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## FINAL SCENES ABOUT THE COUNTY JAIL

### The Scaffold Has Been Completed For the Execution.

## A SAD FAMILY GATHERING

### Dillen and Green are Interested In The Preparations--Up to This Time They Have Not Broken Down--Visitors No Longer Permitted At the Jail.

As the fatal day is approaching, preparations are carefully being arranged for the execution in our county jail, next Tuesday, of Ira Green and Wm. Dillen, convicted of the murder of Turnkey Jerry Condo. During the past week many visitors have called upon them at the jail and it is remarkable how well they are bearing up under the circumstances.

Both men are resigned to their fate and realize fully that their time on earth is short. They read their Bibles more intently than heretofore and seem to be ready for the ordeal. At times they are cheerful and in the best of spirits, then they become downcast, and serious; with their courage is remarkable. Ira Green discusses the coming execution in a matter of fact way. Knows that he committed a crime, can't avoid the penalty and is resigned to his fate, without displaying any fear or terror. He has no fault to find, censures no one, but maintains that he never intended killing the turnkey. Dillen seems to think differently. He also insists that there was no plot to kill; that if the trial had not been so hasty, and postponed to November session, the verdict would have been different, and they would not have to suffer the death penalty. He thinks they were unfairly convicted for this reason, and is downcast and shows signs of distress. He reads his Bible constantly of late.

Last Sunday afternoon an impressive song service was conducted in the prison, under the supervision of Rev. Crittenden, assisted by Dr. Wood and a male choir. It seemed to be a comfort to the two boys to hear the familiar old songs from the Gospel Hymns; and at their suggestion favorite hymns were sung. Almost a hundred people were present at the service. It was an inspiring moment, within those dark corridors and gloomy cells, to hear songs of praise and words of comfort offered for the benefit of these boys. The scene was impressive.

Monday carpenter Samuel Gault with assistants began reconstructing the old scaffold, and by Wednesday morning it was practically completed, only a few additional parts are needed. The structure stands in the south-east corner of the jail yard, near the large iron doors leading from the yard to the street. Sheriff Taylor gave orders to clear up all rubbish and open these doors so that the public can see the scaffold, providing no disorderly demonstrations are caused, and no one meddles with it or mounts the platform.

While the scaffold was being built, the prisoners could distinctly hear the carpenter's saws and hammers, that rang like death knells through the cells. It did not seem to unnerve the boys. Dillon's cell is on the south side, second floor; by extending a small hand mirror from the cell window he could catch a glimpse of the structure and the carpenters at work, who were also assisted by several other prisoners who were anxious for a little real work and exercise.

Both Green and Dillen were approached by the writer for a photo. At first they resented the proposition, and seemed to be provoked over the pictures published when captured, which they considered hideous. Assured that the best photos possible would be supplied, they assented to a sitting and Mr. Mallory has several excellent views of each. They were extremely anxious that their appearance should be neat and tidy in every detail.

### A PATHETIC GREETING.

Tuesday morning Ira Green's mother from Gum Stump, Boggs twp., his wife and infant and her mother and two little children, all from Tyrone, composed the party clad in dark and veiled heavily that visited the jail. Their coming was expected and their arrival seemed to cheer Ira Green. The wife and his mother, for a time, stood in mute silence as they gazed through the cruel iron bars at the unfortunate boy, who tried to cheer them. The strain was too great and they broke forth in sobs that would appeal to the strongest nature. It was a mother's heart that went out for her poor boy; there was the young wife and her tender little babe--words fail us in an endeavor to depict the scene, a full realization of the anguish and sorrow they suffered is not possible. The prattle of the little babe broke the strain; like a ray

of sunshine amidst the darkest gloom, it opened the conversation. A moment later the little group clustered close around the door, chatted and laughed as they talked and recounted familiar scenes of home and of yore. The emotions like a pendulum, swayed from joy to sorrow. From the deepest gloom they suddenly were diverted and relaxed; quickly were lost unconsciously in a happy family re-union, even though separated by the iron cell door. Across the hallway stood Dillen intently viewing the little gathering, and was affected by the pathetic scene, which was witnessed by none else than the watchman and the writer. While standing by Dillen's door, he remarked: "Say Kurtz, do you know I had expected to get married too, but got arrested six weeks before the date." Feeling that our presence there was an invasion in the sanctity of the family circle, the writer took his departure, much impressed by what had transpired.

