he Somerset Herald.

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n aged woman named Meyers died nday night at her home near Kuhn ville, in Jefferson township.

The Merchants' and Manufacturers' ing stake was won by Royal Baron, merly owned by "Jack" Haws, of nsburg, at Detroit, last Thursday.

General Wheeler has presented Helen d, whose guest his daughter has re- ly been, with a handsome Spanish ry officer's sword, picked up on the battlefield near Santiago.

Household ammonia promptly applied will remove all bad effect of a kissing ch's sting, according to a letter from L. O. Howard, the Government entomolo- st, to William P. Field, of Midlothian, Va.

A boon to travelers. Dr. Fowler's Ex- ct of Wild Strawberry. Cures dys- ery, diarrhœa, seasickness, nausea. Pleasant to take. Perfectly harmless.

Erie will be the first county in the te to put in execution the new law relating for putting prisoners in the county jail at work upon the public highways. It has already appointed its Board of Supervisors.

On Thursday the School Board of Connellsville borough, met and elected the following teachers for the term com- mencing in September: Advanced, C. L. Spencer, of Scalp Level; intermediate, Miss G. Boyts, of Friedens; primary, Miss Estelle C. Rhoads, of Somerset.

Rev. John J. Eberle, a retired Baptist clergyman of Pottstown, who celebrated his seventy-sixth birthday anniversary yesterday, has for 47 years eaten but one meal a day. He adopted this economical habit of diet to cure a stomach ailment, and it proved so beneficial that he has continued it. He is in vigorous health.

It has been decided by the courts that a bicycle rider falls or sustains any in- jury on account of a dog barking or jumping at him, the owner of the animal is responsible for damages. In a recent case a cyclist obtained $500 damages by reason of being thrown from a wheel on account of a vicious dog attacking him.

Be careful of your diet these days. There is an epidemic of stomach and bowel trouble of a cholera-morbus char- acter abroad in the land which is no re- specter of persons. The pain is in many cases of the most excruciating character, and last often of such severity that the patient would be forced to succumb if re- lief were not afforded.

Female pedagogues in Lower Potts Grove township, Montgomery county, are indignant over the action of the local school board at the annual election for members in adopting a rule that the suc- cessful applicants must promise not to marry during the school term. If any marry during the term they will forfeit a month's salary of $35.

Persons who have been neglectful in affixing stamps to their checks, allowing the bank officials to do so, will be inter- ested to know that Commissioner Wil- cox, of the Internal Revenue service, has issued a circular absolutely prohibiting banks from affixing stamps to checks presented when presented and require- ing them to return the same to the draw- er.

The Department of Public Instruction, says a Harrisburg dispatch, is getting ready to draw warrants on the State Treasurer next month for the payment of school districts out of the $5,500,000 appropriation. Those districts in the poorest need of money will be paid first. The State Normal Schools have received $100 of the $130,000 due them under the law as it stands with half the original amount of $200,000 disapproved by the Governor.

We are led to believe that a number of road supervisors in this county are not enforcing the law, recently enacted, require- ing that they pick the loose stones from the highways at least once each month. There is a disposition on the part of the traveling public to see to it that this road law is obeyed, and we sound the warning to any supervisors who may be slack in their duties along this line, that they are apt to be brought before the bar of Justice and subjected to the prescribed punishment.

The commission in lunacy appointed by Judges R. S. Frazer and J. D. Shafer, of Pittsburg, to inquire into the mental condition of William Hilliman, under sentence of death for murder, of which Dr. T. M. T. McKennan was the medical expert, last week made its report declar- ing Hillman insane, the expert express- ing the opinion that he had never been sound mentally, that his nature was of the lowest grade, that he was, besides, subject to epileptic fits, and that at least 75 per cent. of epileptics are insane.

The postoffice department is contem- plating a new form of postal money order. If introduced it will be made to conform to the size of an ordinary bank check, and the marginal figures hereto- fore printed on the money order will no longer be used. A receipt will also be given the remitter at the time of the pur- chase of the order. The new form will be much more convenient for handling by the people and the banks, and we are informed that it will be brought into use by September 15, 1899.

Over $11,000 from fees derived from permits to sell oleomargarine have been paid into the State Treasury by the De- partment of Agriculture since the license law went into effect on June 1st. Most of the licenses came from the western part of the State, especially from Pitts- burg, which, before the passage of the law, was a hotbed of illegal oleomarga- rine sellers. A suit will soon be brought in the courts to test the constitutionality of the "coloring" clause of the new law, which forbids oleo being colored to imi- tate butter.

