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W. J. BURNS ELECTED CHAIRMAN

The school board of 1906-7 organize Tuesday eve, all the old officers being re-elected with the exception of Rob ert Adams, chairman, who retired from the board. W. J. Burns was made

7:30 o'clock with all the members pre sent as follows: Adams, Orth, Harpel, Burns, Pursel, Haring, Werkheiser, VouBlohn, Fischer, Trumbower, Heiss

auditor's report. The annual report of the district was accepted, after which it was ordered to be signed by the proper officers and forwarded to

On motion of Mr. Trumbower a vot Adams, the retiring president, for the courteous and efficient manner in which he presided over the school board. Mr. Adams in acknowledging the vote of thanks took occasion to ay that the past year, during which he occupied the chair, was one of the most pleasant of his life due to the harmony prevailing in the board and the courtesy that was extended to him by the individual members. A vote of thanks in succession was extended to the secretary, Mr. Orth, the treasurer Mr. Schram, each of whom made a nice little speech in acknowledgement. Lastly the AMERICAN came in for a vote of thanks for the careful and accurate manner in which it presented the proceedings of the school board

during the year.

A few minutes after 8 o'clock the school board adjourned sine die. The retiring members withdrew, after which Mr. Burns was called to the chair as temporary president. Mr. Orth coming members by A. H. Grone as follows: J. W. Swartz, first ward: N. Pursel, second ward; Jacob Fish

third ward; D. Aust Lutz, fourth ward.
Mr. Pursel nominated William J.
Burns to be permanent president. Dr.
Harpel seconded the motion. He was unanimously elected. On motion the salary of the secre

was fixed at the same figure as

last year.

Mr. Trumbower moved that W. H.
Orth be elected as secretary. Mr. Fischer seconded the motion. Mt. Orth was On motion the salary of the treasur

the nomination. He was unanimously On motion it was decided that Ralph

On motion it was decided that Kaipo Kisner be re-elected as solicitor at the same salary, fifty dollars per year. On motion the meeting nights were fixed the same as last year—the second and fourth Mondays in the month,

The subject of tax rate occupied the board for half an hour and was ver thoroughly discussed. It seemed pretty clear to the members that six mills, last year's tax rate, is not high enough to meet the running expenses of th schools and to reduce indebtedness as required by law. On motion of Mi Haring it was ordered that the tax

ing purposes.
On motion of Mr. Fischer it was ordered that the board subscribe for eleven copies of the "Pennsylvania School Journal."

On motion it was decided that the coming school term be nine months long. On motion of Mr. Trumbower it was decided that the school term begin on the first Tuesday in Septem

annual statement be printed in the same papers as last year at the same

take place on Monday night. June 25th.

To Have Auto Circus

John T. Welsh, the well known show man, is to be manager next season of

JOHN SEES IS NOT GUILTY

John Sees, charged with murdering fieldld, whose case went on trial Friday afternoon, was found not guilty Saturday afternoon, the jury being out only forty minutes. The evidence was wholly of a circumstantial nature and seemed to lack the qualities either to secure conviction or to cause a division in the jury.

At 930 o'clock the defense opened. The first witness called was Dr. Sidney Hoffa. On November 4, 1908, he was called to the Sees home by the acting coroner to examine the dead hody of a child, which was thought to lave been foully dealt with Dr. Hoffa swore he found no marks of violence to justify such a suspicion and made a report to that effect to the coroner. He found no evidence that the skull was fractured. Marks or discoloration on a dead body such as found on the back of the child's head, might be due to coming in contact with hard substance, such as lying upon board. Found no marks of violence on body.

'Squire Daniel Rauk, acting coroner, was the next witness. He was with Dr. Hoffa when the latter examined the child and upon receiving the playsician's report decided that an inquest was not necessary.

on the defendant beyond a reasonable doubt.

At 1:30 o'clock Judge Evans deliver of his charge, which made the cours for the jury to pursue very plain. It proceeded to explain the law applicable to the case, defining murder it first and second degree and manislang ter as in the case of the Common wealth vs. Peter Dietrick. In the fir place it remained for the jury. to determine whether a murder had becommitted or in other words whether death had ensued from injuries inflicted by some one, and if so, whether thinguines had been inflicted by the defendant, with malice and intent. It his were so it would be for the jur to determine whether it was murde in the first or the second degree. If the jury found that the injuries we inflicted without malice or previous formed intent then the jury might fin a verdict of manislangher.

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evidence.

The case was given to the jury at 2 o'clock. The fact was appreciated that they had a difficult problem to contend with and an early verdict was not anticipated. Great was the surprise, therefore, when at 2:30 o'clock the jury came in with a verdict. By that time the court room was pretty well cleared of spectators. As Sees was brought down from jail he was followed to the court house by a crowd of curious people anxious to hear the verdict.

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Castle Grove Golf Links.