The group remained in prison until the afternoon train. What transpired is of no interest to the public, further than to say that the time for parting was more touching than their meeting. Ira gathered many souvenirs, pictures, books, trinkets, from around his cell and passed them out; some for his mother, some for his wife and several for his son, William Ira Green, (named "William" after Dillen, and "Ira" the father). As they were about to take their departure, Green begged one favor of the guard--to come out of his cell to say good-bye to wife and mother. It was granted, but it brought a crisis. The young man in his mother's arms gave away; the parting was too much; he trembled with emotion and gave way to tears; his heart was touched. Again the scene was intensified as he said good-bye to wife and baby boy. In a moment he was back in the lonely cell, bowed down in grief.

A few words as to the execution. According to the warrant, it must take place between the hours of 10 a. m. and 3 p. m., Tuesday; and as Sheriff Taylor is noted for punctuality, there will be little delay. He will have the assistance of several sheriffs from other parts of the state who have had experience in executions. As a matter of information: the fee for each execution is \$25; the execution must bear all incidental expenses, such as erecting scaffold, noise, hood, straps, new suit for each, suitable coffin, etc., all of which have already been provided.

### VISITORS EXCLUDED.

Up to this time Sheriff Taylor has indulged the public; all who desired to see the two prisoners were granted permission. He desires the announcement to be made that from now on no visitors will be admitted to the jail until after the execution. This does not apply to relatives, ministers or those who have satisfactory reasons. It is desired that the public kindly comply with this request. It is well that the few remaining days of Ira Green and William Dillen should not be disturbed by visitors.

Sheriff Taylor is giving the prisoners, Green and Dillen, the kindest attention in every respect that may add comfort and cheer to the few days left for them upon this earthly sphere. The Sheriff has been uniform in his good offices to the unfortunate men since they were last arrested, and they hold him in esteem for thus ministering to them--it is characteristic of Capt. Taylor to sympathize with those in misfortune at all times, and the prisoners named freely speak of his kindness. He has a duty to perform, though sad and unpleasant.

### New Catholic Convent.

Plans and specifications for a new Catholic convent in this place have been prepared by Architect Cole, on the site of the old parsonage which for several years has been occupied as a convent by the Catholic sisters. The front of the building will be of white sandstone to harmonize with the church and new parsonage, while the sides and rear walls will be of pressed brick. The building will be connected on the east side with the parochial school building.

Workmen will begin at once to tear down the old structure to make place for the new and in the meantime the Catholic sisters will be in temporary lodgings on the second floor of the Brockerhoff building on Bishop street, whither they have already moved.

### F. and M. President Stands Firm.

President John S. Stahr on Monday formally announced to the students of Franklin and Marshall college that the faculty would not grant their petition requesting the expulsion of Freshman Oscar Gingrich, of Lebanon, who recently shot into a crowd of sophomores, who were hazing him and wounded one of them. The students subsequently held a mass meeting and decided to ostracize Gingrich and any student that associated with him. Gingrich declares that he will continue his studies and ignore all attempts to force him to leave the college.

## OSCEOLA AFFAIR A MURDER TRIAL

### The Hearing on Tuesday Develops a Serious Condition.

## DEMANDS A TRIAL IN COURT

### Result of a Drunken Carousal--McHugh Likely Was Dead Before the Body Reached the Water--Gregg's Admissions Implicate The Three

Tuesday afternoon a preliminary hearing was given Charles Stewart, Howard Stewart and Winfield Gregg, before Judge Orvis. The men are charged with being implicated in the death of Michael McHugh, whose body was found in the Moshannon creek near his home at Osceola, on Tuesday, April 11th.

Prosecution was instituted by his son Barney McHugh, who was represented by the District Attorney. The defendants had as counsel, Hon. John G. Love, Senator Wm. C. Heinle, Geo. B. Zeigler, and J. A. B. Miller.

A large number of witnesses were heard. The testimony indicated that McHugh, Gregg and the two Stewart boys had indulged in a drunken carousal at Gregg's shanty the previous night. Boys who passed by heard conversations indicating that there had been a quarrel and that McHugh was dead. The party were under the influence of liquor. The next day Gregg was still under the influence of liquor and made numerous statements. A general search was being made at the time for the missing McHugh, and as he was last seen at the Gregg shanty, a short distance from his home the previous evening, they naturally went to him for information. The replies from Gregg were, that McHugh was dead, and his body would be found down the stream. There was evidence that he was struck on the head and knocked off a nail keg in the shanty; that Howard Stewart started to take McHugh home and was gone about an hour; that when he came back his clothes were wet and muddy; that he said McHugh would not be found alive again.

