Thursday, October 26th, 1911.

Correspondents' Department Continued.

ZION.

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

Lavina Shaffer, of whom mention has been made in former items, is very much improved, and her many friends are hopeful of her 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 him handle the ribbons. Ga long, Betsey.

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

Some of our sports who make fre quent 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., Limted." For further information inquire of Joel of 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 visit-ed Peru on Wednesday and found ev-erything satisfactory, such as good drinking water from McBride's Gap. building and cement stone and clay.

Mr. and Mrs. Abram Houser spent Surday at the latter's home at Hous-erville.

Those who transacted business at



Philip 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. after an hour and a half deliberation. Kufskie will therefore receive a sen-tence of from fie to twenty years to

The weather is some cooler since the rain of last week. The furnaces are life for the one he had taken. The all on the go and the coal men are getting busy.

CENTRE FURNACE.

Mr. Meyers and his lady friend pent Sunday at Condo's of this place. Miss Bertha Brodbeck spent Saturday evening and Sunday with her friend, Miss Alma Shope; glad to who had little or nothing to build a have you with us, Bertha; come again.

bought himself a raincoat: Luther shadow of doubt in the minds of the says he must make that trip to jury on the evidence presented, and Bellefonte now, rain or shine; how the contention of the prosecution that 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 who believed the prisoner could eshappy time on their way.

done seeding; Nelson says it is no fault of his.

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

Samuel Shope, of this place says he on'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, tar paper is dear.

STORMSTOWN.

Estell E. Harpster 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 at-traction, Earl? Earl Furst, who has been employed in the Altoona car shops, is now at home helping his father skin corn.

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

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 ap-

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

YARNELL.

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 enjoy-able day on Saturday papering and brightening the appearance of the school rooms.

THE CENTRE DEMOCRAT, BELLEFONTE, PA.

PETER KUFSKIE 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 Kufskie, on trial last week for the murder of Alonzo Smith, was giv en a second degree verdict by the jury the penitentiary, instead of giving his all previous records in Clinton coun-

ty for briefness in murder trials. The prisoner's escape from the gal

lows is attributed to the resourceful-ness and legal ability of his counsel, Frank P. Cummings, of Williamsport, defense on, but they succeeded in so adroitly weaving together the few Luther Brodbeck, of this place, has fabrics they possessed, as to leave a jury on the evidence presented, and a verdict of murder in the first degree should be rendered. Previous to the cape a first degree verdict, for it was People in this vicinity say they are surprised that William Thompson is given by witnesses for the commonwealth that Kufskie, 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 og July 18, last, and there met Alonza Smith, a married man, who also was paying attention to Annie Hauser. Words ensued between two men, when Smith struck Kufskie a blow, whereupon the latter whipped out his revolver and fired three shots into Smith's body; that Smith ran away after Kufskie fired the first shot and was pursued by Kufskie, 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 Kufskie 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 prosecufound 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 re-turned 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

omposed of young or middle-aged men, on Tuesday morning, the commonwealth presented all their evi-dence that afternoon and the defense opened at 4:30 o'clock, and had con-cluded its side of the case by noon of Wednesday. Neither side called more The N. A. C. girls, of Yarnell, are having a bax social in the school house on Saturday night, Oct. 28th for the benefit of the United Brethren where Kufskie was employed, who testified as to his good character and urge you too strongly, but really, you excellent habits. know, in every line of business in every community there is always one After this testimony had been givfirm that stands forth above the othen, Kufskie 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 un-corrobusted corroborated. Plea of Self-Defense.



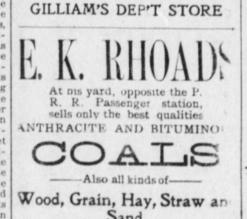
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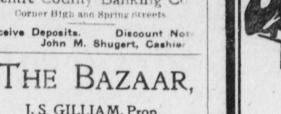
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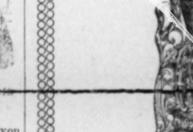


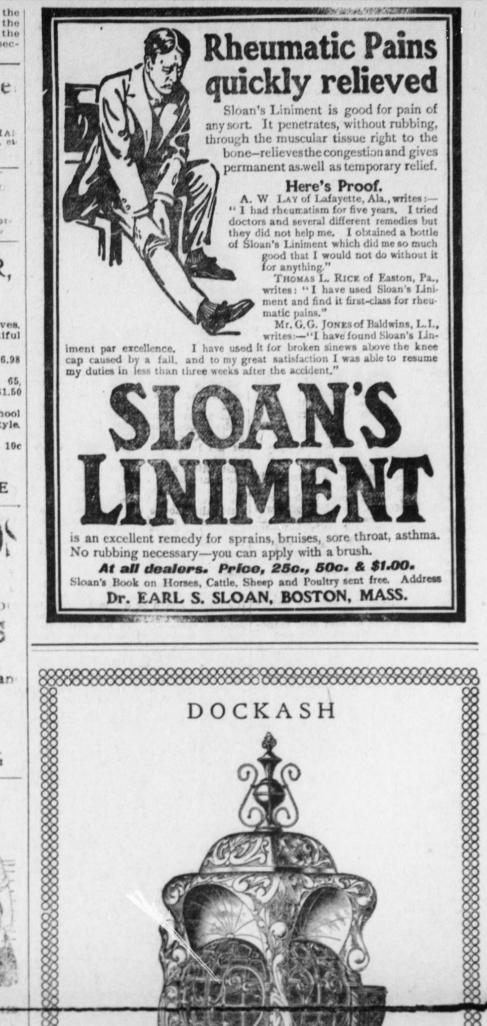
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the county seat on Saturday were, Harve Tressler, Charles Crust, George Noll, Joseph Peters and Charles Hous-

