

Correspondents' Department

Continued.

ZION. Everybody is busy husking corn and the yield is good. Owing, however, to the continued wet weather some of it is moulding and growing in the shock. If the weather conditions are favorable for the next week it will be about all safely cribbed.

Lavinia Shaffer, of whom mention has been made in former items, is very much improved, and her many friends are hopeful for permanent recovery.

Frank Grove, who had been critically ill with erysipelas in the face, we are glad to say is convalescing and will soon be able to be about again.

Dr. Fisher is somewhat better but still uses his cane and crutch. Paul Vonada got a brand new white horse for a bay one. You just ought to see him handle the ribbons. Gal long, Betsey.

Roy was home over Sunday and looks well but spent some time on Saturday evening at the doctor's. Wonder why? Perhaps Belle can tell.

Some of our sports who make frequent visits down the valley, will miss their Sunday morning breakfast if they don't come home earlier.

There is a new industry east of our little Burg that no doubt will give employment to quite a few of our unemployed during the winter months. If the project proves out as contemplated the parties may become incorporated in which event bonds will be issued and sold in amounts to suit the purchaser from one hundred dollars up.

A sample of the work under contemplation was on exhibition recently on the front yard fence of one of our villagers and was much admired with-out criticism by all who saw it. The skill of the artist as an amateur far exceeds the work of many a professional. The name of the corporation will be the "Zion Fresco, Graining and Sign Painting Co., Limited." For further information inquire of Joseph Adam, the prime movers of the project, below town.

The men who received the nomination at the late primaries for the several offices are getting a hustle on and no doubt will fight it out to the bitter end. If the candidates play as fair during the canvass as they did before the primaries the voters will give a fair decision on November 7th as to who is their choice to fill the several offices. But rumors are already afloat that some are using foul means to influence voters; all such propositions with the candidate should be turned under by all who love a free country and a free ballot.

PERU.

Wallace Musser and wife visited at James Houser's on Sunday. Samuel Zong and family spent Sunday at the home of John Tate, at Pleasant Gap mountain.

The latest improvement in Peru has been a corn crib, built by Joseph Peters. He is now working on a rat trap.

The penitentiary commission visited Peru on Wednesday and found everything satisfactory, such as good drinking water from McBride's Gap, building and cement stone and clay.

Mr. and Mrs. Abram Houser spent Sunday at the latter's home at Houserville.

Those who transacted business at the county seat on Saturday were: Harve Tressler, Charles Crust, George Noll, Joseph Peters and Charles Houser.

Mrs. E. H. Grove and son Earl spent Sunday at the home of Jacob Kramer, State College.

William Raymond, wife and daughters, and Mrs. Mary Wilson, from Boalsburg, were callers at the home of Jacob Markle on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ammerman visited their son-in-law, who is a very sick person.

Mr. and Mrs. Shank were callers on Wednesday at the home of George Noll.

Mrs. Wm. Jordan and son Robert spent Sunday at the home of John Boal.

Every Sunday there is a lot of shooting on the mountain near here and somebody should be careful or they will get into trouble.

BENORE.

We met A. L. Johnson with a smile on his face that extended from ear to ear; why the left ear was even pushed back a little and when we asked him the cause of all this disfigurement of his countenance, he began to sing something that sounded to us like "Stuckly-by-ba-by" then we caught on to the racket, and when he was asked what will be its name, he said, "John Henry." Then we knew it was a boy.

Mrs. P. E. Hicks visited over Sunday at her sister's, Mrs. Wm. Saxton, at Rock Forge.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Coppenhaver are visiting their parents at Bald Eagle.

Miss Grace and Ruth Farber, Miss Mary Tomko and Hermie Cronemiller spent Saturday and Sunday at the latter's aunt, Miss Dora Ghaner, where they enjoyed themselves so greatly that they hated to start home on Sunday evening, while it was raining of course.

If you want to know how far it is from Bald Eagle to Scotts, walk the distance; and if you don't get very tired its only 20 miles, but if you should ask W. H. Ghaner, he would likely say 40 miles. It is better to be on time, to wait a while on the train, than to expect the train to be behind time, for it never is when you are late.

REBERSBURG.

Prof. C. L. Gramly and wife, who have been visiting for some time, have again returned home.

Wallace Kreider, while working at the house of William Houtz, in Rockville, fell from a scaffold and hurt his back which kept him in the house over Sunday.

Amanda Evans is at present making an extended visit to Eric, who her husband who is located in the asylum at that place.

Mrs. Kate Niece, who spent the past week in Coburn, has again returned to her home here.

Howard Miller and wife, who had their home at Pittsburg for several months, have returned here to stay.

Rev. William Bierly was a pleasant caller at Milford Garret's, on Friday.

STATE COLLEGE. Saturday's game of foot ball between Villa Nova and State was well attended and another victory for State. The score was 18-0. Thus far State has not been scored upon this season. This Saturday out team goes to Philadelphia where a hard battle is expected with Penn. at least 500 students will accompany the team and a victory is sure to come.