In August of this year York county will be 150 years old and preparations are being made to celebrate the sesqui-cen- tennial by a jubilee beginning Sunday, September 3d, and ending in a blaze of fireworks Wednesday, September 6th. York county was originally a part of Chester county. When it was found in 1729 that it was practically impossible to administer justice and carry on the other duties of county government with only three counties, Chester, Philadelphia and Bucks, all of what is now Lancaster coun- ty and the Chester county territory west of the Susquehanna, south of the South mountains became Lancaster county. Another division became imperative in 1749 and the formation of York county, the first county erected west of the Sus- quehanna River was authorized by an act of Assembly passed August 19th, 1749. The territory then embraced in the limits of York county has since been di- vided by the formation of Adams county, which occurred January 22d, 1800.

Among remarkable cases of mistaken identity on record, two of the extraordi- nary occurred recently in New York and Philadelphia. In both cases, the wives of missing men positively identified the remains of dead men as those of their husbands and the bodies were prepared for burial. The Philadelphia case was that of Benjamin F. Grayson, of 4105 Girard Avenue. He disappeared from home on Saturday and the following Monday his wife identified a body found in the Delaware as that of the missing man. The clothing, marks, and even the strange circumstances of a broken finger and toe on the missing man, the color of eyes and hair, and some irregularities of the teeth, were found on the corpse. Arrangements for the funeral were in progress when the missing man rang the bell of his home and gave his family a genuine surprise. The New York case was similar in most respects, except that the funeral had started when the missing husband appeared, and thus escaped be- ing buried by proxy.

Messrs. Auman and Bittner have com- pleted a large barn for William P. Hay, near Lavansville.

Miss Grace Bradley, of Jeanette, is the guest of her cousin, Miss Nora Belle Walter, at Rockwood.

Marcellus Weimer, the heavy-weight merchant at Edie, is erecting a handsome residence and storeroom.

Editor Charles E. Herr, of the Butler Record, is visiting at the home of his brothers and sisters on Main street.

Mrs. Joseph R. Patton, of Pittsburg, is visiting at the Main street residence of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Uhl.

Mr. George W. Pile, who is engaged in the grocery business at Altoona, spent Sunday at the home of his mother in this place.

Mrs. William McCullough and her daughter, Mrs. John Brooks, of Allegheny, are guests at the residence of Mr. M. J. Black.

Miss Huston, of Morgantown, West Va., is a guest at the home of her relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Huston, on Main Cross street.

Mrs. A. J. Scheil and daughter, Miss Lucy, of Connellsville, are visiting at the residence of their relative, Mrs. George W. Pile, on North street.

Miss Ida H. Taylor, of Pittsburg, a recent graduate of the Bethany, West Va., College, is visiting with a number of her schoolmates in this place.

Jacob J. Miller and wife, of Pittsburg, and Wallace Miller, of Uniontown, are visiting at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel S. Miller, on the North Side.

Mrs. Hannah Lindsey, of Allegheny, who has been a visitor in this place dur- ing the heated season for a number of years, is a recent arrival at the Highland Inn.

Ira S. Shaffer, of Ligonier, and Miss Lizzie Brendle, of Edie, were united in marriage on July 6th, at the Reformed parsonage, in Jennertown, Rev S. C. Long officiating.

Wm. Dickey and Wm. Hearing, of Lavansville, have gone to Markleys- burg, Fayette county, where they will erect a creamery for farmers residing near that place.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Coffroth, accom- panied by their son and daughter, left last week for a visit to Mrs. Coffroth's old home in Chester county. They will be absent for two weeks.

Messrs. Joseph Shultz and Jacob Friedline left yesterday on a western trip. They will visit with friends and relatives in Kansas, Nebraska and Iowa and expect to be absent for six weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry B. Colborn, of Frostburg, Md., spent Sunday at the home of the former's father, Hon. A. J. Colborn, in this place, stopping off on their return from a visit to Philadelphia.

Rev. E. P. Brand, of Bloomington, Ill., is a guest at the residence of his relatives, Dr. and Mrs. G. B. Hough, on Patriot street. Rev. Brand is Superintendent of Church Missions for the State of Illinois.

Charles Brubaker, a carpenter residing in Windber, fell from a scaffold on the steeple of the new United Brethren church at that place on Tuesday after- noon and sustained serious injuries, which, it is feared, may prove fatal.

John H. Uhl, Esq., will sail from New York on August 24 for a six weeks' visit to Europe. His son Russell, of Wilkes- barre, will be his traveling companion. They expect to spend most of their time in traveling through England and France.

Miss Louise O. Scull left Saturday evening for Cleveland, where she joined a party of friends, who sailed from that port last evening on a tour of the Great Lakes. The party will spend a short time at Duluth before starting on the return trip.

Doctor George Countryman returned home last week from Connellsville, where for eight weeks he had been an inmate of the Cottage Hospital, suffering from a broken leg. He is now able to get about with the aid of crutches but hopes to be well enough in a few days to cast them aside. The Doctor speaks in the highest terms of the medical staff of the Hospital.

