# DEATH OF FAMOUS FIGHTING ALDERMAN

JOHN F. DONOHUE WAS A MOD-

# ERN SOLOMON.

Was a Terror to Wife Beaters and Administered His Own Punishment-Ownership of Goose Settled by a Clever Method.

John F. Donohue, for twenty-seven years an Alderman of Wilkes-Barre, died Saturday morning from a complication of diseases, aged sixty-two. About fifteen years ago he won international fame by descending from the bench and thrashing a wife beater who was arraigned before him. He said the punishment fitted the crime. unique decisions which he Other rendered contrary to law brought him much notoriety. His constituents were always loyal to him, however, and reelected him each time by an increas-

ed majority. A robust man in his early years as Alderman, with a true man's respect for women, "Judge" Donohue was irritated beyond measure by the failure of the law to provide what he deemed adequate punishment for wife beaters. One man in particular was brought before him several times and at length the Alderman could bear it no longer.

#### Jail Poor Remedy.

"There is no use sending you to jail," he roared, "and fining you does no good. Now I am going to give you what you really deserve and when I beat his wife."

While he was talking he had strip-ped off his coat, rolled up his sleeves and descended from his Magisterial bench. "Put up your hands," shouted the

alderman. "Til give you all the chances you are able to take." The wife-beater was a husky fellow and not afraid of a fight. He could see with half an eye what Donohue meant to do, and he put up his fists in a workmanlike fashion. Then Don-ohue showed him what he considered the proper punishment for a wife-beater, and there was a lively fifteen minutes in which the wife-beater had been pummeled, sat upon, banged against the wall and thrown on the floor. He was a thoroughly humbled and bruised offender.

Donohue, scant of breath and with some marks himself to show for the fray, clambered back to his bench. "Now go home." he said, "and see if that does not effect a cure." Strangely enough, it did.

A French society sent him a ribbon nd a long letter of commendation, while women's societies and women personally all over the country wrote Nor did he stop at one wife-

Strangely enough Donohue fell from grace as a thrasher of wife beaters to be defendant in a suit brought in 1903 by his wife for non-support. He was ordered to pay twenty-five dollars a month for the support of his wife and

#### Gander Decides Case.

Among the numerous cases were many amusing ones. One of the best of these was the case of the old Irish woman and her neighbor, equally old and equally Irish, regarding the possession of a goose. Each claimed it, each entered Donohue's court with ten witnesses and the ten witnesses of each side were confident that the goose belonged to the woman who had sub-

"Which of you women has a gan-He asked. "I have," both excalimed in one

"Then each of you must appear in court to-morrow with your ganders. I'll issue a subpoena for them and in the meantime I will keep the goose."

The next day ganders, contestants, witnesses and friends were present. There was a large field behind Donohue's office. He sent two constables with the ganders to opposite ends of the field and told them to release the birds. At the same time at his end he released the goose. For some little time the case was in doubt. Finally, however, the goose spied one of the ganders, eyed him critically for a time and then ambled off down the field and joined the other.

"Whose gander is that the goose went to?" demanded Donohue. "Mrs. McGroarty's" cried the crowd.
"Then it's Mrs. McGroarty's goose,
too. Mrs. Shovlin will pay the costs."
announced the alderman.

# Father is Boss.

Alderman Donohue one time tried the case of Bessie Wilson, charged by her father with using profanity be-cause he scolded her for slaying out late. He fined the girl \$4.52 and lec-tured her mother because she had taken the girl's part. To the girl he

"Because you are wearing dresses cut in the loop-the-loop fashion and three-quarter coats with plaits down the back, you must not think you can rule your father. He pays the rent and is the boss of the house. It was he and not your mother who provided for you when you were weak and unable to do for yourself. If this occurs again, you'll get bread and wat-

Another time he settled a dispute between Owens and Killard, a builder and material man, in a manner which would have done credit to Solomon. Seeing that a calm recital of the facts by each man enlightened them as to their respective mistakes, the alderman said: "The costs to this case man said: "The costs to this case amount to \$1.95. You will draw straws, the man drawing the longest to pay ninety-five cents, the other man one dollar." They did so and departed satisfied.

