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County Seat
Local and Personal Events
 tersely Told.

Mrs. A. E. Tripp is again confined to her bed with illness.

Mrs. Meo Nardini has been seriously ill but is now much better.

There will be services in the Episcopal Church next Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. R. W. Simmons of Sones-town, whose serious illness was mentioned last week continues to improve slowly.

The second party, made up of several contractors, started early this afternoon.

Mrs. Chas. Landon and Miss Mame Heim were shopping in Dushore Tuesday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Otis Rose a son, also to Mr. and Mrs. Willard Eberlin, a son.

The farm house of Mr. Job McCarty of Elkland, was burned down on Saturday night, together with its contents. Much regret is expressed at the misfortune as Mr. and Mrs. McCarty are quite aged people.

Mr. William Ring of Bradford County and Miss Clara Streby, of Dushore were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Streby, on Wednesday' December 14th. The News Item extends congratulations

Michael McNeillan Sr. was quite seriously injured on Monday, while driving a horse attached to a cart, the horse became frightened at steam blowing off at the tannery and started to run. Mr. McNeillan tried to hold the horse which soon got beyond his control, and he was thrown from the cart, the wheels passing over his back. He was taken to his home and medical assistance summoned. No bones were found to be broken and he is improving slowly.

Edward Molyneux was killed by a dynamite explosion in a well on the farm of Mr. R. B. Yonkin in Cherry Twp. Wednesday morning. He placed a heavy charge in the drill hole and prepared it for the discharge and ascended to the surface. For some reason it failed to explode and after due time was given he descended into the well which was about 20 feet deep, and commenced work at drawing the charge, while thus engaged the fatal accident occurred, Mr. Molyneux was a single man, about 45 years of age and resided in Forks Twp.

It is reported from all over the country that ground and water conditions were never known to be in so deplorable condition for a freeze up as now. There is no water in the soil, and it is feared that what little water remains in the streams will be frozen solidly.

At Montoursville the mountain reservoir has gone dry and the town is being supplied from a big well. Wells and springs never before dry in the past twenty years have no water in them now.

The Binghamton Press of last Friday evening, had the following interesting item of news:

"One of the most important steps yet taken toward the construction of the New York, Pennsylvania and Northwestern railroad, between this city and Williamsport, Pa. was taken to-day, when two parties of engineers, contractors and officials left Binghamton to inspect the entire route of the proposed railroad.

The explorers, who traveled in wagons were bundled to the ears in furs and overcoats, for they have a long and cold journey before them.

The engineering staff of the Colonial Construction company, Rogers and Co., for the proposed road, consisting of W. P. Chapman, E. W. Jackson, A. K. Harvey and E. D. Lumsley, together with Contractors C. J. Brintnall and George R. Reynolds of the Crary Construction Co. of this city—started at 11 o'clock to drive from Binghamton to Williamsport. Several of the contractors who expect to bid on the construction work left also by train, and will meet the driving party at Wyalusing.

The party expected to start on their drive at 8 o'clock, but were delayed awaiting the arrival of E. W. Jackson and E. D. Lumsley from New York. Wyalusing, which is 47 miles distant, will be made in today's drive and Williamsport, 116 miles, at the end of Sunday's.

"NOT GUILTY."
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Did not remember seeing any of the men after train left Harveys Lake. I was on platform when train pulled out; did not hear any of fracas. Men acted as if they had been drinking some. Left the Lake 6; Dushore 8.30.

Frank Yanney:
Age 23, always lived in this county. Weight between 135 and 140. Health not very good. Knew Jake and Sam Epler about 7 years, Bahr about 5 years.

I saw Epler and Bahr at station at Dushore in morning. No conversation with them. I saw Jake on the other side of the lake. I saw them often. I got on the train they went on the platform; Sam said to John, here are the s. of b. Gert called them scabs. John Bahr said before the conductor when we get to Dushore would settle it. Bahr pulled out 1/2 pint whisky, said, all for me none for you. Same in again and a lady sat in seat ahead of us and Sam said we had better keep quiet here, don't look very nice. I did not say anything to them. John Bahr said I will meet you at Dushore. I don't think I made any reply. The only thing I said to Bahr was that he better not hit me or I would have him arrested. In the evening we stood on the bank waiting for train to pull out so we could go back along the track. Gert was with me. I saw Sam come along down track, Bahr next, Jake last. Sam said, here is the Hungarian son of a bitch. Bahr said want to take that up now. Bahr said have to fight now or die. Sam caught me by arm. Mrs. Epler grabbed Jake. Sam shoved his revolver in my face and snapped it. I tore away from him and ran up road. Sam and John followed me up, John kicked me on the leg. I told him stand back or I would shoot. I went back with my back toward them. I heard three shots fired. I pulled out revolver and fired. Just as I pulled up to fire Jake said I am shot. Sam said no you aint. Jake said yes I am; then Mrs. Epler said I am shot. I went to her. I was in fear at the time I shot; their shooting and saying they would shoot me is what caused my fear. I knew they were strong men.

Gert and I went to Herrmann's office. I was standing outside when the Doctor came, went in and stayed there until arrested. Gave the revolver to Cott. The revolver was in same shape when I gave it to Cott as it was after I fired. Told Cott I did not know if I shot Jake Epler or not I was sorry the thing happened. Saw Jake give Sam something, could not see what it was. I heard Sam testify as to trouble at Monroeton. I was coming down walk and met Gert; I said to her Gert where was you and Sam said none of your d—ed business. He got a rock and his revolver and mother told him not to hit me, then police made him put up revolver. This was two years last 4th of July.