Austin Weimer, a prominent resident of Middlecreek township, died July 18th, aged 49 years, 3 months and 22 days. He had been ill for several years and his death was not unexpected. The funeral took place Friday, the services being conducted by Elder Peter Vogel, of the Disciple Church. Interment was made in the Barron Church Cemetery.

Mrs. Mary Clayton, a daughter of the late Judge Black, is a guest at the High- land Inn. She was born in this place but removed to York with her parents when the Judge's prominence in State and National affairs compelled him to acquire a residence convenient to Harrisburg and Washington. Her husband, Major Clay- ton, was a paymaster in the regular army at the time of his death, a few years since.

Rev. J. J. Welch, pastor of the Friedens Lutheran charge, has so far recovered from the injuries he sustained in a run- away several weeks since as to be able to resume his pastoral work. He requests the HERALD to announce that he will conduct sacramental services in the Friedens church, Sunday morning next, and in the Wills' church, on the following Sunday, August 6th.

Mrs. Theodore Woods, wife of a wealthy and prominent resident of McKeesport, died at the Somerset House, at 8:30 o'clock Thursday morning, after a sickness of a few days. Her husband and two daughters, Mrs. A. E. Bowman, of Scottdale, and Miss Annie, were at her bedside when the end came. The Woods family have been spending the summer months in this place during the past twenty years and were well known to many of our people. Deceased was seventy-one years of age.

On Tuesday, July 18th, at the home of the bride's mother—Mrs. Mary E. Snyder—in New Centreville, Mr. Peter Lanning, of Sabetha, Kansas, and Miss Mary E Snyder were united in marriage. The ceremony was performed by Rev. A. B. Miller. The bride was one of the active members of the Lutheran Church of New Centreville, always, when possible, in her place in the congregation, the Sunday School, and the Christian Endeavor Soci- ety. The best wishes of her many friends accompany her to her new home in Kan- sas, for which place she started on the evening of her wedding-day.

A party of B. & O. officials visited Some- rset Saturday morning, when they made a critical examination of the company's property in this place. It is understood that as a result of their inspection they will recommend that the present station- house be either torn down or remodeled so as to comply with the requirements of the patrons of the road and to conform to modern ideas of architecture. Somerset is one of the most important as well as one of the largest revenue-producing sta- tions on the Pittsburg Division, and there is no good reason why the old "shack" now utilized by the company's employes and the general public should not be re- placed by a station of modern design, and equipped with such conveniences as the patrons of the road are entitled to enjoy.

Frederick Lutus, Jr., the well-known mute blacksmith, died very unexpectedly at the residence of his father, on Main street, last Thursday evening, from cramp colic, aged 35 years. Deceased was an ex- cellent mechanic. Notwithstanding his great affliction and inability to secure an education, he showed a marked degree of intelligence and was able to perform any work assigned to him, even to welding delicate and intricate pieces of mechan- ism not usually entrusted to ordinary blacksmiths. He was able to communi- cate with his friends and customers by means of signs and sounds that were un- intelligible to all save those who, through long association, had become familiar with his methods of conveying thought. He had amassed considerable property, which, it is reported, he bequeathed to his sister. The funeral took place Satur- day afternoon.

The Annual reunion of Lutherans at Markleton, next Tuesday, promises to attract an immense crowd.

A fire department has been organized at Windber, largely through the efforts of Editor Claar, of the Era.

Maul & Son, masons, S. Freidline, car- penter, and W. W. Crise, plasterer, are constructing a fine storebuilding for Merchant Bennett, at Bakersville.

The Lutheran congregation of Bakers- ville and Lavansville have raised a purse of $38, which will be forwarded to Rev. Kuhlman, a former pastor, whose Ne- braska home was recently destroyed by a cyclone.

Letters addressed to the following named persons remain uncalled for at the post office: Jesse Bosworth, Chas. Conner, Geo. Fisher, David McIntire, Solomon Rhoads, M. G. Speicher, T. Yester, Geo. Grier.

The Lutheran League Convention Thursday evening and Friday morning, at Lavansville, promises to be a success- ful affair, delegates from all sections of the county having announced their inten- tion to be present.

The Frostburg Band has been secured to furnish music at the Reformed Reu- nion at Rockwood on Thursday, August 17th. This band is composed of over thirty pieces and bears the reputation of being the finest musical organization in Western Maryland.

The directors of Larimer township have employed teachers for the coming school term as follows: Sand Patch, ad- vanced, E. G. Bowman; primary, Miss Dull; Witt, Kate Rhoads; Wittenberg, Mr. Hoffmyer; Pine Grove, W. D. Sech- ler; Geiger, C. W. Duppstadt.

Jennertown's "Boy Preacher," Master Witt, occupied the pulpit in the United Evangelical Church, at Husband, Sunday evening. He was greeted by an audience that crowded the house, and was highly complimented by many of those who heard his effort. Master Witt is only thirteen years old.

