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## MILLER JONES ON TRIAL.

Case Opened Tuesday Morning at 11 o'clock. Said to Be One Hundred and Five Witnesses.

### GRAND JURY SENT HOME MONDAY.

The ringing of the Court House bell at 2 o'clock, Monday afternoon announced the opening of the March term of court. Judge Swope had come over from Gettysburg Saturday evening, and everything was in shape for the transaction of the business to come up at this time. The weather Monday was ideal, an unusually large number of persons had come to town. As is frequently the case in this county, there was very little business to engage the attention of the court, and if it had not been for the Miller Jones homicide case, the jurors could have gotten their dinners, drew their pay and returned to their homes the same day.

As it was, one of the first things to do was to discharge the grand jurors, and most of them after attending to little errands about town went home.

The constables of the several districts of the county were called and their returns heard. After this, the current business was taken up, and the first and final account of W. P. Gordon, executor of the will of Miss Jane Gordon, late of Bethel township, deceased, was confirmed, and S. W. Kirk appointed auditor to make distribution.

First and final account of D. T. Humbert, administrator of the estate of Daniel Shives, late of Belfast township deceased, was confirmed and Horace N. Sipes appointed auditor to make distribution.

First and final account of Susan C. Rummel, administratrix of the estate of John E. Rummel, late of Tod township deceased, was confirmed.

First and final account of W. H. Kellar, administrator of the estate of Sarah C. Keller, late of Taylor township deceased, was confirmed.

First and final account of M. R. Shaffner, administrator of the estate of Mahulda Mellott, late of Ayr township, deceased, confirmed.

Inventory and appraisal in estate of Geo. Miles Mellott, late of Belfast township filed, and approved unless exceptions are filed within ten days.

Return of sale of real estate of A. J. Craig, late of Ayr township, deceased, presented, and confirmed unless exceptions be filed within ten days.

Inventory and appraisal in estate of Geo. B. Daniels, late of McConnellsburg, deceased, approved unless exceptions be filed within ten days.

Same in estate of Charles W. Peck, late of Thompson township.

Same in estate of Frank M. Duffy, late of Ayr township, deceased. Return of Rule on Heirs of David Brubaker, deceased. Heirs called, and real estate ordered to be sold by W. C. Brubaker and W. H. Nelson, administrators, they to give bond in the sum of \$3500.

Writ of partition in estate of Henry Besty, late of Union township, deceased. Rule on heirs awarded returnable at June term.

Estate of David Goldsmith, late of McConnellsburg, deceased. Rule on heirs to take or refuse the real estate at the appraised value, returnable at June term.

The two cases for trial in the Common Pleas, Murray Moore vs. S. A. Nesbit, and Kelbach & Spangler vs. D. H. Patterson, et al., were continued by consent.

The committee appointed by the court to submit resolutions on the death of Geo. B. Daniels, read the following, after which Judge Swope and the lawyers made addresses befitting the occasion. We should be glad to publish the addresses, but on account of their number and length it is entirely impracticable.

We, the undersigned, appointed by the Court to frame and submit

resolutions touching the life, service and death of George B. Daniels, Esq., late a member and officer of this Court, beg leave to submit the following:

WHEREAS, This Court has officially learned with deep sorrow and intelligence of the death of George B. Daniels, Esq., one of the members of the Fulton County Bar and an officer of the Court, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Bar and several Courts record their esteem and regard for George B. Daniels, Esq., as a courteous gentleman, a faithful and diligent officer of the Court, a good citizen and a kind friend whose death we sincerely mourn and whose loss we deplore.

Resolved, That in the death of Geo. B. Daniels, Esq., the Commonwealth has lost a careful and efficient Prosecutor of the pleas of the People, the family of the deceased a most devoted protector, and his many acquaintances a faithful friend.

Resolved, That in this hour of great affliction and grief we tender his widow, children and friends our heartfelt and sincere sympathy.

Signed,  
J. NELSON SIPES,  
JOHN P. SIPES,  
W. SCOTT ALEXANDER.

