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For Reliable

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Come and test the truth of our talk.

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We can sell you in stoves anything from a fine Jewel Base  
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Hot Air, Steam and Hot Water Heating and  
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For \$10.00 Suits that were \$16.00 to 22.00  
For \$15.00 Suits that were \$22.00 to 25.00  
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ple gowns of Voiles and Etamines that will be closed out  
at strikingly reduced prices. Come and see them.

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## "Not Guilty" Says the Jury.

**William Saam on Trial, Charg-  
ed with the Murder of His  
Aged Mother.**

The trial of William Saam, indicted for the murder of his mother at her home in Forks township last January, occupied the attention of the court until Thursday noon. The case was called at three o'clock Monday afternoon. The task of selecting a jury proved to be a difficult one. The entire panel of forty-eight names was exhausted and from that number only nine jurors were selected. It was then necessary to issue a special venire and summon additional jurors. This was done before the adjournment of court Monday. From the jurors thus summoned the box was finally filled and at 10:30 Tuesday morning the District Attorney opened the case for the Commonwealth.

The following named gentlemen were selected to decide as to the guilt or innocence of the accused: L. L. Ross, W. M. Edkin, Edward Holmes, Wm. Allen, J. H. Stackhouse, John Rosencrans, Sr., John Pennington, Frank Campbell, M. O. Barns, Ernest Gansel, Andrew Rose, John Waples.

The first two or three witnesses called, testified as to the time and place of the death of Mrs. Saam, and the circumstances attending the interment of the body. A niece of the dead woman testified as to her observing certain bruises and marks indicating violence and at her complaint to the District Atty. and the subsequent taking up of the body to await the coroner's inquest. This evidence was followed by that of Dr. McHenry, Coroner, who detailed the proceedings before the Coroner's jury.

Dr. W. F. Randall of Dushore, and Dr. Bird of Overton, were called and described minutely the condition of the body. Both testified that it was covered with bruises and wounds, showing that violence had been inflicted. The injury that in their opinion led to the death of Mrs. Saam was a puncture of the left lung by the fracture of one of the ribs.

John Saam, the aged husband of the dead woman and the father of Wm. Saam, the accused, was the next witness. He admitted that he had seen William Saam slap and otherwise abuse the deceased, but denied all knowledge of any deed of violence immediately preceding her death. He stated that she had been ill for a day or two and when he arose about five o'clock on the morning of January 25, he found her dead in her room.

Reuben Saam, a brother of Wm. Saam, testified that he had seen his brother William slap and otherwise abuse his mother and that such treatment was of common occurrence.

Several neighbors of the parties were called and all gave evidence of showing that Mrs. Saam was constantly ill treated by her son. One witness testified that on one occasion he saw William Saam knock his mother to the floor and that he had frequently seen him strike and beat her.

All the witnesses called by the Commonwealth gave evidence showing that Mrs. Saam was at various times subjected to gross ill treatment by her son. The last witness, Mrs. Vough, who lived but a short distance from the home of the deceased gave a graphic account of individual instances in which she had seen William beat his mother and locking her out of doors.

The defense opened Wednesday afternoon. The first witness called was Dr. W. H. Randall of Laporte who gave expert testimony relating to the condition of the dead woman. Counsel for the defense sought by this witness to alter somewhat the conclusions reached by Drs. W. F. Randall and Arthur Bird who performed the post mortem.

Wm. Saam was then called in his defense. He admitted that he had at times been compelled to use force to restrain his mother who he said

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was demented. He denied absolutely ever kicking or seriously injuring her in any way. He said he always gave her enough to eat and always took good care of her. He denied all knowledge of how any of the cuts or bruises came upon her body.

The jury retired to their room at 11:30 a. m. Thursday, and returned with a verdict of "not guilty" at 3:05 p. m. The testimony of William Saam bore that air of sincerity that it overbalanced the weight of the testimony given by the neighbors.