A large barn on the farm of Charlotte Leviston, near Holsopple, was struck by lightning during a thunderstorm on Thursday evening. George Oaks, tenant of the property, and his two sons were badly shocked. The barn did not take fire. The large tent of a show that was holding forth at Holsopple, was wrecked by the same storm, and was delayed from doing business until Saturday.

Mr. Norman Snyder and Miss Carrie J. Stahl, of Edie, were united in mar- riage at 5:30 o'clock Thursday evening at at the Reformed Church parsonage in Jennertown, by Rev. S. C. Long. There were no attendants. Mr. Snyder is a son Jonathan Snyder, and his bride is a daughter of Mr. August Stahl, both of Edie. Mr. Snyder and bride will make their home in Edie.

Aaron Fleishaurer, aged seventy-two years, died at the home of his son-in-law —Worthington Picking—in Jenner town- ship, Wednesday night last, of general debility. Mr. Fleishaurer's wife and son are dead. He is survived by the fol- lowing children: Mrs. George Sloan, of the Eighth Ward, Johnstown; Christ, of Hooversville; Mrs. Worthington Pick- ing, of near Jennertown, and Mrs. Lam- ison, at home with Mr. and Mrs. Picking.

The HERALD has been requested to di- rect the attention of the borough police officer to the conduct of certain young men who seem to make a practice of lounging about the various church en- trances at late hours every pleasant night, where they feast on watermelons, and before retiring tramp the rinds and seeds over the steps and sidewalks. There is a borough ordinance forbidding nui- sances of this kind, and violators will doubtless be properly "soaked" when brought before the Mayor.

A bold daylight robbery was commit- ted at Hooversville last Thursday, while Hannah Speicher, a blind lady living on Water street, was alone in the house, her housekeeper having gone out shopping. The thief, entering the house, took hold of her and rifled her pockets of $2 75, all the money she had about her person. After he had decamped, she called to her neighbors, but the thief had made good his escape, and there is no clue to his identity.

At a meeting of the Brothersvalley township school board Saturday the fol- lowing named teachers were employed for the ensuing term: Fairview, W. W. Blough; Plank Road, J. H. Hentz; Flick- inger, Ella Beachley; Sanner, J. Cole- man; Factory, P. W. Miller; Buffalo Valley; H. H. Hay; Cross Roads, P. G. Cober; Pine Hill, Lizzie Stahl; Hay's Mill, Miss McCluskey; Sugar Grove, Miss Krissinger; Pleasant Valley, A. B. Cober; Sandy Hollow, G. B. Rayman; Walker, Lizzie Miller; Miller, Cora Suder.

Joseph Blough, a veteran of the Civil War, who suffered for years from the effects of injuries received at Spottsylva- nia Court House in the memorable battle of the Wilderness, died at his home in Johnstown at 5:40 o'clock Friday evening, at the age of 57 years, 2 months and 19 days. Mr. Blough was born in Cone- maugh township, Somerset county, and was a son of Jacob and Sarah Blough. There he spent his days until he was 22 years of age, when he, with 12 others, enlisted to serve in the gallant Fifty- fourth regiment, Pennsylvania volun- teers, which was recruited in this locality. By some mistake the 12 recruits were placed in Company F, Fifty-fifth Penn- sylvania volunteers, and before the error was rectified he was wounded in the neck and in the shoulder at Spottsylvania Court House fight of the battle of the Wildnerness. After he received wounds that almost caused his death in the battle- field, Mr. Blough was sent home on a furlough, and on his return to service, he and the others of the 12 men who had not been killed or had not died of disease, were transferred to Company C of the Fifty-fourth regiment, for which they had enlisted. He was mustered out of service May 31, 1865, after the declaration of peace. After his return to this locality, Mr. Blough married Mrs. Susan Stahl of Somerset county. Nearly all his entire time has been actively spent in Johns- town.—Johnstown Democrat.

The Tenth Pennsylvania Regiment, now on the way home from Manila, is ex- pected to reach San Francisco early next week, probably on Sunday. The Regi- ment will be kept in camp at San Fran- cisco for ten days before starting for Pennsylvania, and when it reaches Pitts- burg the soldier boys will be given an enthusiastic reception by the residents of that city and surrounding towns. The citizens of Greensburg, Mt. Pleasant, Connellsville, Uniontown, Monongahela City, Waynesburg, Washington and New Brighton, and other home points of the Tenth boys, are arranging to tender the various companies and individual members of companies such public re- ceptions as their heroic conduct richly merits. Up to this time the people of Somerset have taken no steps looking towards tendering a public reception to the two members of the Tenth from this place—Howard Cromwell and Joseph Levy—both of whom promptly volun- teered at the first call of President Mc- Kinley. Young Cromwell was twice wounded in the first battle in the Phi- lippines, at Malate, and his heroic con- duct on that occasion has been comment- ed on by all of his comrades in their let- ters home. Levy, also, received a bap- tism of fire and discharged his duty to his country with courage and fidelity. The young men mentioned are not the only members of the Fighting Tenth who claim Somerset county as their home; young Kessler, of near Ursina, and young Riffle, of New Baltimore, are also members of that Regiment, the former having received a slight wound in an engagement with the insurgents, but it is not probable that the two last named will come to Somerset with Levy and Cromwell. However, the patriotic peo- ple of Somerset should arrange to ex- tend a public testimonial to all of them.