Phillip D. Foster and wife left on Tuesday for Harrisburg and then to Washington, D. C., to attend the Postmasters convention and then to Philadelphia on Friday for the Penn. game.

Oscar Gray, of Bellefonte, was a State visitor this week.

The making of cider and boiling butter is all the go. The next thing will be election and then butchering.

George Meyers just finished unloading a car of potatoes and has received another car for disposal among the patrons of State. They are New York potatoes and a fine variety.

The weather is some cooler since the rain of last week. The furnaces are all on the go and the coal men are getting busy.

CENTRE FURNACE.

Mr. Meyers and his lady friend spent Sunday at Condo's of this place. Miss Bertha Brodbeck spent Saturday evening and Sunday with her friend, Miss Alma Shope; glad to have you with us, Bertha; come again.

Luther Brodbeck, of this place, has bought himself a raincoat. Luther says he must make that trip to Bellefonte now, rain or shine; how about it, Laura?

There are a number of young folks of this place, who expect to go to Penn. Cave on Sunday; wish them a happy time on their way.

People in this vicinity say they are surprised that William Thompson is done seeding; Nelson says it is no fault of his.

James Bowmaster, of State College, is all smiles since the arrival of that little dishwasher.

Samuel Shope, of this place says he don't want to spend many more rainy nights in Centre Furnace, as he has to stand up in the corner at night to keep the rain drops from hitting him. You may bet, boys, rat paper is dear.

STORMSTOWN.

Estel E. Harpater has been suffering the past week with a bad dose of poison.

Mrs. Akron Roup and little daughter, of Tyrone, has been visiting her parents, Mr. William Zeek's.

Earl Smith has been seen going to Toe Hill quite often. What is the attraction, Earl?

Earl Furst, who has been employed in the Altoona car shops, is now at home helping his father skin corn.

There has been so much rainy weather that the farmers are having quite a time getting in their potatoes which means a small crop.

Mrs. J. W. Sylvis, who was called to Lancaster because of the illness of her daughter, Mrs. Ench, also made a short visit to Maryland, where her husband is working.

Mrs. J. W. Sylvis lost one of her fine cows by choking to death on apples.

What is the attraction on this side of the cemetery Donald? Mind they have a cross dog, Kid.

YARNELL.

The N. A. C. girls, of Yarnell, are having a box social in the school house, on Saturday night, Oct. 25th for the benefit of the United Brethren church at this place. All are cordially invited to attend and help a good cause along.

The Ladies' Aid and school teachers, of this place, spent a very enjoyable day on Saturday papering and brightening the appearance of the school rooms.

Mrs. Geo. Cunningham with her two interesting children, of Nanty Glo, are spending some time with parents and friends here.

Miss Laura Pownell and Miss Margaret Letterman, of Bellefonte, spent Sunday at the former's home here.

Trixie Confer is spending some time with friends at Bigler and Phillipsburg.

We are sorry to say that Mr. Wm. Shawley is no better at this writing.

Geo. Bowmaster is circulating among friends at this place.

BULLER AND MEEHAN.

Are Having a Controversy Over the Fish Hatcheries.

From the papers it is noted there is a lively little fish hatchery war going on between Mr. Meehan the late hatchery superintendent, and Mr. Buller, his successor. In Mr. Meehan's version of the fish hatchery short coming, we copy the following:

"It may be interesting to present at this point the outputs of bass from the different hatcheries in the aggregate since the work was regularly undertaken by the department of fisheries:

Crawford hatchery, five years..... 259,750
Torresdale hatchery (largemouth bass), five years..... 151,200
Union county, five years..... 151,200
Wayne, seven years..... 115,000

"Examining this table, some might consider it peculiar, and perhaps significant, that Mr. Buller has closed the Crawford hatchery, from which there was the greatest output."

Taking up the question of deeper ponds, Mr. Meehan says:

"If it were necessary to give the ponds an appreciably greater depth of water, the task is so simple as not to be worthy of being regarded as a problem, and the expense so slight that it would scarcely leave a mark on the appropriation."

There is a very strong feeling around here that there is too much "Buller" in the fish department. Smull's Handbook for 1911 shows four in charge of hatcheries, as follows: Corry hatchery, William Buller; Bellefonte hatchery, Howard M. Buller; Wayne hatchery, Nathan H. Buller; Erie auxiliary hatchery, A. G. Buller.

In addition, there were, according to reliable authority, the following other relatives of Doctor Buller employed in the department during the summer: Corry hatchery, Harry Hershey, a nephew; Union city hatchery, a cousin of Mrs. A. G. Buller, wife of the superintendent at the Erie hatchery; Wayne hatchery, Gay Buller and Ross Buller, son of Nathan H. Buller. This makes a total of eight members of the Buller family drawing pay from the state.

PETER KUFKIE GETS SECOND DEGREE

VERDICT OF JURY WAS QUICKLY FORMED.

SAVED BY HIS EXPERT COUNSEL

A Record-Breaking Murder Trial for Clinton County—Lasted But Two Days—Jury Out an Hour and a Half.