P. E. Maus, who has charge of Castle Grove estate, yesterday stated that all the farms are looking exceedingly well. As these, however, are in the hands of careful tenants, at present they make no demands upon Mr.

sion are the golf links. These with a circus that will travel exclusively in automobiles. A company having \$200, 200 capital has been formed in Phila however, and keeps two men busy all however, and keeps two men busy all the time. The golf links contain actives that will travel exclusively many actives that will travel exclusively many actives that will travel exclusively many active to a constructed that they can be always at a time the mover has been for transportation to row. It proves a heavy task, however, and keeps two men busy all eights to to mane the enterprise and special motorwagons will be built to did not many active to gain root and these are for permit to gain root and the plan induced look feasible. Twenty of the exception of traveling from town to town by all as well as the many delays occasioned and for extra railway cars, and additional broses, make the plan indeed look feasible. Twenty of the form the motor cars will be used for transportation by this motor cars will be built as eages for the calcinge and the menageric, one for the calcinge and the form the motor cars will be used for transporting the particular to sufficient the carting of the properties are the first own the transportation of the properties are the continuous transportation and the circums personal transportation of the analysis of the properties are the continuous transportation of the cardinal transpo

THE DIOCESAN CONVENTION

WILLIAMSPORT, June 6th.—The second annual convention of the Harrisburg diocese of the Episcopal church between the Episcopal church the Episcopal church between the Episcopal church between

the former rector of Trinity church. He laid special stress on the work of the different rectors all over the dio-

There were torty-three clergy and sixty-one lay delegates present, rep-resenting twenty-four parishes and five organized missions. The follow-ing were elected as the lay members of the standing committee: Ivanhoe S. Huber, Shamokin; H. B. Meredith, Danville; H. N. North, Columbia; B. F. Myers, Harrisburg, and F. N. Page F. Myers, narrisoning and F. N. Fage, of Williamsport. Reports were received from all officers and committees of the diocese. The convention sat as a board of missions as W. F. Reynolds read a report of the board of managements.

jury. George Maiers, Jr., and John Dan-

OFFICERS MADE DIETRICH JURY

the former rector of Trinity church. He laid special stress on the work of the different rectors all over the diocese.

The reception at the home of Bishop Darlington was a delightful one in every respect. There were about five hundred people present. They were all afforded the opportunity of meeting bishop and Mrs. Paret. This was Mrs. Paret's first visit to this city. The entire house was opened to the guests and the affair proved to be one of the most pleasant social functions. Refreshments were served during the evening.

The convention came to a close with the session this morning, ending at 12 39 0 clock. The business was disposed of in a rapid manner. Several addresses were made by different clergymen and lay delegates. The convention opened at 9 30 clock. Host was assisted by the Revs. W. Northy Jones and E. N. Stebber.

At the business session the Rev. Mr. At the business session the Rev. Mr. Baker presented a report of the canon. There were forty-three clergy and sixty-one lay delegates present, representing twenty-four parishes and five organized missions. The following were elected as the lay members of the standing committee: I vanhoe properties and proventies of the standing committee: I vanhoe Peter Dietrich, see our the defendant was tried, and the jury requesting twenty-four parishes and five organized missions. The following were elected as the lay members of the standing committee: I vanhoe Peter Dietrich,

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Fred a report of the board of managers. Dietrich:

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WHOLESALE ARRESTS

with a value of \$26. The iron stolen was scrap iron and belonged to Benjamin Miller, junk dealer, of this city. It was, however, in the custody of tre D. J. & W. railroad company and the latter being responsible for its safety,

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The case was well worked and when the detective with the local officers as started out about 11 a. m. yesterday all the evidence was at hand and all the officers had to do was to gather in their men. They however, had a long and weary chase of it, which, under the oppressive heat, prevailing, because all the more fatiguing.

About the middle of the afternoon they rounded up three of the men 1897, he said, is exhausted and practi-

Lym and Ashton acknowledged their guilt before the justice, but Reed protested his innocence declaring that he had bought the iron of the other two. The justice, however, decided to hold all three for court and fixed bail at \$200 each. None of them procured bondsmen and in default of bail were

also arraigned before Justice Oglesby. also arraigned before Justice Oglesby, although the imformation lodged called for two. The individual captured was William McCann. His bail was Lillie M. Purpur, E. A. Adams likewise fixed at \$200. A bondsman, however, was not forthcoming and McCann joined the three other accus-

ed in Fort Maiers.