The examination of the body by Dr. Hayes and Hoff convinced them that the man was dead before the body reached the water, as there was no water in the lungs or any other evidence of drowning.

A strong plea was made by Love for their discharge, but the Court, while admitting that much testimony was weak thought there was sufficient evidence to warrant a trial of the case. The prisoners were remanded to jail without bail, and their case will come for trial at next session.

### Maybe Another Murder.

Last Sunday was Easter in the Greek Catholic church, and in the festivities incident to its observance the Hungarians who are great on holidays, consumed even more than their usual allowance of beer. As a sequel, a fight occurred Monday evening at Morrisdale Shaft No. 3, in which one Hun hit another on the head with an ax, injuring him so that his recovery is a matter of doubt. The wielder of the ax was arrested but in the excitement the warrant got lost and they couldn't hold the would-be-assassin, who escaped and is still at liberty.--Phillipsburg Ledger.

### HUNDRED SHOT DOWN.

Nearly one hundred people were killed or wounded in disturbances in various quarters of Warsaw, Russia, Monday. The troops apparently were uncontrollable and violated all orders to act with moderation. They fired into crowds of demonstrators, and workmen in retaliation resorted to the use of firearms and bombs. Many women and children are among the dead and dying. What approaches a reign of terror exists. The city presents a most gloomy aspect, and the temper of the entire community augurs ill.

### Hello Girls on Strike.

The Bell telephone operators at Phillipsburg went out on strike Monday. It seems Manager Brown had been calling them down, so the story goes, and the young young ladies took their doll rags and went home, leaving Manager Brown with a switchboard, but no operators. He secured temporary help the same day from Tyrone and Clearfield. Now, Lukenbach wants to watch out and not get "sassy" or the H. & C. girls will join the strikers and the town will be tongue-tied, for a fact.--Ledger.

### Plow Turns Box Containing \$400.

While plowing in a field in Brunswick township, Berks county, Alexander Bowersox, a farmer's helper, turned over an old stump, under which he found an iron box containing gold coin to the value of \$400. The coin was apparently buried 75 years ago.

### DISTRUST IN BANKS.

### Ludwig Zimmerman Won't Allow Fortune to be Sent From Germany.

The Jersey Shore Herald says: Distrust in banks and in mankind in general stands between Ludwig Zimmerman, a well known German shoemaker of Salladysburg, and a portion of a large fortune which awaits him in Germany. "Some time ago Zimmerman was notified that a relative in Baden, Germany, had died, leaving an estate of \$32,000, and his share was about \$20,000. Certain papers were sent to him for him to sign, make affidavit to and return to the administrators of the estate. Instead of signing and returning them Zimmerman has hid the papers away, because he will not trust a justice to look at them.

"Friends of the old man have advised him to allow the banks to collect the amount, but he refuses to take any steps toward getting the money in this manner.

"It is predicted that unless Zimmerman finds ample means to visit the old country he will never secure his share of the fortune. The old man has no family and lives alone."

### KILLED 1,000 DEER.

### A Mighty Hunter and Trapper Was the Late Seth Nelson, Sr.

In the death of Seth Nelson, Sr., aged 95 years, which occurred recently at Round Island, Clinton county loses a mighty hunter and trapper. His daughter, writing to the Driewood Gazette, says: "From 1827 to 1855 he kept a record of the larger game he killed and it footed up 533 deer, 59 bears, 22 elk, 5 wolves and 12 panthers. Since 1855 he has kept no record of his killings, but it would probably bring the total up to as much again. He was absolutely fearless, and would attack the wildest animals with an ax. He camped with the Indians many times and learned from them how to tan deer skin, make moccasins and jerk venison. If overtaken by darkness while out hunting, even with snow on the ground, he would build a fire, strew hemlock boughs on the ground, cover them with a deer skin, get a block of wood for a pillow, a blanket for a cover and sleep there until morning with as little fear as though he were comfortably housed in his own home."

### Church Dedication.

Sunday, May 7th, the handsome new Methodist Episcopal church just completed at Snow Shoe will be dedicated with imposing services. Rev. Wilford P. Shriner, formerly the Methodist pastor at this place, but now located at Carlisle, will preach the dedicatory sermon in the morning. In the afternoon Presiding Elder J. Ellis Bell, of Altoona, will preach and other prominent Methodist ministers are expected to be present. The pastor of the Methodist church at Snow Shoe is Rev. H. J. Schuchart, through whose untiring efforts the new church has been brought to a successful finish.