The time until 11 o'clock, Tuesday morning was spent in selecting a jury for the Miller Jones case. Forty-two names were called, before twelve were reached that were satisfactory to both sides of the case. The jurors on the case are Peter Morton, Robert Everts, David Bivens, Samuel Hess, J. P. Kline, Nathan W. Horton, J. V. Deavor, Geo. Mock, John Hammann, Lewis Youse, Adam Grissinger and Howard Tice. The jurors are not having so much of a picnic of it, for they are compelled to sleep in the Court House under guard, go to their meals in charge of an officer and are not allowed communication with any one in any way by which their minds might be unduly influenced.

The case for trial is that of Miller S. Jones, who stands indicted for manslaughter, being charged with having shot and killed John E. Husler at his (Miller's) hotel at Fort Littleton on the 18th day of last August.

The following is the substance of the testimony of the first half-dozen witnesses. As there are 105 witnesses, we will ask to be excused from giving all the testimony.

Dr. H. C. McClain sworn. Saw John Husler day after shooting. Found bullet mark about an inch above the right eye, little to the right of central line of face; and at autopsy, found bullet about three inches back in brain, about 1 1/2 inch from top of skull. There were three other marks or bruises about his head not observed until we made the autopsy.

Dr. Hill sworn. I have been a practitioner for over forty years. I saw John E. Husler at the hotel. I was called to the hotel by Adolphus Jones. Husler was lying in the hall at the foot of the stairs. There was blood running from wound in right side of forehead. I saw him again Sunday morning at the home of his sister. I did not continue to attend him—left him August 23d—left him in Dr. McClain's hands until about the 29th during which time I was at Ocean Grove. Husler was sensible up to the time of his death. Husler appeared to be about 40 years of age, and would weigh about 175 or 180 pounds, and about 5 feet 11 inches in height. Husler's appearance for good health was first class. He was physically a very strong man.

Thomas J. Husler sworn. I am the father of John E. Husler. He was in height about 5 ft. 10 to 11 inches, weight from 170 to 180 lbs., and was 33 years of age. He made his home with me. I was at Littleton. Some time after dark, I went to the hotel and staid until after the racket. My son and some one else took a drive and returned to the hotel about 9 o'clock. He had been drinking, and so had I.

Miller Jones came in with a lantern and said he wanted some help to take a man who was drunk on the porch, up to bed. I thought he wanted me to help and I went along with him as did several others. John went up at that time.

There was a campmeeting at Maddensville and on that account there was an unusually large number of persons about. Quite a lot from Broadtop, and it was one of those fellows who was taken up stairs to bed. There was quite a number went up into the room, up stairs. John was in there. There was nothing out of the usual until I was struck and knocked down, and did not see anything until I saw the light in the bar room. Did not see John until the next morning. My eyes were blackened, I had been hit on the head several times. I did not know John had been shot until I was out of the hotel. Then I went up to my son-in-law's. I had no trouble with either Miller Jones or Adolphus Jones that night.

The next morning about daylight, I got back to the hotel, and found John lying in the hall, with a bullet hole in his forehead. We then put him on a cot and carried him up to his sister's about 120 yards, where he remained from the 19th of August until the 8th of September, when he died. Dr. Hill and Dr. McClain attended him.

Cross Ex. John was a single man and lived at home. I have a son George, about 17 years old. I was in Littleton from about sundown. I was on the hotel porch, when John and some other young man started for a drive. I would say shortly after 10 o'clock. When Miller asked some one to help take a drunk man up, I helped to take him part way up stairs—far as the landing. Miller Jones had the lantern, and was on ahead. There was another light in the hall. I don't know who helped to take the man up. He was carried. I went up into the room. My son and son-in-law were in the room. There were two drunk men in bed. Some with their coats off. I commenced talking to Welsh. Some 10 or 15 minutes. There were some Broadtop people and some others. I don't know how John got up into that room, and don't know how George got up there. I was, to a certain extent, under the influence of liquor. I can't tell how many drinks I had. I don't think I had more than four or five drinks of beer and whiskey. John was standing at the foot of the bed in that room. I don't know what he was doing. After the man was taken up, Miller Jones went to another part of the house and came back after some time. George and Sheffield went out of the room. I was standing quietly by the bed. There was not a word of a quarrel. I was hit. It was dark. I lost a knife in there that night. I did not try to get back to the hotel after I learned that John had been killed. My daughter went up to the hotel. I had been drinking with the men from Broadtop.