James Fahoy is one of the most skillfal officers in the employ of the D.
L. & W. railroad company. He was

street be sewered as the petition of of for commissioner was instructed to not one of the two men who so adroitly property owners to trim their treeffected the capture of the jail-break where these obstruct the light on t ers who escaped from Blooomsburg last month. To a representative of the American Tuesday Mr. Fahey described how the capture was effected. Connor, he said, is a most desperate man. He would have killed the partner of Mr. Fahes held not the latter was a second from the complete the rest trimmed at the owner's expense ent: Gibson, Vastine, Boyer, Sweis fort, Russell, Angle, Hughes, Deitz Mr. Fahes held not the latter was a second from the complete the region of the regi Mr. Fahey had not the latter by a and Bedea.
well directed blow with his blackjack

Tuesday was unique. He was look-ing over the different junk shops to see if he could detect any of the miss-ing scrap and happened to be at Ben-jamin Miller's place just when Reed brought a load of the iron there to This was a coincidence in itself but it was less odd than the fact that but it was less odd than the fact that the iron which Reed essayed to sell to Miller already rightfully belonged to the latter and had been purchased at Light Street, from which point Mr. Miller had loaded it on the cars and

in open court that a juror 'should be withdrawn and the cause continued over for the term;—Benjamin's L. Diehl, a juror, is accordingly withdrawn and the case continued over this term.

The twelve men sitting in the case were: Thomas Relfsnyder, Ralph Leighow, William L. Whipple, Gideon Hartman, Henry Wireman, B. L. Diehl, Theodore Doster, George B. Jacobs, James V. Gillaspy, William Smith, Andrew Kelly and Hiram Sandel. That they were much relieved when they learned that they were to be released goes without saying. Five minutes after they emerged from the court house there was hardly a juror to be seen, each having made a direct line for his own hearthstone. It is rumored that in the final dead-treatment of the same and the case of the seen of the seen and the seen that they were the seen that they were the seen that they were the seen that they say they can be seen, each having made a direct line for his own hearthstone. n open court that a juror should be discovered to be a weasel, which single

TAX RATE

James Fahey, a D. L. & W. railroad detective of Scranton, appeared in this city Tuesday morning and accompanied by Officers Mincemoyer and Voris started on the trail of several parties accused of stealing iron from the D. L. & W. cars.

The iron was taken on or about Saturday night and amounted to 2600 pounds with a value of \$26. The iron stolen was scrap iron and belonged to Benward of the practice of a little economy the rate was scrap iron and belonged to Benward of the proton of the present was scrap iron and belonged to Benward of the proton of the present was scrap iron and belonged to Benward of the proton of the present was scrap iron and belonged to Benward of the proton of the present was scrap iron and belonged to Benward of the proton of the present was scrap iron and belonged to Benward of the proton of the present was scrap iron and belonged to Benward of the proton of the present was scrap iron and belonged to Benward of the proton of the present was scrap iron and belonged to Benward of the proton of the pr

Borough Solicitor Gearhart calle the attention of council to the need of a new ordinance book. The issue of 1897, he said, is exhausted and practi About the middle of the afternoon a new ordinance book. The issue of they rounded up three of the men wanted and proceeded with them to the office of Justice of the Peace Oglesby, where they were duly arraigned. The information, made by officer James Fahey, set forth that on or about June 3rd at the furnace siding of the D. L. & W. railroad Joseph Reed, Frank Lynn and Charles Ashton did steal, take and carry away scrapiron in the quantity and at the value above named. rected to properly compile, prepa and index for the proper printing

from the worn out and disussand to sell the latter for junk.

A petition was received aski

street be sewered as the petition cal

Mayberry township, was badly shock Mayberry townsnip, was bady shoek ed with lightning during the heavy shower on Tuesday afternoon. She was stricken to the earth and for awhile it seemed that her case was hopeless, but in course of time by din of persevering effort she was final

The affair occurred while Veterin arian J. J. Kline of this city was a the farm. The veterinarian had ju completed treating the foot of an jured horse, when the shower began Jured norse, when the snower organ ic assume a very threatening mood. Nearly the entire family had gathered on the spot and were watching Dr. Kline as he operated on the horse. At the last moment they all turned to eek shelter in the house. They ha only proceeded a few steps when sin ultaneously a blinding flash of lightn ing and a peal of thunder occurred. A the same moment, Miss Bird, a youn lady some 22 years of age, dropped to

All realized that she had been struc All realized that she had been struck by the lightning and the first impres-sion was that the effects—were fatal. There was the most intense excitement about he place as the young lady was picked up and carried—into the house. It soon became evident, however, that she was only very badly shocked and

ided by the application of well know emedies she finally returned to co arm she was still suffering from the effects of the shock but there were no

E. L. Witman Was in Charge.

Borough Electrician Samuel H.

lones, after the latter's disappearan had taken it upon himself to look after the line, putting lamps in repair, re-carboning lights, etc. Had Witman not stepped into the work as he did the service would no doubt have been very much impaired before the com mittee on light fully awoke to the sit

by appointing him temporarily

The public servant who indulges crooked conduct is almost always tected, exposed and punished. The law of retribution takes care of him

THE DIETRICH

ad formed an opinion and was no ertain that he would not be influence

Others called in succession and re ected were: Ambrose A. Loye, An hony township—challenged perempt

rily by Commonwealth.

allenged peremptorily by defense James Gibson, fourth ward, Danville—challenged for cause by Common wealth. He had formed and expressed

m opinion, he said which he wa afraid might influence him.