TWICE SENTENCED TO DEATH.

New Trial Refused Samuel Peter Meyers, the Slayer of Michael Carney and John Lenhart.

UNPARALLELED CASE.

Defendant Attempted to Make a Statement Before Sentence Was Imposed—His Attorneys Will Ask the Governor to Appoint a Commission to Inquire Into His Sanity.

The application of Samuel Peter Meyers—twice convicted of murder in the first degree—for a new trial was refused by the Court Thursday morning, and im- mediately thereafter sentence of death was twice imposed upon the doomed man, first for the killing of Michael Car- ney and afterward for the killing of John Lenhart.

Court convened at 8:30 o'clock. Imme- diately after taking his seat on the bench Judge Longenecker announced that the Court, after carefully considering the ar- guments of defendant's attorneys for a new trial, had arrived at the conclusion that the prisoner had been fairly tried and fairly convicted and that no suffi- cient reason having been offered for a re- trial the application was therefore denied.

District Attorney Meyers made a for- mal motion that sentence be imposed.

"You can stand up," said Judge Long- enecker, addressing the prisoner. Mey- ers sprang to his feet. Great beads of perspiration appeared on his brow and trickled down his cheeks. His legs were unsteady and he shifted the weight of his body from one foot to the other, while his hands moved convulsively, as though grasping for support.

"Have you anything to say why sen- tence of death should not be imposed?" inquired His Honor.

"Yes, sir;" replied the defendant. "There are a great many things I would like to say to your honors before I am sentenced to drop through that trap over there (referring to the death trap in the county prison which has been in view of the prisoner ever since his incarceration last September), but I am too weak to stand and wish you would let me talk from a chair."

Judge Longenecker told the defendant he could sit down, when Meyers dropped into a chair and placed his feet on one di- rectly in front of him, and facing the bench.

"It will take me a good while," he con- tinued, "as I would like to go over all of the testimony given against me and point out where it was not true. It is hard to think that my old daddy would testify in that way against me." Here Judge Longenecker interrupted the prison- er, stating that the Court was willing to hear anything he had to say why sen- tence should not be imposed, but was un- willing to enter into a discussion of the evidence adduced at the trial.

"Well, it is all clear to me now," con- tinued Meyers. "After this affair hap- pened I could not remember anything about it, but it has all come back to me now." Here he again referred to the death trap, when Judge Longenecker di- rected Attorney Holbert to try and im- press upon the defendant that the Court would hear any statement he might wish to make in regard to why sentence should not be imposed.

The defendant made several efforts to continue his remarks, but his sentences were disconnected and meaningless, and after a whispered consultation with At- torney Holbert, Meyers announced that he had nothing further to say.

Judge Longenecker commanded Mey- ers to stand up and as soon as he arose proceeded to pronounce sentence of death in the Carney case. Meyers stood erect and looked intently into the sole'nn countenance of the Judge while the fate- ful words were being spoken. Pausing only long enough to take a deep breath Judge Longenecker repeated the stereo- typed phrase, condemning the defendant to suffer ignominious death for the mur- der of John Lenhart.

When the trying ordeal was over Mey- ers resumed his chair and entered into a conversation with Attorney Holbert. Mr. Holbert intimated to the Court that he would appeal to Governor Stone to ap- point a commission of lunacy to inquire into the mental condition of the con- demned man before the Executive fixes upon a day for his execution.

Meyers was lead from the court house by Sheriff Hartzell, followed by two guards, and at 9:30 o'clock the doors of the county jail closed upon him, perhaps for the last time forever. The prisoner was reassigned to the cell he has occu- pied for ten months, and when a HERALD reporter visited the jail a few hours after- wards he found Meyers playing a game of checkers with a fellow prisoner.

Reasons Assigned for Asking a New Trial.