### Almost Fatal Accident.

On Friday last while dragging logs on a lumber job in the mountains west of Pat Garriety's, Reuben Foust of near Potters Mills met with a painful accident. While engaged with a horse in getting out logs the animal fell upon Mr. Foust crushing his ribs, breast and otherwise injuring him internally, that he could not be taken home by in a wagon and had to be carried by men upon a stretcher, a distance of eight miles. He has a wife and several children.

LATER--We learn that Mr. Foust is likely to recover.

### Now Let Them Extinguish.

Constables are made fire wardens by an act approved March 31, 1905, and are empowered to call out all their neighbors to fight forest fires. They must act under this law on pain of prosecution for failure, and are entitled to be paid 15 cents an hour for this branch of their work. This law is a move in the right direction in that it makes it somebody's business to try to prevent and extinguish forest fires.

### Around the World.

An entertainment entitled "A trip Around the World" will be presented in St. Mary's grove, at Snow Shoe, May 16th and 17th. This production will be original, unique and instructive, with a variety of entertainment. After the "trip" there will be a cotillion on the platform. Good music, choice refreshments and a hearty welcome in store for all who attend. Admission 25 cents.

### Lizard in Stomach.

An X-ray photograph has disclosed a lizard in the stomach of Mrs. S. F. Frick, of Muncy, who was supposed to be suffering from a floating kidney. Fifteen years ago, soon after drinking water from a spring one day, Mrs. Frick became ill, and it is now believed that it was at that time the lizard was swallowed.

## PROF. D. O. ETTERS WAS ELECTED

### Superintendent of Public Schools on Tuesday by Large Vote.

## SUPT. GRAMLEY WITHDRAWS

### Prof. Milford Pletcher Made a Nice Showing--Splendid Endorsement For Supt. Gramley--A Personal Attack Resented.

The school directors of Centre county met in the Court House, Tuesday noon, for the purpose of electing a county superintendent for the ensuing three years. Superintendent Gramley called the session to order and read the official call. Dr. W. W. Andrews of Philipsburg was chosen chairman.

The county superintendent then asked consent for a few remarks. He expressed his appreciation to the public for the repeated re-elections during the past twelve years, and that in return he gave his best efforts and ability. He also took the occasion to disclaim any part in the issuing of circular letters against certain candidates, although they apparently came from some well meaning friends, intended in his behalf. He had no objection to the criticism of his official duties, may have erred in some instances while laboring under the best motives. He did resent in emphatic terms the stories spread by certain individuals in the audience, that while attending to his school work he had been under the influence of liquor. He branded it as a malicious falsehood and defied any one to substantiate such a charge against his character. He pledged his hearty support to his successor. Mr. Gramley had announced the day previous that he would not permit his name to go before the convention.

Geo. G. Fink, of Huston Twp., was selected for reading clerk, and S. W. Smith, Centre Hall, and Dr. O. W. McEntire, of Howard as secretaries.

Col. D. F. Fortney then offered the following resolution, which was adopted by a rising vote:

RESOLVED, by the School Directors of Centre county in convention assembled:--That we approve of the course pursued by C. L. Gramley who for more than twelve years has been the Superintendent of the schools of the county and has therefore had the entire supervision of the schools and the policies pursued in their advancement. We endorse his course as being progressive, active, energetic, industrious, ever looking to the improvement and growth of the schools under his supervision. We commend the manner in which he discharged all the duties of the office; and his efforts to elevate the grade, standing and efficiency of the teachers in the county is to be commended as gratifying in the highest degree to the school Directors of the county.

Senator Heinle in a short address named Prof. D. O. Etters of Bellefonte for county superintendent. Dr. O. W. McEntire of Howard, with all the grace of a Chauncey Depew, presented the name of Prof. Milford Pletcher, of Blanchard. The first ballot was: Etters 134 and Pletcher 33.

Prof. Etters and Pletcher each made short addresses and the convention adjourned.

### IN CLINTON COUNTY.

Prof. McCloskey was re-elected county superintendent for Clinton county. He received 140 votes against seven for Prof. Bower. The salary was increased from \$1500 to \$1600.

### IN CLEARFIELD COUNTY.

In Clearfield county the fight was a three-cornered one and Mr. Tobias was the winner, having 140 votes, Shields came second with 81 and Rhinehart brought up the rear with 30.

### Re-Convened Convention.

The delegates elected at the primaries on June 4th, 1904, to represent the Democratic Party of Centre county in Convention, will reassemble at the Court House in the Boro of Bellefonte, on Friday, May 12th, 1905, at 11:30 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of electing delegates to be held at Harrisburg, Pa., May 24th, 1905.