# Suicide at Gearhartville.

was thrown into a state of excitement Thursday night of last week about 10 noon and evening to eat Government o'clock over the suicide of Thomas food, prepared with different kinds of Scalfe, a resident of that place, who ended his life by shooting himself. Scalfe had been to town earlier in the evening, and was known to have been very much under the influence of li-Going back to Gearhartville he went to the home of John Stratton, went to the home of John Stratton, squad nas where his wife had gone for refuge, time and fearing that he intended bodily danger to the latter, he was not permitted to enter. Turning the pistol of the squad nas time and the squad ended his own existence.

Scalfe was aged about 25 years, and for some years has worked about

#### ROUND BARN ECONOMIZES.

In driving along the road leading from the Old Fort to Linden Hall, in Potter township, you will note a unique building on the right side of the road about two miles west of the Old Fort. There is no building like it in all Centre County, or possibly the state, and for that reason it has attracted much attention. The structure stands on the farm of Prof. C. R. MADE MANY UNIQUE DECISIONS Neff, and it was built and is used as his farm barn. Last week's Williamsport Grit contained a cut of the build ing with an interesting description of the building which is entirely original, and it is contended that it has many good features over the ordinary reg

ulation square barn. The following is the article as it appeared in Grit: There are few times when the word "unique" is used properly but as applied to the barn, owned by a Potter twp. farmer the term is aptly used. This barn is located about two miles west of Centre Hall, on the farm of Prof. C. R. Neff. It is the only circular barn in Centre county. The they enlist ones sympathic barn is 90 feet in diameter, 48 feet in tender sentiments expressed. height and has two floors, each one having about 6,362 square feet of sur-having about 6,362 square feet of sur-face. The first floor houses the horses his wife and four children at Wallis and cattle. The stalls are arranged Run the center of the barn. At present, the detect the tender ties that existed to detect the tender ties that existed between the father at the front and the family at home. The children at the family at home to detect the tender ties that existed between the father at the front and the family at home. The children at the family at home the father at the family at home the father at the family at home. in circular form, so that the stock face sliding doors, and six large and four smaller windows furnish plenty of light for the stock. A well is located on a nearby hill and water is piped directly to the barn.

The arrangement of the second floor, however, is most interesting. Immediately around the center is the granary and above, ample room for storing get through you'll have a different hay. Holes through the floor com-idea about the rights of a husband to municate with each stall below and allow hay to be placed directly into each manger. Along the extreme out-side of this floor are arranged spaces living and resides with her son John for storing straw and other farm crops and also ordinary farm implements. Holes directly beneath allow bedding to be thrown into each stall below. Between the inner compartment for storing hay and the outside space for straw is a driveway, running com-pletely around. There are two 14-foot sliding doors and between these two 12-foot sliding doors. Since there is a clearance of 16 feet, any loaded team can be driven directly through the doors and onto this floor, then around the driveway, unload at the compartment provided for that crop and then drive out. There are 12 large windows with shutters and six dormwindows, which furnish plenty of light and ventilation. This floor will accommodate conveniently about 50 tons of hay, 400 bushels of wheat, 150 bushels of oats and 20 tons of straw, nice, besides other small crops and some

farm implements. The amount of timber required in its construction is hard to estimate, but there are 13,000 board feet of lumber in the floors alone, and 65,000 short in the wrists for they reach up shingles were required for the roof. The upright beam in the center, running from the ground to the top was obtained from an old pine in a near-solution of the spondation of the figures by elements of the population as shown in the upright beam in the center, running from the ground to the top was obtained from an old pine in a near-solution of the figures by elements of the population as shown in the upright beam in the center, running from the ground to the top was obtained from an old pine in a near-solution of the figures by elements of the population as shown in the upright beam in the center, running from the ground to the top was obtained from an old pine in a near-solution and running from the ground to the figures by elements of the population as shown in the upright beam in the center, running from the ground to the top was obtained from an old pine in a near-solution of the figures by elements of the population as shown in the upright beam in the center, running from the ground to the top was obtained from the figures by elements of the population as shown in the upright beam in the center, running from the ground to the top was obtained from the figures by elements of the figures by element its construction is hard to estimate, by woodlot and is a single piece. It was hewn down to 10x10 inches at the left, because you sent them to me. I cess of males among immigrants. bottom and 8x8 inches at the top and is set in concrete. It took 18 men to raise this beam. The barn was practically converted in the set of th tically completed in 1910 and while it is more or less a novelty because of Among the numerous cases were its radical departure from ordinary