In addition to the alleged mental irre- sponsibility of their client counsel for Meyers urged that he should be granted a new trial for the reason that two of the jurors sitting in the Carney case had ex- pressed a conviction "that the defendant ought to have been hung," before they were called to sit in the case. The affida- vit of one Zachariah Christner, of Gar- rett, setting forth the above fact, was offered, when Judge Longenecker in- structed Meyers' attorneys to produce any witnesses they might have at Wednesday afternoon's session, to cor- roborate the statements made in the affi- davit. When court re-convened Wednes- day afternoon Zachariah Christner was called. He testified that he was present at the May session of Court when Meyers was convicted, and that before a jury was called to try the defendant for the mur- der of Carney, he heard an unknown man remark at the dinner table at Solo- mon Lenhart's, where two or more jurors were boarding, that "Meyers ought to be convicted and hung, and that he ought to have been hung before they brought him over here." Witness was unable to name the jurors who overheard the con- versation and could not identify them. He also acknowledged that he had made a mistake in asserting that it was a juror who made the remark.

Henry J. Baer and James J. Glessner, both of whom had boarded at Lenhart's and had afterwards been selected to sit on the jury in the case against Meyers for the killing of Carney, testified that some such remark as had been testified to had been made in their presence by a man named Poorbaugh, but that they had paid no attention whatever to it.

Attorneys claim that the Meyers case is without precedent in criminal juris- prudence. The books do not record an instance where a defendant has been twice convicted of first degree murder and twice sentenced to be legally execu- ted. Unless the Governor shall appoint a commission to inquire into the mental condition of the prisoner, which shall find him to have been irresponsible for his acts, he will be obliged to issue two death warrants directing the Sheriff of the county to execute Meyers. As a matter of course only one warrant can be carried out, and the second will have to be returned to the Court endorsed "Failure to carry out by reason of the death of de- fendant."

The double tragedy of which Meyers was convicted occurred at Garrett, Sep- tember 18, 1898. Carney was assisting the defendant's father in making some repairs to a house, the ownership of which was in dispute between the old man and his son, when the defendant shot him in the back. Lenhart was deputized to as- sist in the arrest of the murderer and when he entered the house in which Meyers had taken refuge, he was shot down in his tracks.

The White-Howard-Philpot feud, which recently led to the killing of five men in a day, drew the Philpots to Manchester, Ky., Saturday, for their examining trial. There were sixty men in the crowd, all armed with pistols and repeating rifles. The cases were postponed until Monday.

Preacher on Amusements.

Rev. G. E. Hawes, of the Braddock U. P. Church, who recently came from Ore- gon and has a breezy Western style of speaking, created quite a sensation last Thursday evening in the annual Convention of the Young People's Union of the Westmoreland United Presbyterian Church. He said that there were four forms of popular amusement in the world to-day — wine drinking, dancing, card- playing, and theatre going—but of these he said he would strike out that of wine drinking, as he thought the members of the Union did not indulge in anything of that kind, but on the others he was not so lenient, and talked very plainly.

He spoke against dancing, and said that he did not want any person to think he was in favor of many other games in- dulged in by some young people, as tak- ing for example, the games of forfeits, where the only successful termination of the game was when some of the girls taking part were Hobsonized by the young men. The preacher said it was all right for boys to have stag dances in the barn and the girls to dance among them- selves in their parlors, but the intermin- gling of the sex was the evil of the pleas- ure.

He also spoke of the bad effects that vaudeville shows had on the young, and most every one who attended them was convicted of wrongdoing by their own conscience. He thought performances given by Edwin Booth, Mary Anderson, and Joe Jefferson could be attended with- out any harmful results, but it was usually the other kind that attracted the people.

The climax came in Rev. Hawes' sensational speech, however, when he in- quired for a deck of cards and three of his brother ministers to assist him in a game of stud-poker, and, no one coming to the front with the cards, he requested the pastor of the church, Rev. W. K. Fulton, to clear the floor and call the figures for a dance. This brought up no response, and he then proposed to have some of the ministers present to get up a show and give the performance on the pulpit.

Who Wants a Bird Book?

There will soon be 15,000 pamphlet cop- ies of a work prepared at the Department of Agriculture to distribute among the farmers of the State, the official title of which is "The Disease and Enemies of Poultry," but which is better known as the second edition of the famous "Bird Book." The bill for printing it, $57,000, will be paid to Clarence M. Busch under a decision of the Supreme Court made last week, reversing a decision of the Dauphin County Court and ordering a peremptory mandamus to issue for pay- ment.

Since the beginning of the controversy thus ended 15,000 books have been stored in Harrisburg, but they will now have to be delivered to the Senate and House, and each member of the Legislature of 1897 will get his share. All the books have paper sides to conform to the word "pamphlet," and to be of any use they will have to be rebound.

Surprising Conduct of an Old Well.

Cincinnati Inquirer, July 10th.

The town well which has supplied citi- zens with water for the past eighty years at Flemingsburg, Ky., to-day began fill- ing with crude oil. Barrels of the oil have been pumped out and carried away, and the supply seems to be inexhausti- ble. To-night the town is wild with the oil fever, and a movement is on foot to or- ganize a company to develop the well. The town is brilliantly lighted to-night by the flames from oil poured in the streets and gutters, and a general celebra- tion is in progress. No signs of oil in this vicinity have ever been observed before, and the superstitious ones are inclined to look upon the wonderful phenomenon of to-day as "uncanny." Business men, however, are jubilant.