### EAGLES MERE.

There was a warm session of the Post Office Club the other night, and with a single exception, every motion had to be passed by the vote of the President, there being a tie vote. It was resolved that the Eagles Mere Land Co. should appropriate \$5,000 to remove their coal shed, the ice house and all other unsightly obstructions from the one hundred foot reservation, and to also make a neat path along the borders of the Lake.

Resolved that the Borough appropriate \$10,000 to build a town house and new school house.

Resolved that the Light Company appropriate \$65,000 to take down their poles and place the wires underground.

Resolved that the High Constable appropriate \$500 or so much of that sum as may be necessary, to build a pound for the occasionally stray cattle which parade our streets.

Resolved that the different hotels appropriate \$35,900, each, to give banquets to the Club, so that the members may get in touch with men of means and broad and progressive minds.

Resolved that the Water Company appropriate \$3435 to furnish free water for the Borough hydrants.

Resolved that the Eagles Mere R. R. appropriate 99c, or so much of that sum as the management thinks wise, in making the improvements at the station. The low appropriation the railroad is compelled to make, proves almost conclusively, that the rumors going the rounds about the President of the Club and the railroad Co. "making up" are correct.

The clerk of the Club was instructed to return to Kehr the burnt and raw peanuts, received at last meeting, and to get good ones instead. Sixty-five cents was then appropriated by the Club for fresh peanuts and current expenses. Several other appropriations were to be made, but a small boy called out that the cat fish were biting, and the meeting broke up without even passing a motion to adjourn.

The management of the W. & N. B. R. is putting forth every effort to make travel to Eagles Mere pleasant, prompt and safe. The timetable is soon to be changed so as to make close connections with every desirable Philadelphia and Southern connection. New and modern equipment will be put on the Eagles Mere Branch, and everything done to make the trip up the mountain from Sonestown attractive and comfortable.

Supt. Chase has had boat building experts at work overhauling the steamboat. The work has been thorough and much new and improved machinery has been added. The boat is now in as perfect condition as it was the day it was first put into the lake.

The poles for the new telephone line are being placed along the line.

A correspondent of the Hughesville Independent, has an able and sensible article in last week's issue of that paper, on the new libel law. As soon as people understand the new law, they will uphold it, and no Representative supporting it need be afraid of the newspapers "killing" his chances for re-election. The thinking voters of the state will not

allow it. The Independent deserves credit for publishing a correspondence so full of plain common sense.

The Light Company having purchased the main line of poles and wires between the power house and the village from the Penn. Telephone Co. it is necessary that the Telephone Co. shall construct another line for itself which it is now preparing to do. New poles have been distributed along the road and it is evident that a very substantial construction is intended. A question seems likely to arise between the Borough authorities and the Telephone Co. as to the privilege of setting up the new line of poles in the Borough.

Governor Pennypacker has notified the Post Office Club that they must be more careful in their proceedings for fear some one should suffer "mental distress" as the result of the Club's discussion of public affairs. Mr. Kehrer has countermanded part of his order for peanuts and the Club has adjourned out of respect to the Governor and may perhaps hold no further meetings until the expiration of the present gubernatorial term.

### SONESTOWN.

Memorial services will be held at 3 p. m. The general supervision of these services has been given to Mr. B. G. Welch who is working to make them successful. The choir of both churches will unite in furnishing music, and Rev. H. M. Ash of Muncy Valley will deliver the address. The church decorations will present some unique features in honor of both G. A. R. and P. O. S. of A. men. It is earnestly hoped that the people will not neglect these services. Can we not give these veterans one hour a year, in memory of their deeds, when they have given their years and their lives for the preservation of our beloved country. Let us show our appreciation of them by being present on Saturday.

Warren Gritman and mother of Nordmont, visited relatives in town on Sunday.

Miss Laura Harding of Hughesville, was the guest of Mrs. A. Converse last week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Warren and children are at Shunk for the summer.

Mrs. W. Sheets gave a party Wednesday evening at which over one hundred guests were present. Music, games and dancing were enjoyed and elegant refreshments were served.

Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Welch expect to leave next week for Eagles Mere. Their departure is sincerely regretted.

Mrs. Peter Gavit spent some time lately with her son at this place.