Mrs. E. H. Grove and son Earl spent Sunday at the home if 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 shoot-

ing 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 push-ed back a little and when we asked him the cause of all this disfigurement of his countinance, he began to sing something that sounded to us like "Shuckly-by-ba-by" then we caught on to the racket, and when he was asked what will be its name, he said, "Tohn Henry." Then we knew it was

at her sister's, Mrs. Wm. Saxton, at eries: Rock Forge.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Cophenhaver 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 day evening, while it was raining of

course. If you want to know how far it is frim Bald Eagle to Scotia, walk the distance; and if you din'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 walt a while on the train,

REBERSBURG.

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

Mrs. Kate Niece, who spent the past

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

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 Mar-garet Letterman, of Bellefonte, spent Sunday at the former's home here.

Trixle Confer is spending some time with friends at Bigler and Philips-

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

Mrs. P. E. Hicks visited over Sunday dertaken by the department of fish-

Crawford hatchery, five years., 359,750 Torresdale hatchery (large-mouth 151,300 bass), five years

151,200 Union county, five years consider it peculiar, and perhaps sig-nificant, that Mr. Buller has closed the they enjoyed themselves so greatly Crawford hatchery, from which there that they hated to start home on Sun-

"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."

book for 1911 shows four in charge of Prof. C. L. Gramly and wife, who have been visiting for some time, have William Buller; Bellefonte hatchery, Wollace Kreider, while working at the house of William Houtz, in Rock-ville, fell from a scaffold and hurt his back which kept him in the the transformation of the scaffold and hurt his back which kept him in the transformation of the scaffold and hurt his back which kept him in the transformation of the scaffold and hurt his

ville, fell from a scaffold and hurt his back which kept him in the house over Sunday. In addition, there were, according to reliable authority, the following other relatives of Doctor Buller employed in like to have you with me here. I love the department during the summer: Corry hatchery, Harry Hershey, a nephew; Union city hatchery, a cousin of Mrs. A. G. Buller, wife of the super-intendent at the Erie hatchery; Wayne week in Coburn, has again returned to her home here. Howard Miller and wife, who had a total of eight members of the Buller

As the examination developed it as soon seen that self-defense was VAS the plea on which Kufskle's attorneys hoped to save him from the hangman's oose, and since they have succeeded they have reason to feel that they have won the legal battle, especially when the court intimated, after the virdict was rendered, that there was ample ground for a first degree ver-Kufskie swore that when Smith dict. 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 Kufskie 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 pur-sued Smith, and did not know what occurred after that until he ran up

against a barbwire 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 remonstrate 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 car-ried large sums of money about his person; that Smith had threatened to was the greatest output." Taking up the question of deeper ponds, Mr. Meehan says: take his life on several occasions. In roborated by one witness. Kufskie's wife was on the stand for a short time, and gave the details of her husband's leaving home that night in his auto, ostensibly to go to a downtown gro-

cery store. None of the witnesses corroborated Kufskie's testimony as to Smith reaching for his hip pocket, and the com-monwealth contended that he did not do so as he had no revolver. A letter

written by Kufskle to Annie Hauser from Atlantic City, two days after his marriage and while he was on his wedding trip, was admitted as evi-dence, and indicated that he then still cared more for Annie than for his bride. In the letter he said: "I would

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 months, have returned here to stay. Rev. William Blerly was a pleasant caller at Milford Garret's, on Friday. Edward Leech spent a few days in Philadelphia last week. Since Clark, our autoist, goes to Madisonburg so often, he thinks there's nothing like the last Rose of summer, without any fear of Wolfes. Mrs. Laura Overcash, Mrs. Anna Dixon and Mrs. Florence Crawford, of Fairview, Illinois, are at present vis-titing their sick mother, Mrs. N. A. Whitman, who we are glad to say is improving. Strange Sickness Killing Pheasants. Reports are being brought in to the effect that pheasants are dying off like in many sections of the state from an epidemic in nature of chick-on the second degree, the pensity for which is imprisonment for five to 20 years. In the first ballot the jury stood five for first degree, six for sec-ond degree, and one for manslaughter. On the second ballot only two voted

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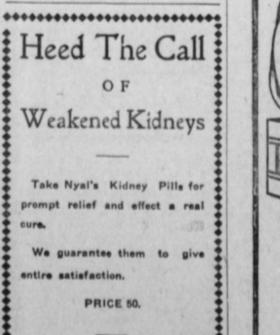


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