Albert Neuder, 15 years of age, of Robertsdale, sworn. About twelve of us came down from Broadtop. Started to go to campmeeting, but got to Fort Littleton and concluded to stay over night. I had not been drinking. I was up in the room where the drunk men had been. I heard the Huslers talking in a loud tone. I heard Miller Jones tell them "Now those who are going to stay over night—I want them to go to bed, and those who are not must go down and out." I heard Miller Jones tell this two or three times.

Miss Cora Fraker sworn. I heard Miller Jones say he would take care of his house. Saw him take his pistol from the shelf. From time he went upstairs with pistol, it was about three minutes until boy came down, and from 10 to 15 minutes later the shot was fired.

George Sheffield sworn. I am a brother in law of John E. Husler. He died at my house. Miller Jones asked me if I would help put man to bed. Tom and John Husler went up about that time. Miller came up and said he wanted them to quiet down and go to bed. I went home about 10 or 11 o'clock. When I

went back John Husler was lying in the hall.

Cross Ex. I was there all evening, and had some two or three drinks. Miller carried lantern when man was carried up. We carried the man upstairs into the room and put him to bed. There was another man in that bed. There were several Broadtop fellows; Tom, George, and John Husler, and others. Miller Jones went away, came back later, and said they should quiet down and go to bed. George Husler and I went out. They were pretty noisy.

Harry Divens sworn. There was noise up stairs, loud talking, laughing and tusseling around. Saw Miller get his revolver and a piece of gum hose. Saw John put light out in bedroom. Heard crash of something like the breaking of crockery or glasses up stairs. John came down and put out light in bedroom.

Beaver Fraker sworn. Heard Miller Jones say Sunday after shooting, that he had knocked John down, up stairs.

Elmer Fraker sworn. I helped to prepare the body of John E. Husler for burial. Noticed a mark upon back of him one-half inch wide, and eight inches long. This looked like a bruise.

Wednesday was put in on the defense and the testimony elicited was much along the line of that already given. A statement made under oath by John Husler two days after the shooting in the presence of Squire Fleming, Dr. Hill, Judge Buckley and others was produced, in which Husler said he had two knives in his pocket when he went up stairs and that he intended to use them if necessary.

The trial is still in progress.

### "WHAT'S NEXT?"

Is the Title of a Dramatic Play to Be Given in the Court House on the Evening of April 4th.

One of the best things that has been offered to the people of this county in a long time, is the Home Talent play, entitled "What's Next?" to be given in the Court House on the evening of Thursday, April 4th.

The time of the play will occupy about two hours and a half, and is immensely entertaining throughout. The characters are in the hands of ladies and gentlemen who are "past masters" in the art of entertaining, and all who may be fortunate enough to be present at the entertainment will be well repaid.

Further announcements will be made later.

John W. Chambers, of Wisconsin, who had been at Big Cove Tannery, since the holidays on account of the illness of his father, Rev. Chambers, left for Philadelphia last Friday where he will spend a few days with Prof. G. Gailey Chambers, and will then return to his western home.

Widows of veterans are not entitled to any increased pension under the new pension law. A false impression has become current that they are so entitled, but in fact, widows are in no way affected by the new law.

### CONCERT AND COMIC OPERA

TO BE HELD IN Court House, March 30th by the McConnellsburg Cornet Band.

An entertainment consisting of instrumental, vocal, and band music will be some of the features. Several 3 and 4 character comedies will be rendered. Vocals to consist of duets, quartets and a chorus. This entertainment is absolutely clean and new. Do not be afraid to come. Nothing will be repeated that was given before. Appreciating your past patronage we earnestly solicit your attendance. There will be fun in it all. "Laugh and the world laughs with you."

Admission 15 and 25c. Doors open at 7 o'clock. Entertainment to begin at 7:30 sharp. Tickets on sale at Stevens' Grocery, Friday, March 29 and 30.

By ORDER OF BAND.

### SUCCESSFUL MINISTER.

Presiding Elder's Report on the Condition of Rev. Will Correll's Work at Ironton, O.