# FARM CROPS DECREASE.

For the first time in many years, the value of the farm products of the United States for a year is less than the value for the preceding year. Also, for every dollar paid by the consumer for farm products the farmer gets only 50 cents. James Wilson, secretary of agriculture, brings out these points in his annual report. He asks where the other 50 cents goes, but he does not attempt to answer, leaving the reader under the impression that it goes to the high cost of

Notwithstanding the falling off in the value of the 1911 farm products, the secretary presents a row of figures calculated to challenge the imagination of the world. The man with the produced something like \$8,417, 000,000 of wealth in the United States during the year now drawing to a

With a value more than twice that of the cotton crop this year and but little less than the combined values of the cotton, wheat and oats crops, corn is by far the leading crop as a wealth producer. The estimate of 2,-776,000,000 bushels indicates a production that has been exceeded in only two years. This establishes a to tal value for the crop that reaches \$1, 700,000,000 and breaks the record.,

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Eating Alum for Pay.
Twelve University of Pennsylvania
medical students who "need the monhave put their bodies in the care of the United States government for The little village of Gearhartville experimental purposes and formed an was thrown into a state of excitement eating squad which meets morning. order to test the effect it will

have on their systems. The experiments are being carried out in Philadelphia by Dr. Alonzo E. Taylor of the Ramsen Board, assisted by 14 Government chemists. The squad has been eating alum for se time and shows no ill effects. Its members will continue on the Government's diet until June. The members of the squad receive their board and

On the squad of 12 men there are two "controllers," who eat the same food without the alum. None of the 12 men know who these two men are. the mines driving mules, etc. Besides his wife, he leaves several children and a number of brothers and dren and dre

## ECHOES FROM THE LONG AGO

BROUGHT TO MIND BY TWO OLD

## LETTERS. WRITTEN DURING CIVIL WAR

Showing the Tender Ties That Existed Between Those at the Front and Loved Ones at Home-Writer Died Soon After.

In the following article we turn back the pages of time and publish several letters that were written during the Civil War, and sent to the loved ones at home who shared the harships of memorable strife, as equally as did those at the front. The letters are now about a half century old, and aside from their interest as relics, enlist ones sympathies by the

The first letter below was penned by William Stewart, who resided with now called Runville. He left little family and went forth to were: Catherine, now residing at Jersey Shore; John T. Stewart, of Munson station; George, now deceas-Jersey ed, buried at Jersey Shore, and William, who lives at Philipsburg. In the year following the writing of this letter Mr. Stewart died, without getting home to see his wife and children. At the time the father went to the army there was no provision made for supporting his family, and the mother was compelled to work in the harvest fields to earn a livelihood for her lit-tle children. Mrs. Stewart is still at Munson Station. She is past 77 years of age.

Of course this is only one of thous-ands of such instances, of which little is known today.

The second letter was written by John Bryan, a resident of Bellefonte.

Camp Griffen, Dec. 13th, 1861.

Dear Wife:myself down to inform you that I am olina and District of Columbia the fewell at present, and still in hopes that males are in the majority.

about the war. I can't tell you much pairs to be made at once. about it, for we don't get to hear as be true of a machine. A breakdow much about it as you do. But I think can be remedied immediately. Not a it won't last long. Some think it will with man. The road to health is be over in two or three months—I long one. Weeks must pass before hope it will be. Still I like it first-the ravages of typhoid fever, diphrate, but I'll bet you would not know theria, scarlet fever and similar disme, for I never was so fat in my life eases disappear. It requires years to as I am now. It agrees with me first-rate hunting for rebels, and I see Nevertheless people plenty of them when I am out on lieve in short cuts to health. Unscou duty. I suppose the people think that I was very foolish for going to the army, but I don't think so; I think that I am dollar about the so; I think that I am dollar about the so; I think that I am dollar about the so; I think that I am dollar about the so; I think that I am dollar about the so; I think that I am dollar about the so; I think that I am dollar about the so; I think that I am dollar about the so; I think that I am dollar about the sound that I am dollar about the sound that I am dollar about the sound that I was very foolish for going the sound that I was very foolish for going to the army, but I don't think so; I think that I was very foolish for going to the army, but I don't think so; I think that I was very foolish for going to the army, but I don't think so; I think that I was very foolish for going to the army, but I don't think so; I think that I was very foolish for going to the army, but I don't think so; I think that I was very foolish for going to the army, but I don't think so; I think that I was very foolish for going the sound that I was very foolish for going the sound that I was very foolish for going the sound that I was very foolish for going the sound that I was very foolish for going the sound that I was very foolish for going the sound that I was very foolish for going the sound that I was very foolish for going the sound that I was very foolish for going the sound that I was very foolish for going the sound that I was very foolish for going the sound that I was very foolish for going the sound that I was very foolish for going the sound that I was very foolish for going the sound that I was very foolish for going the sound that I was very foolish for going the sound that I was very foolish for going the sound that I was very foolish for going the sound that I was very foolish for going the sound that I was very foolish for going the sound that I was very foolish for going the sound that I was very foolish for going the sound that I was very foolish for going the sound th I think that I am doing about as well ately. Bware of such drugs. There is here as I could anywhere, and a lit- no known medicine that will cure contle better, as I am at no expense at sumption in spite of the many that all. I could not make that much are recommended. Don't waste or money at home in a lifetime, clear of risk your life in trying them. expenses. Although I am running a great risk. I look upon it that if I am to be killed here I won't be killed sure to be fraudulent. Leave all such anywhere else. You may do as you please about getting little John's and George's likeness taken. I would like to see their sweet little faces once more, but I am afraid you will need your money for yourself. I slept with you last night, did you know that? I expect you did not. I have no money