She was divorced at that time. Three years ago he drew a revolver on me at my Father's house. He called Gert out of the house and they got in a racket, she came back in. He had the revolver in his hand. I took a stick of stove wood and chased him out. He had threatened to shoot me but only drew on me these two times. Never had any trouble with Jake until that day.

I had heard that Jake had said a weeks before this to Nathan Hunsinger, that if that Yanney s— of a b— traveled through this town much more, I'll fix him. I knew he meant me for I heard my name. I had no previous difficulty with Jake. He did not say why he did not like me. Marvin Yanney is my brother. He told me prior to August 28, last he had seen Jake Epler and that he had a pair of steel knuckles and was going to do me up. I carried the revolver because my life was threatened by the Eplers. I did not know they were going. I have known Mrs. Epler 4 or 5 years. She was not married when I got acquainted with her. I had read her divorce paper before I went to Monroeton. When we got off the train at Dushore they came within about three feet when Sam Epler said, here are the Hungarian s— of b—, Bahr said do you want to take up

that fight. I told him to go on about his business or I would have him arrested. Bahr was six feet from me pulling his coat, got one sleeve off: I took off my coat, and told her to take the baby. When I went toward Bahr Sam caught me by the arm, told them half dozen times to stand back or I would shoot. I had not seen Jake at the time I fired the shot.

I didn't shot at any body in particular. I shot because Sam Epler and Bahr were coming upon me. I fired only one shot. I heard no one say anything after I shot but Mrs. Epler said "I'm shot. Was a couple rods away from Mrs. Epler. Don't know where Sam and Jake and Bahr was at this time. She was hollering at the time I shot, she said I am shot at the time I was getting my revolver out. I gave warning before I fired. I remember my conversation well I had with Cott and Jordan—did not say I intended to shoot Sam. I rented the house Mrs. Epler lived in. Jake followed me up after I tore loose from Sam.

I am 5 feet 10 inches tall.
Nora Yanney sworn: I was on the excursion knew John Bahr and the Eplers. Saw them outside the train when we started back. Sam Epler was swearing curses. Saw revolver in Jake Epler's hip pocket. Don't think they were sober.

Henry Huffard of Lopez sworn: I was on excursion. Know Yanney slightly, had an introduction that day. Saw Yanney that day. Know Sam Epler; saw him that day and John Bahr. I saw a man called Jake Epler Bahr said you might as well come out and take your licking here for we will give it to you when we get to Dushore anyway. These men all stood there at the Lake. Jake had a revolver in his pocket. I could see the cylinder. They were half drunk. This was before we got to Ricketts.

Henry Huffard:
Says Sam or Jake Epler or John Bahr said, never mind when we get to Dushore we will fix him. That was after he saw the revolver.

George Yanney: Says he is the father of Frank Yanney. Has known Sam Epler some years. Epler said on one occasion if he caught Frank down there he would never come back to Sullivan county. At another time said he would shoot Frank Yanney. At another time said he would lay him out. At another time saw Sam have a revolver and Frank drove him out with a stick of stove wood.

William Payne says he is a relative of Sam Epler. Met Sam Epler and Frank Yanney at Monroeton about two years ago on the 4th of July. Saw a quarrel between them. Sam had a revolver. Geo. Yanney told Sam not to shoot. The police came in and made them stop.

Mrs. Emma Yanney, says she is the mother of Frank Yanney. Was at Monroeton two years ago last 4th of July. Saw a row between Sam and Frank. Sam had a revolver, she told him not to shoot. Mrs. Gertrude Epler was there and had a baby about 11 months ago.

Marvin Yanney says he is a brother of the defendant; 16 years old. Was acquainted with Jacob Epler; had a conversation with him; he asked me where my brother Frank lived; said he would knock him senseless if he found him; he showed me steel knuckle; it was the Friday before the 4th of July; witness told Frank this on the 4th of July.

Sherman Bahr says he heard the shots; he was on the side platform of the depot at Dushore; he heard 3 or 4 shots; two or three rapidly, the last shot after an interval; he was watching his horse; saw the flashes; this was the evening that Epler was shot.

Frank Yanney re-called. Says he knew Jake Epler had fire arms; first knew it two years ago.

Patrick Hennesy, says he knew that Sam Epler had two revolvers; he saw them some time ago. Sam showed them to him about the time of the strike.

Defendant rests.

Jury went out at 6:15 and at 9:50 returned a verdict of "not guilty." On Friday morning before the train left Frank Yanney and Mrs. Epler (nee Gertrude Smith) appeared before Squire Buschhausen and requested to have a marriage ceremony performed. Yanney having produced the necessary legal documents the Squire united them in those bonds which nothing but death shall sever.

The Grange a Harmoniser.
Several years ago I met a clergyman at a field meeting in Massachusetts, says Mr. O. H. Kelley. He was loud in his praise of the social feature of the Order. He told me that in his town there were five churches the membership of which had been very clannish until the advent of the grange. In that he was chaplain. There he found members of all those churches mingling in harmony. Now that social spirit had gradually spread and obliterated the clannishness. When either one of the churches gave a festival all the others mingled freely. The grange had revolutionized the social features of the town.

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