the anniversary association there are two hundred and twenty-eight lodges, forty-eight encampments, comprising a membership of twenty-one thousand.

### Easter This Year.

Easter falls this year on April 23. The date for Easter is determined by the first calendar moon on or after March 21. Count 14 days from the calendar moon and Easter will be the first following Sunday. This year the calendar moon is April 4; add 14 days, and the first Sunday following will be Easter.

## THE JAPS WIN A GREAT VICTORY

The Russian Army Badly Crushed  
At Mukden.

## NEXT BATTLE AT TIE PASS

Suffer Heavy Losses In Men and Supplies--50,000 Prisoners Taken--May Bring An End To The War--Russians Are In Sorry Plight.

The most disastrous engagement in the Eastern War was the battle at Mukden, which raged for over two weeks and resulted in the loss of almost half of Gen. Kuropatkin's army. It was fought in a blinding storm and the Russians were deceived as to the point where the Japanese were massing their strength. By referring to page 2 you will find a map of Mukden and the positions of the armies and on the opposite page a detailed description of the battle. Kuropatkin admits that he was deceived by the banking movements.

Every hour increases the magnitude of the disaster suffered by the Russian armies. Today 25,000 dead are known to have been left on the field, making the casualties at least 100,000. Between 50,000 and 60,000 prisoners, some 70 guns and enormous quantities of ammunition and provisions fell into the hands of the Japanese. The Japanese losses do not exceed those of former great battles, even General Kuroki's army losing only 5000.

Field Marshal Oyama's plans deceived General Kuropatkin. The Russian commander misjudged the strength of the Japanese. He at first thought that General Nogai's Port Arthur army was pressing his east flank, and concentrated a great force there. This force he was afterward obliged to shift to Mukden, where it arrived in a state of exhaustion after a forced march and was unable to fight.

Yesterday's despatches from Russian sources state that Kuropatkin and his army are strongly entrenched at Tie Pass ready to give battle. From Japan the news is that thousands of Russian soldiers are scattered in all directions and are being captured, after slight resistance, along with large quantities of army supplies; every part of the retreating army evidently were shifting for themselves.

Many rumors are current of peace negotiations; but up to this time nothing definite has been learned.

### SPOILS OF WAR.

The first official dispatch giving estimates of the Japanese captures in prisoners and spoils of war was received from Marshal Oyama. The prisoners taken up to the time the dispatch was filed numbered more than 40,000, including Major General Nakhimoff. The dispatch adds:

"The spoils include two flags, about 60 guns, 60,000 rifles, 150 ammunition wagons, 1,000 carts, 200,000 shells, 25,000,000 rounds of small arms ammunition, 75,000 bushel of cereals, 275,000 bushels of fodder, 45 miles of light railway outfit, 2,000 horses, 23 cart loads of maps, 1,000 cart loads of clothing and accoutrements, 1,000,000 rations of bread, 70,000 tons of fuel and 60 tons of hay, besides tools, tents, bullocks, telegraph wire and poles, timber, beds, stoves and numerous other property."

This dispatch evidently contained errors in transmission as to the number of guns and flags taken, as official dispatches received in St. Petersburg said the Russians had lost 500 guns and a score of regimental colors.

As to the losses, General Kuropatkin now admits that 50,000 wounded were carried off the field. This, with the 26,500 dead left on the field, the 40,000 prisoners and the wounded left in the hospitals, comes somewhat nearer the latest Japanese estimate that the total Russian losses were 155,000. At this rate Kuropatkin cannot have more than 100,000 effective fighting men with him.

The Japanese report the capture of 24 more guns, 66 in all, a rather small number, considering the decisive defeat and the number of men captured. The Japanese losses have been remarkably light in view of the length and severity of the fighting.

### JAPS SEIZE AMERICAN STEAMER.

The Japanese have seized the American steamer Tacoma, laden with beef, from Seattle for Vladivostok, Russia.