Water Your Horses Often.

From the Philadelphia Ledger.

Dr. J. H. Herster, the well-known vet- erinarian, says: In this hot weather too much stress cannot be laid on the impor- tance of watering horses often and always before feeding. Nothing is so refreshing to a tired horse as a drink of pure water, not excepting his feed. By far the largest proportion of the animal body is composed of water, and the system can not be kept in a normal condition unless it is supplied very liberally with this fluid. This need of a liberal supply of pure water is no less great in disease than in health. Too often when a horse is a little "off his feed" his water supply is restricted, adding to his misery. In any and every disease a horse will do better if allowed all the water he wants than if his supply is re- stricted. Do not mistake this statement. It does not mean that a horse should be allowed to drink a large quantity of water at any one time. He should be offered a small quantity every twenty or thirty minutes until he has had all he wants. Then, if a pail of fresh water is kept constantly before him he will never take enough at one time to hurt.

To Incorporate a Borough.

Public notice of the intended application for a borough charter must be first given in at least one newspaper of the county, for thirty days before the appli- cation is made. Every application of the inhabitants of any town or village to be- come a borough must be in writing and must be signed by a majority of the free- holders residing within the proposed limits. The signatures of the freehold- ers must have been attached to the appli- cation "within three months immediately preceding its presentation to the court." The application must be in writing; must set forth the name, style or title of the proposed borough; and should contain a particular description of the bounda- ries, exhibiting the courses and distances in words at length, and be accompanied with a plot or draft of the same. A sworn copy of the published notice should be at- tached to the application with an affida- vit that it has been made not less than thirty days before the time of application.

The application must be addressed to the Court of Quarter Sessions, and after being filed in the office of the clerk should be presented to the court at the regular term of that court, and by the court sent to the grand jury. The grand jury, after hearing witnesses and counsel, make their report to the court, after which nothing is done until the next term of Quarter Sess- ions Court, when, if there are no except- ions, the action of the grand jury may be confirmed, which would be final, un- less appealed from in twenty days. Ex- ceptions or remonstrances to this confirm- ation may be filed, which may further delay the matter.

Give the Children a Drink

called Grain-O. It is a delicious, appe- tizing, nourishing food drink to take the place of coffee. Sold by all grocers and liked by all who have used it because when properly prepared it tastes like the finest coffee but is free from all its injur- ious properties. Grain-O aids digestion and strengthens the nerves. It is not a stimulant but a health builder, and chil- dren, as well as adults, can drink it with great benefit. Costs about ¼ as much as coffee. 15 and 25c.

Southern California had two sharp earthquakes on Friday.

During the fiscal year ended July 30, 1899, the immigration to this county footed up 311,715.

Colin C. Tome has sued Constable George Pierce, of Lancaster, for $1000 damages for arresting him without a warrant.

A shot fired by a highwayman wounded George Wintrowd, a rich farmer, in the head, near Kokomo, Ind., but frightened his team so that they ran away, and he thus escaped robbery.

Philanthropic James McIntyre, a well- to do man of Blair township, Blair county, Thursday laid out a cemetery on his farm for the free use of his neighbors. He was driving a post in the fence around it when stricken with fatal paralysis.

ANSWERS McKINLEY'S CRITICS.

Senator Platt Shows How the President's Hands Were Tied.

In a lengthy statement issued Wednes- day night Senator Platt, of New York, makes forcible reply to the criticism that has lately been growing more violent against McKinley in his conduct of the present war. He does not attempt, says he, to answer "those who are advocating a policy of cowardice and national dis- honor," but addresses those who are ap- prehensive that the government is not taking and has not taken the necessary measures to crush the insurrection.

The Senator reviews the gains of terri- tory and the advances towards friendly relations with many towns and islands that have already been made and reiter- ates the charge that the insurrectionists' only hope now is in a reported general opposition among the American people to the prosecution of the war, and a fixed purpose on the part of the political party about to come into power to withdraw the American army and to recognize the government of Aguinaldo. "There can be," he claims, "no question of the sub- stantial truth and accuracy of this infor- mation. It comes from too many differ- ent sources and from sources too high and honorable in character to admit of doubt."

In answer to the complaint that after it was clear that our government would hold the Philippines the President failed to send sufficient force to capture the islands, Mr. Platt calls attention to the fact that under the peace protocol the United States was for a time estopped from send- ing troops. No large force was there when the Filipinos made their first at- tack because our government was re- strained by two circumstances—good faith with Spain and the laws of Congress under which the army had been created. The French Ambassador appeared at the White House with a proposal to end the war almost before the American army had been equipped to take the field. In July, 1898, we had sent to the Philippines nearly twenty thousand men. Commo- dore Dewey had advised the government that 5,000 would be sufficient. It was General Miles' opinion that 12,000 were surely enough, but the President, acting upon his own wise judgment, had dis- patched 20,000. The only work then ex- pected of them was to fight and defeat the Spaniards at Manila, and at the time when the President dictated the language of the peace protocol the American army stood confronting the Spanish intrench- ments.