### J. L. SFANGLER,

Chairman Co. Convention.

### H. S. TAYLOR, Chairman.

### Evangelist Coming.

Dr. Sieber, a Lutheran clergyman, who of late years has devoted his whole time to Evangelistic work will be here next Sunday. He is known throughout the country as "The Gettysburg Evangelist." This eminent Lutheran Divine will conduct services in the Lutheran church of Bellefonte from May 7 to May 21 to which all are cordially invited. Sunday services 10:30 a. m. 3:45 p. m. for men only, 7:30 p. m. Week day services 7:45 p. m.

A book agent wastes his time when he tries to sell an encyclopedia to the fellow that knows it all.

### FACT, FUN AND FANCY.

### Bright, Sparkling Paragraphs--Selected and Original.

The earth is round, we all agree, To doubt it none may dare; And yet we all should like to see It run upon the square.

The soft berth is hard to get. Crazy quilts are not confined to insane asylums.

A heated argument usually results in a coolness.

A touch of nature is worth two of the pocketbook.

It's better to believe all you say than half you hear.

It isn't necessary to be a clockmaker to improve your time.

There's a new color called the messenger boy. It won't run.

The surgeon should see that his patients are well dressed.

Even poor advice is legal tender when handed out by a lawyer.

After a man has acquired success he begins to sneer at luck.

Being out of a job soon gets to be a habit with the lazy man.

Before attempting to size up an easy-going man arouse his temper.

The young man parts his hair but the bad man has parted from his.

Before a man resolves to quit drinking he should resolve to quit lying.

Adam never had to tell Eve she was the only woman he ever loved.

The lazier a man gets the more he brags about what he used to do.

Criticism doesn't hurt the average man because he knows he is right.

A woman doesn't mind showing the white feather if its an ostrich plume.

The fish that keeps his mouth shut lives longer than the one that is quick to catch on.

He who would succeed in any line of business must first plan his work, then work his plan.

Many a man will give another man a letter of recommendation, though he wouldn't lend the applicant a dollar.

### THREE NEGROES HANGED.

Charles Jackson, Walter Obey and Charles Miller, three negroes, were hanged in the Allegheny county jailyard, Thursday 27, for the murder of John Kisor not quite a year ago at Leedsdale. All died apparently with full confidence that they were forgiven for their crime. Obey and Jackson were hanged first, the trap being sprung at 10:04. Obey being pronounced dead 10:12 and Jackson three minutes later. At 10:24 both bodies were cut down and a new rope adjusted for Miller, who was swung from the trap at 10:35 and was pronounced dead at 10:44.

Jackson, the most agile of the trio, tripped lightly up the steps leading to the trap. Obey was less agile in ascending the steps. Jackson, as Deputy Sheriff Samuel Garnet was adjusting the noose, shouted, "Goodbye, gentlemen; meet me in heaven," while Obey cried out, "Goodbye, everybody."

### Woman Finds a Body.

As Mrs. G. E. Henderson, wife of the ticket agent at Petersburg, was out rowing with two of her children at the mouth of Shaver's creek on a recent afternoon, she discovered a dead man in the water. She was naturally greatly shocked by this ghastly discovery.

David Megahan and George McFarland being near at hand drew the body from the water. Coroner Schum, of Huntingdon, was notified, who held an inquest, resulting in a verdict that the man came to his death by being knocked from the railroad by a westbound train into the creek where he was drowned about three weeks ago. There were found in the pockets of the dead man some apples which he had gotten at a farm house about three weeks ago. There was nothing on his person to identify him. He was about 50 years old. Burial was made at Petersburg.

### Wealthy Patton Merchant Loses \$5,000.

A sensation was sprung in Patton when Jacob Thomas, a hardware man and lumber dealer, announced that he was held up and robbed of \$5,000 several months ago on the outskirts of Patton. A man who had been staying in Patton for a month or more, got Thomas interested in real estate near Thomas Mills. A valuable farm, with lumber and coal, he said could be bought for \$10,000. Thomas agreed to become a partner.

He drew \$5,000 from the bank, and the two started in a buggy carrying the money in a satchel. When they had reached the woods two masked men with revolvers held them up and relieved them of the money. The confidence man drove back to Patton with Thomas, cautioning him to keep quiet about the affair. That evening Thomas' partner disappeared.

We regret to learn of the illness of Editor Charles S. W. Jones, of the Tyrone Herald, and hope he may be speedily restored to his wonted health.