### ANOTHER EXPLOSION.

A violent explosion occurred in the theatre square at Moscow, on Wednesday forenoon. The number of casualties are unknown. Several arrests have been made by the police.

### Released on Bail.

On Wednesday Chas. Haines was released from the county jail, having secured bondsman for his appearance at April court when the Eby robbery case will come up for trial.

### Killed in Accident.

Philip, youngest son of J. Henry Keller and wife, died at his home in Kansas City, Kansas, 21st ult., aged 31 years, 10 months and 3 days.

The deceased was born in Boalsburg, this county, and for some years the family resided in Potter township, having gone west with his parents twenty years ago. He was a boilermaker in the employ of the Rock Island railroad company. While he was making some repairs in the fire-box of the engine, the blowing out of a blind pocket from the boiler through which rushed scalding hot water and steam scalded him.

There are left to mourn his loss a widow, his parents and the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. J. M. Sweehey, J. Moyer Keller, Kansas City, Mo.; Mrs. Mary K. David, Chicago, Ill.; Mrs. Ezra Tressler, Penna. Furnace; Christian C. Keller, Kansas City, Kan.; Henry E. Keller, Atchison, Kan.; Miss Margaret E. Keller and Mrs. Verna I. Kline, Kansas City, Mo. This family is largely related throughout Penns valley.

### Italian Murderer Captured.

The man arrested in Pittsburg is Frank Sansotto, wanted for the murder of James Mansolio, in Wayne township, Clinton county, on the night of December 22, 1904. It will be remembered that Mansolio and Sansotto had some hot words in front of Schiebel's residence. Mansolio slapped Sansotto's face and the latter drew a revolver and shot him dead and made his escape. He was traced to Williamsport, where the trail was lost and nothing further was heard of him until a few days ago. He had some money deposited in the bank here and this proved his undoing. He drew a check for the amount and presented it at a Pittsburg bank. They, however, refused to cash it until they had communicated with the bank here. District Attorney Henry Hipple, Esq., was notified and asked the Pittsburg authorities to keep a lookout for the man and when he attempted to get his money he was arrested by Detective Louis Leff.

### Stomach Like an Ostrich.

A man whose name is not known died at the Danville insane asylum a few days ago under peculiar circumstances. The physicians were at a loss how to account for his death and held a post mortem examination. In his stomach they found the skeleton of a mouse, an old fashioned four in-hand cravat, five bandana handkerchiefs, a silver spoon, an old pair of spectacles, two pieces of rubber tubing such as physicians use, one nine and the other twelve inches in length, and a piece of suspender webbing.

It was stated that the man had also been detected in an effort to swallow a watch and chain, but at the time nothing was thought of the matter. How the man ever managed to swallow such a bargain counter assortment of goat's food is the wonder of all the medical fraternity. It has been the one topic of conversation among the profession wherever it was known.

### A Narrow Escape.

On Wednesday evening as the members of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity were returning from Pine Grove Mills, where they had been entertained by the Rev. C. T. Aikens, one of the busses, driven by Wm. Hoy, was overturned and what might have been a very serious accident was narrowly averted. The bus, which contained nine men, was coming down a steep hill on the cross road about two miles west of State College, when the rear wheels slipped on the smooth ice. As one of the wheels struck a rut the vehicle was completely overturned and the occupants thrown out on the frozen ground. Although no one was seriously hurt, Prof. I. L. Foster, who was a member of the party, sustained a blow over the eye which, while causing a painful cut, did not injure the eye.—State College Times.

### First Conference.

President W. R. Jenks, Dr. Miles A. Kirk and Joseph H. Wise, of Bellefonte borough council, with D. F. Fortney, Esq., solicitor, came to Tyrone Tuesday for a conference with the committee recently appointed on behalf of Tyrone council, in regard to the bequest of the late E. J. Pruner, providing for a home for friendless children of the two boroughs. The Tyrone conferees are President John A. Grasier, Councilmen F. S. Armstrong and A. W. Beyer, and Solicitor W. L. Hicks. The present conference is the first step in probable united action by which Bellefonte and Tyrone boroughs will take advantage of the bequest.—Tyrone Herald.