Ellery Swank, who is employed on the telephone line, with headquarters at Williamsport, made his parents a visit over Sunday.

Cards are out announcing the wedding, June 4th, of Miss Anna Rea to Prof. O. L. Davis, whose former residence was Laporte.

The infant daughter of H. D. Lockwood was buried on Monday. The little one had been ailing for some time. The parents have the sympathy of all.

Mrs. G. Phillips who has been in Williamsport, taking medical treatment for several weeks, returned home on Monday evening, somewhat improved in health.

R. S. Starr has built a slight addition to his home.

Mrs. A. T. Armstrong and daughters, Mary and Edna, visited at Strawbridge last week.

Mrs. Andrew Edger was in Williamsport on Monday.

Mrs. Chas. Hazen and son spent Sunday at Jersey Shore, with the former's brother.

Jeremiah Kelly of Hughesville, was in town Saturday.

The building of the clothes pin factory seems to mark a new epoch

in our picturesque little town. Everybody feels that Mr. McCartney's accession to the number of our residents is as much of a gain as his factory.

The railroad company with commendable energy extended the wide gauge track to the site of the building and put in a switch so that already the cars loaded with machinery are placed right in the yard of the establishment. In doing so the main track of the Eagles Mere R. R. has been put in perfect condition and compares favorably with the Penna. railroad.

The factory building is going up rapidly, the heavy timbers are in place, the frame up to the first floor and altogether it is evident that a few weeks will find us with "clothes pins to burn."

This enterprise leading to the extension of the main track with standard gauge offers most desirable locations for further industrial enterprise. Our people have a practical illustration of what they can do by pulling together and we look for further material progress.

Mr. A. T. Armstrong is said to have purchased the Hyman P. Hall property below town so as to improve his water power. A spirit of progress is evidently in the air.

### DUSHORE.

The supervisors of Cherry township were arrested on Wednesday last, charged with neglecting to remove the loose stones from the roads and otherwise putting them in a passable condition.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Beardsley, on May 21, a daughter.

Sailor Jan who is to visit every state capital in the United States, was in this place last Monday.

Dr. Alfred Bedford of San Bernardino, Cal, visited relatives here last week.

Mrs. W. W. Jackson gave a party last Saturday afternoon in honor of Mrs. Winnie Sturdevant. About forty guests were present, a number of them being from Laporte. Refreshments were served and the afternoon thoroughly enjoyed.

Dr. Hernan is in Philadelphia this week.

Commencement exercises on the evening of June 2.

Mark Searman of Wilkesbarre, was in town on business last week.

Mrs. E. P. Ingham and Mrs. E. M. Dunham of Laporte, were in town last Saturday.

Judson Harney of Tunkhannock, visited relatives here last week.

A game of base ball was played on Cronin's Flat on Saturday last between the first and second nine's of Dushore. The score ended in favor of Dushore's first nine.

Mrs. Frank Hoag and son of Ricketts, visited friends in town the early part of the week.

Saturday is Memorial Day. Special services will be held in Dushore. Two bands will be present to assist the G. A. R. A special train will run from Ricketts, Lopez and Bernice. Big ball game in the afternoon, don't miss it.

Hon. B. W. Jennings of Lopez, was in town Monday.

The bicycle which was stolen from the home of Geo. Coolbaugh a week ago, was found in Monroeton, and was returned to its owner on Sunday.

### ESTELLA.

Chester Campbell and wife of Benton, visited the lady's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Brown, Saturday and Sunday.

A bouncing boy, No. 5 came to the home of Charles Webster, Monday 25.

Geo. More and a friend from Athens came home Tuesday and will try their luck at bark peeling.

A. T. Mulnix accompanied by W. T. More made a business trip to East Canton and Windfall on Monday.

J. S. Shoemaker and daughter, Mrs. Doly are visiting at Delbert Browns at Pleasant Ridge farm.

W. E. Wheatley is doing quite an extensive business as sheep barber. Any one wishing a clean shave give him a call.

Farming is rather dull owing to the variable weather.