Contrary to general expectation Lock Haven will not have a hanging. Peter Kufkie, on trial here last week for the murder of Alonzo Smith, was given a second degree verdict by the jury after an hour and a half deliberation. Kufkie will therefore receive a sentence of from five to twenty years to the State Penitentiary, instead of giving his life for the one he had taken. The trial which lasted but two days, broke all previous records in Clinton county for briefness in murder trials.

The prisoner's escape from the gallows is attributed to the resourcefulness and legal ability of his counsel, Frank P. Cummings, of Williamsport, and George A. Brown, of Lock Haven, who had little or nothing to build a defense on, but they succeeded in so adroitly weaving together the few fabrics they possessed, as to leave a shadow of doubt in the minds of the jury on the evidence presented, and the contention of the prosecution that a verdict of murder in the first degree should be rendered. Previous to the trial there were few, if any persons, who believed the prisoner could escape a first degree verdict, for it was clearly established by the evidence given by witnesses for the commonwealth that Kufkie, 13 days after his marriage to a Williamsport young woman, went to the home of Annie Hauser—who had been his mistress for several years before his marriage—in South Renovo, at 8 o'clock on the evening of July 18, last, and there met Alonzo Smith, a married man, who also was paying attention to Annie Hauser. Work ensued between the two men, when Smith struck Kufkie a blow, whereupon the latter whipped out his revolver and fired three shots into Smith's body; that Smith ran away after Kufkie fired the first shot and was pursued by Kufkie, who fired the two last shots as he ran. The testimony of a number of witnesses, including Annie Confer, mother of Annie Hauser, was to the effect that Kufkie had threatened to fill Smith full of holes if he did not stay away from Annie Hauser. It also was shown that Smith was unarmed, and the concluding strong point in the prosecution's side was that after Kufkie found he had "finished" his man, he took to the woods, and remained in hiding for two days, until he became famished and footsore, when he returned home under cover of darkness, and was arrested by Chief Foley, of Renovo, and Constable Rettingill, of Lock Haven.

Following the selection of the jury composed of young or middle-aged men, on Tuesday morning, the commonwealth presented all their evidence that afternoon and the defense opened at 4:30 o'clock, and had concluded its side of the case by noon of Wednesday. Neither side called more than 15 witnesses, and the majority of those—for the defense—were friends and employees of the Renovo shops where Kufkie was employed, who testified as to his good character and excellent habits.

After this testimony had been given, Kufkie went on the stand in his own behalf, and by reason of his ready replies and firm, clear voice, made a fairly good impression on the jury, but nearly all his testimony was uncorroborated.

Plea of Self-Defense.

As the examination developed it was soon seen that self-defense was the plea on which Kufkie's attorneys hoped to save him from the hangman's noose, and since they have succeeded they have reason to feel that they have won the legal battle, especially when the court intimated, after the verdict was rendered, that there was ample ground for a first degree verdict. Kufkie swore that when Smith saw him at Annie Hauser's place that eventful night, he said: "What the hell does this mean," and that he did not make any reply. Then Smith struck him a violent blow knocking him about 20 feet. Smith then made a pass for his hip pocket, when Kufkie swore he drew his revolver in self-defense, satisfied Smith was about to shoot him. He did not remember firing two more shots or that he pursued Smith, and did not know what occurred after that until he ran up against a barbed wire fence.

He then described his wanderings on the mountainside and his return home after wading the river and then his arrest. He said he went to Annie's home that night to reconstrate with her about going to his home late at night and to get his railroad relief certificate to have it transferred from Annie to his wife; that he did not know Smith would be there that night; that he had always carried a revolver for self-protection, he generally carried large sums of money about his person, that Smith had threatened to take his life on several occasions. In the latter statement alone he was corroborated by one witness. Kufkie's wife was on the stand for a short time, and gave the details of her husband's leaving some that night in his auto, ostensibly to go to a downtown grocery store.

None of the witnesses corroborated Kufkie's testimony as to Smith reaching for his hip pocket, and the commonwealth contended that he did not do so, he had no revolver. A letter written by Kufkie to Annie Hauser from Atlantic City, two days after his marriage and while he was on his wedding trip, was admitted as evidence, and indicated that he then still cared more for Annie than for his bride. In the letter he said: "I would like to have you with me here. I love you still and always will."

Concluding the Case. Frank P. Cummings began his plea to the jury in behalf of the defendant at 2:30 o'clock, and contended that the jury would be justified in bringing a verdict of voluntary manslaughter. His pleas occupied an hour and a half in its delivery, when R. B. McCormick, addressed the jury on behalf of the commonwealth for an hour and ten minutes, in which he urged a verdict of first degree murder. Judge Hall concluded his masterful and impartial charge to the jury, lasting one hour, at 8:15 o'clock. The jury immediately retired and after an hour and a half's deliberation fled into the court room and rendered a verdict of murder in the second degree, the penalty for which is imprisonment for five to 20 years. In the first ballot the jury stood five for first degree, six for second degree, and one for manslaughter. On the second ballot only two voted

for a first degree verdict, and on the third ballot but one held out for the extreme and he went over with the other 11 on the fourth ballot for second degree murder.

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