### An Apology.

Lest we do an injustice, an explanation is in order. Last week we found fault with the County Commissioners for supplying us with only 3500 annual statements for 4100 subscribers. Since then we found that we got 3500 copies instead, but we still were short between six and seven hundred copies.

## PROMINENT CITIZEN PASSES AWAY

Sudden Death of Robert Valentine in  
Baltimore

## A WELL KNOWN IRON MAKER

For Many Years Conducted Large Enterprises in Centre County--Body Will Be Brought Here for Interment--A Noted Family

Robert Valentine, a former prominent citizen and iron manufacturer of Bellefonte, died at the home of his son-in-law, Dr. Summerfield Bond, in Baltimore, Md., Wednesday morning after a brief illness. He is survived by his wife and two daughters, Mrs. Summerfield Bond and Miss Emily Valentine, both of Baltimore.

The body will be brought to Bellefonte on Friday morning and taken to the home of Miss Emily Natt, on Curtin street, and the interment will likely take place in the afternoon.

The ancestors of Robert Valentine are descended from early historic families of the state, and in direct line of descent from Robert Valentine who died in 1651. His son, George, of Bally Brumel County, Carlow, Ireland, had a son Thos. who in 1715 married Mary, daughter of Thomas and Mary (Hooper) Parks, of Ballyteane county, Carlow, and became the progenitor of the family in America. He came to America, locating in Chester county, Pa. From the elder Robert Valentine and Ann Bond his wife, came descendants of the name in Centre county. They, the Valentines, were Friends and built the first Friends Meeting House in Bellefonte, which is still in existence. Suffice it to say the genealogy of the Valentine family is quite lengthy and quite as interesting—tracing it from the Old Country down to its prominence in our own local history.

He was one of the early pioneer iron manufacturers of this county and one of the founders of the Valentine Iron Company (now the Nittany furnace) and was prominently identified with every movement for the advancement and best interests of Bellefonte. For the past few years he has been living a retired life.

### License Court.

This week Judge Ellis L. Orvis was holding court in Clearfield county and returned yesterday. It is announced that a session of court will be held at this place on Saturday morning, at which time it is thought the liquor license applications will be disposed of. During the past week depositions have been taken by parties interested, upon those applications where remonstrances had been filed in Bellefonte and Snow Shoe, all of which are wholesale.

In both places there is considerable interest manifested, and each applicant seems to put up a good claim. The trouble is that there are too many applications and only a few are deemed necessary.

### New Power Plant.

The Nittany Heat, Light and Power Company have completed their plans for a central station to be erected at State College. The power will be produced by means of a suction anthracite coal gas producer, furnishing gas to a triple cylinder gas engine, which in turn will drive an alternating current generator. The switchboard will be of marble and of the latest design. The second story of the building will contain a coal hopper for feeding the producer and water condensers in one end, and a store room and office in the other. The building itself will be neat in design and will give the impression rather of an attractive dwelling than of a manufacturing establishment.

### Child Swallows a Whistle.

A four year old child named Cowher, of Sandy Ridge, a few days ago swallowed a small round whistle which passed the entrance to the wind-pipe safely, and lodged in the child's throat. Thursday the child was taken to the office of Dr. W. B. Henderson, Clearfield, where the whistle was located by means of the X-ray machine and successfully removed by the doctor. The operation was performed in the presence of the Clearfield Medical association which was in session at that place that day and formed a clinic.

### A Genuine Book, Play Success.

"Quincy Adams Sawyer," the dramatization of Charles Felton Pidgin's famous New England novel of the same name, is one of very few notable instances where book plays have been successful, will be for one night only at opera house, Wednesday, March 22.

Mann's axe factory at Yeagertown has closed down until April 1st, owing to the allotment of manufactured axes being permissible by the "pool." In other words, the trusts ordered it so.