Conrad Aten, third ward, Danville

ip, was the fourth man accepted. Patrick McBryan, fourth ward, Dan

George W. DeGreen, Derry township

William Heller, Mahoning township hallenged peremptorily by defense. William E. Miller, Mohoning town

Rush Yerrick, first ward, Danville,

challenged peremptorily by defense B. L. Diehl, Mahoning township was the seventh man accepted.

Leander Kocher, second ward,-

Edward Hallman, fourth ward,-

hallenged for cause by defense.

Jere Donovan, Mahoning township, challenged for cause by Com

W. C. Robbins, Liberty township-

hallenged for cause by defense. Peter M. Dietrich, Derry township, as one of the men called. He said he not related to the defendant, but was challenged peremptorily by the Commonwealth. Frank Straub, druggist at the State

ospital-challenged for cause by de-Isaac Acor, Anthony township, chal-enged peremptorily by Common-

Isaac Rank, second, ward-challeng

Theodore Doster and George B. Ja

cobs, our two townsmen, were called and accepted in succession, making the eighth and ninth juror. Jacob Aten, third ward,—challengd peremptorily by defense

Elias Lyon, third ward, -challeng d for cause by defense.

James Morrison, Mahoning town
thip,—challenged for cause. D. R. Williams, second ward, -chal

enged for cause by defense ected by the court that talesmen be ed. Sheriff Majers, being one ler, as two citizens, to summon tales nen. From that hour until adjournment a large number of men were call-d but the most of them were challeng-

ed. At adjournment William Smith of the second ward, Danville, and Andrew Kelley, of Liberty township, were added to the list of Jurors accepted raising the number up to eleven. Immediately after noon Hiram C, Saudel of West Hemlock township, was accepted which filled the panel.

dearhart opened for the Comi

The first witness called was Mrs. James A. Jones, who related what she saw when summoned to Dietrich's hotel after the shooting, in which her husband was the victim. She found

The next witness called was John rich's hotel and were joined by An drew Rogers. Woll and Jones had two glasses of beer when Rogers entered, after which they all three drank. Jones asked Dietrich to set them up. In com plying Dietrich requested Rogers to behind the bar and act as bar tend

or. Rogers complied and they drank rider, They then began talking about shooting. Dietrich had a gun in his hooting. Dietrich had a gun in ma hand. He had been drinking and was in pretty bad shape. The witness turn ed to drink his cider, and while his oack was turned the pistol was discharged. "Dietrich was fooling around with the pistol," Woll explained, showing how he used to shoot while in the west. Jones was reclining on a bench, leaning on his right arm with one foot on the floor. Before the shootng, Jones remarked to Dietrich that ing, Jones remarked to Dietrich that he did not believe he could hit anything. There was nothing to show Dietrich was angry and every one seemed to be in good humor. Such a thing as Dietrich shooting Jones was not dreamed of. When Dietrich found

that he had shot the man he said, "I didn't go to hurt him, no, no; Rogers Andrew Rogers was next called. It was he who joined Jones and Woll at Dietrich's hotel on the night of Feb-13th. After the two former had ple of glasses he entered the ho-"Dietrich came out from behind the bar," the witness said, "and stood talking with Jones at one end. Then

Andy, wait on us. 'I went back of the bar and tried it. They took beer and then they had them filled up again. Then Dietrich them filled up again. Then Dietrien said, 'Now drink on me,' and they all had cider. Then they got to talking about shooting cattle. Pete had been out west. Jones said, 'you can't shoot.' Pete then got the pistol out from under a cloth bearm. Jones He held the pistol on his arm. Jones the heuch. All at He held the pistol on his arm. Jones was reclining on the bench. All at once the pistol went off. Pete said: 'I shot up in the corner' and we all looked to see where he had shot. Then Woll said, 'What's the matter with Corky; he's so quiet. Corky; he's so quiet. Pete had the gun on his arm when he came out of the room and the shooting took place soon after. Pete had been drinking and was nervous. There was no bad feeling at all. Pete said he had shot up in the corner.

The witness said the last word uttered before the shooting was by Jones, who said, "I don't believe that you can hit anything." When he found that he had hit him Dietrich said, 'Oh, I didn't mean to hurt him; go and fetch a doctor."

Chief of Police Mincemoyer was called. He described his visit to Diet cich's hotel after the shooting. He searched the house for Dietrich, who was not to be found on the premises. Half an hour later they heard some es V. Gillaspy was the sixth man one walking upstairs. Mincemoyer,

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