is getting late. No more, but remain your husband till death. Write as soon as you can. WILLIAM STEWART.

get my likeness taken now, but

expect to get paid some time in Jan-

uary. I got a letter to-night dated

the 9th, and was glad to hear from you. I must quit for this time as it

I don't want you to send me any.

Camp Thomas, April 17th, 1862.

Dear Aunt:-I improved the present opportunity of dropping you a few lines in answer to your letter. It found me the enjoyer of good health, and I hope these few lines may find you the same. I am now in Camp Thomas, Ohio, I like comp life right well and hio. I like camp life right well and think I will like it better after I leave Camp Thomas, which will be before very long. We will have to go to Nashville, Tennessee, and I hope three weeks will find us at our desti-nation. I don't expect to ever get into a battle, although I would not like to go home without getting in one. I must soon close for fear of tiring your patience. Give my best respects to all inquiring friends, and write soon and tell me all the news.

Yours respectfully, JOHN BRYAN. Co. E, 3rd Bat., 18th U. S. Infantry. P. S. I forgot to tell you that Isaac Price is in our company and is in

## LARGER TROUT DAMS.

Beliefonte Hatchery to be Made Largest in the Country.

It is the intention of Fish Commis-

spending some time in this territory, to make of the Bellefonte hatchery the largest of its kind to be found any-where in the country. The location is ideal for the shipment of the small fish and the region in which the hatchnecessary for its continued operation and success. The commissioner intends to pipe the water from the Shu-gert spring, down to the hatchery, so as to have an abundant supply of pure water and do away with the somewhat muddy water of Logan's branch.

Commissioner Buher is opposed to intends to keep all fish until they are a year old before making a distribu-tion. It is contended that fish under that age perish very rapidly, not only while being transported to their permanent streams, but after being liberated, for they are too small to take care of themselves after the watchful attention paid them during their days in the hatchery. The death rate is also largely increased by neglect in tempering the water, many consignments being dumped from the mild water of the cans into the ice cold waters of the mountain regions, re-

sulting in almost certain death. Yearling trout will measure close to planting fry. To keep the trout one year will naturally require more space will be abandoned entirely.

#### MORE MALES THAN FEMALES.

there are 47,332,122 males and 44.640,-144 females, or a proportion of 106 males for every 100 females. Howev-It is with pleasure that I now set Maryland, North Carolina, South Car-

these few lines may find you all enjoying the same blessing of God. I the two sexes are equal in number, am pleased to inform you that I rethe fact is that there is always a ceived your likeness and the pair of mittens that you sent me, and also your two letters. The likeness looks excess of females. The contrary fact very natural; little Kate looks very nice, but I think Billey's likeness don't look much like him. You don't know how glad I was when I got your picture—it was old Ann, up-set, to a large extent. This is not the full KLINE WOODRING, Atty.

obtained from an old pine in a near-by woodlot and is a single piece. It keep them as long as there is a thread already noted with respect to the ex-

you all but six dollars and sixty- the native white or native parents, three cents. I don't want money down Of the latter there are 25,229,294 males

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the plan of putting out trout fry and

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