## FACT, FUN AND FANCY.

Bright, Sparkling Paragraphs--Selected and Original.

The boy began on cigarettes; they made him very pale; and then he read dime novelettes, and now he is in jail.

Some people go to church to weep; others go to church to sleep; some go, their wives to please; their consciences others go to ease; some go to tell their woe; others go show their clothes; some go to hear the preacher; others like the sole benefactor—Boys go to reconnoiter; girls go because they order; many go for sage reflection; precious few to help the collection.

### ADJOINING COUNTIES.

Dr. E. H. Leffler, of Mechanicsburg, has made a proposition to put in a gravity water plant at Beech Creek. The water supply will be taken from the Eagleville gap.

John Liggett, the veteran justice of the peace of Beech Creek, who was defeated by his Republican opponent at the recent election by one vote, will not down for Governor Pennypacker has appointed him notary public.

Judge Woods of the Bedford-Huntingdon-Mifflin district, has sentenced a man to pay a fine of \$500 and go to jail for a year for furnishing liquor to men of intemperate habits. There are plenty of fellows in this section guilty of the same offence.

Jersey Shore is enjoying a period of prosperity and growing rapidly. At the last census, they had a population of 1,070 and is now estimated that the population of the town is 6,000 and there are good prospects for 10,000 by 1910, when the next census is taken.

Frank B. Long, the Salona creamery proprietor, purchased the Wallace Brown farm near Cedar Springs, from the heirs of Wallace Brown, for the consideration of \$412 per acre. This is one of the largest farms in Nittany valley, having in the survey about 230 acres.

The result of the republican primaries in Union county last Saturday was as follows: Associate Judge, G. M. Englehart; Register and Recorder, William E. Homsel; County Treasurer, W. L. Mertz; County Commissioners, J. H. Hildebrand and S. E. Benner; State Delegate, Charles Benner.

The Commonwealth has confessed judgment for \$4000 in the suit of James Russ, a Harrisburg caterer, to recover his claim of \$5,011.60 for wine, beer, whiskey, cigars and other "supplies" furnished the Legislature of 1897 on a junket to New York to attend the dedication of Grant's tomb. This job was vetoed heretofore.

A pair of southern blood hounds have been presented to George D. Grazer, of Huntingdon Furnace, and they are now established in quarters in the jail yard at Huntingdon. They are of the same breed as those used at Portage last summer, when an effort was made to capture the members of the gang who robbed paymaster Patrick Campbell and killed his driver Mr. Hay.

Mrs. Elizabeth Tipery, aged 49 years, who conducted a boarding house at Union Furnace, was instantly killed on the railroad near Spruce Creek, Tuesday morning. She had gone to the latter place on some business connected with the sale of a property which she owned there, and was on her way home when the accident happened. She was walking along the track when a westbound freight train struck her.

The Spruce Creek Rod and Gun club, will erect a handsome club house at Barre station this spring in order that it will be ready for occupancy during the summer. The club house will be 35 by 60 feet in dimensions and will be built of field stone, with lap sidings and shingle roof. It will have a veranda around three sides and will contain a living room, parlor, dining hall, private baths, buffet, kitchen, servants' quarters, poker rooms, billiard room, seven bedrooms, etc.

The Lock Haven Democrat says: "Ellis B. Shaffer, of Lock Haven, one of the bookkeepers in the office of the New York and Pennsylvania company, and Miss Ida Voneida, of Madisonburg, Centre county, who has been residing in this city for some time, left here Friday morning on the flyer. They gave no intimation as to where they were going, but their friends are pretty sure they went to Elmira yesterday and were made man and wife and are now at the bride's home at Madisonburg. Should these conclusions prove correct Mr. and Mrs. Shaffer will be accorded a fitting reception on their return here. They are most estimable young people and their friends will wish them much happiness."

### Fiftieth Anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Hering will celebrate their 50th anniversary at their home at Spring Mills, Centre county, on Friday, March 17th, from 12 to 6 pm. They have a host of friends who will extend to them hearty congratulations.