"And who could then foresee that this force was not sufficient? A conflict with the Filipinos was not then anticipated. Their army, it is true, had been assembled on the outskirts of Manila. But it was generally supposed to be a friendly rath- er than a hostile army. Its leaders had been ardent with the assurances of their friendship and confidence. They had proclaimed a republic, to be sure, and had asserted a government; but there was nothing in the attitude they then as- sumed which could justify the belief that their guns were going to be aimed at the flag which had set them free. Even had the President been at liberty under the terms of the peace protocol to increase the Philippine army, and even had the men available for service there been ready for transportation, no wise coun- sellor would have advised sending them. Indeed, the very thing that brought on the conflict with Aguinaldo was the dis- patch of a small force intended to take the places of those whose terms of enlist- ment had expired, and who had already been brought home."

The dilatoriness in ratifying the Treaty of Peace and the protracted fight against the Army Bill, in which he says the Democrats had the hardihood to declare that the troops "were to be used here and not in Manila," caused great loss of time and opportunity. Then when the bill at last was passed in unsatisfactory shape he had an unexampled task. "He had at once to reduce an army of 65,000 regu- lars to an army of 27,000, mustering out 8,000 men; he had to enlist an equal num- ber of regulars to take the places of those mustered out; he had to organize the new regulars, to provide transportation for them to Manila, to transport back the army then and there, and at the same time, and all the while, to prosecute the war. This is what he has been doing during the last four months. Under the terms of the Army Bill 45,000 regulars have already been enlisted, and have taken the places of an equal number of men who have been formally mustered out. Ten new regiments of volunteers are now organizing. General Otis has been supplied already with 22,000 regu- lars, having two years of service before them. And all the while the fighting at Luzon had been maintained, with the re- sult already described in this statement. What more could be asked or expected? What possible criticism can be passed upon the intelligence or the foresight with which these difficult and complicat- ed affairs have been conducted? What, indeed, can be said, except in warm and generous praise both of the Administra- tion at home and of the army abroad?"

ATLANTIC CITY, ETC.

Fifteen-day Excursions to the Atlantic Coast Resorts via Pennsylvania Rail- Road.

Thursdays, August 3 and 17, are the dates of the remaining Pennsylvania Railroad low-rate fifteen day excursions to Atlantic City, Cape May, Ocean City, Sea Isle City, Avalon, Anglesea, Wild- wood, Holly Beach, N. J., Rehoboth, Del., or Ocean City, Md.

A special train of Pullman parlor cars and day coaches will leave Pittsburg on above-mentioned dates at 8:55 A. M., ar- riving at Altoona 12:15 P. M., where stop for dinner will be made, reaching Phila- delphia 6:25 P. M., and arriving at Atlan- tic City, via the Delaware River Bridge route, the only all-rail line, at 8:40 P. M. Passengers may also spend the night in Philadelphia, and proceed to the shore by any regular train from Market Street Wharf or Broad Street Station on the fol- lowing day.

A stop-over of ten days will also be al- lowed at Philadelphia on the going trip, if passengers will deposit their tickets with the Ticket Agent at Broad Street Station, Philadelphia, immediately on ar- rival.

Tickets will be sold from the stations at the rates named below:—

	Train leaves.	Rate.
Pittsburg	10:00 A. M.	$9 55
Connellsville	10:50 "	7 32
Johnstown	9 25 "	11 04
Hyndman	7 50 "	8 28
Atlantic City—Arrive	8:40	———

Tickets will also be good on regular trains leaving Pittsburg at 4:50 and 8:30 P. M., carrying sleeping cars to Philadel- phia, and 7:05 P. M., carrying Pullman sleeping cars through to Atlantic City.

For detailed information in regard to rates and time of trains apply to ticket agent or Mr. Thomas E. Watt, District Passenger Agent, Pittsburg.

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Waists at 75cts will sell for 50 cts.
Waists at 50cts will sell for 39 cts.

LAWNS.

Lawns worth 5 cts will go at 3½ cts.
Those at 12½, 15 and 18c will go at 10c.
Many other bargains will be offered in this department.

LADIES' GAUZE VESTS

Will go at 2 for 5 cents. Only a few remaining.

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We are at present offering to the men a special bargain in this line (20 cts each) not a great quantity left.

Everything that partakes of Summer Goods will be sold regardless to cost and satisfaction guaranteed. We can not enumerate with perfect satisfa