The many friends in this county of Rev. W. C. L. Correll, will read with pleasure the following clipping from the Portsmouth Methodist, published at Delaware, O. We are glad to be able to state that both Mr. and Mrs. Correll have improved in health to some extent since the Conference noted below.

"Sunday evening, February 10, found the presiding elder at Pine Street, Ironton, and also found Rev. Correll, because of illness, not able to remain during the evening service. A large congregation was present and a good spirit was manifested. Brother Correll had been engaged in a meeting of six weeks' duration, during which time the flood came and went. Sickness prevailed to an alarming extent, and resulted in many deaths. The pastor was able to do all his work until the Quarterly meeting, then the doctor had to take care of him. He was not able to be present at the Quarterly Conference but sent to that body an excellent report. He reported one death in the membership, four funerals, seventy-seven conversions, thirty-three received on probation, five received from probation, three received by letter, three weddings, and 183 pastoral visits made. Added to his church work was much temperance care and work. Brother Correll has taken a very active part in the progressive work done in Ironton, for the suppression of the saloons. He has no such thing as fear before his eyes in temperance work, and goes at it in a sensible forceful way.

Considering the great amount of sickness, the Quarterly Conference was well attended. An excellent spirit prevailed. Order has been brought out of chaos. A progressive and aggressive spirit has taken hold of the Church, and much good has been and is being done. The congregations during the six weeks meeting were very large, in the face of rain, mud, flood and sickness. A fine class of young men and women have been converted and brought into the Church. The members of Pine Street are greatly encouraged. Why should it be otherwise? The Master has certainly been greatly blessing the labors of the pastor and people. The finances are in good condition, and promise to go to better things. Excellent class meetings seem to be the order in this growing Church, and a good Sunday school, with an enrollment of 359. The Epworth League was reported in good condition, and doing good work.

All join in the hope that the pastor and his wife, who were taken sick after the Quarterly meeting, will not have a protracted case of illness, but that they may be able to return to their work soon. Brother Correll needs a rest, because he has well earned it and his physical powers demand it. The Pine Street people have real reasons for gladness and gratitude because of the victories that have been won in that part of Ironton for decency, good order and the Church.

Two Thousand Miles of Timber in Canada.

The story of Canada's timber wealth is a wonderful tale. Two thousand miles long is its field of uncut timber to-day, comprising 1,500,000,000 acres, divided into three great belts. To put it briefly—according to Dominion authorities—Canada's timber is four times greater than the timber area of the United States three times greater than the timber area of Russia, twice as great as the timber area of all Europe. And this source of national wealth is practically untapped.

New York World.

### BARNETT—REEDER NUPTIALS.

Pretty Wedding at the Home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Reeder, Last Wednesday.

A very pretty wedding was solemnized at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Reeder, on Wednesday of last week by Rev. Harry Daniels, when their daughter, Miss Emma, became the bride of Mr. James Barnett, of Waterfall.

The full wedding ceremony being selected, promptly at 11:30 a. m., the bridal procession entered the parlor, and in a short time Mr. and Mrs. James Barnett were receiving the hearty congratulations of their friends and relatives. The bride wore cream-colored silk, trimmed in allover lace, and the groom wore black. The dining room door was thrown open, and a sumptuous dinner was served.

Those present were Emanuel Sipes and wife, William Kline and wife, Stella Oakman, Mrs. Ritchey, Mrs. Agnes Taylor, Mrs. Dennis Hess and daughter Ada, Mrs. David Forner and sons Ira and Peter, Pearle Ladig and brother Eugene, George Sipe, wife and little niece Minnie Crouthers; John Sipe; John, James, and Carrie Reeder, of Mercersburg; Jacob Stoner, of Loudon; Mary Reeder, of Chambersburg, and Reynolds and Sadie Forner. The bride received many valuable and useful presents.

Early Thursday morning the bride and groom went to the groom's home.

### ONE WHO WAS THERE.

Conrad—Fortney.

At the parsonage of the U. B. church in Waynesboro, Wednesday evening, the 18th inst., Rev. J. R. Hutchinson performed the ceremony that united in marriage James C. Conrad, of Chambersburg, and Miss Bessie Fortney, of Waynesboro. The wedding took place at 8 o'clock, and the young couple left on the 8:27 train for Chambersburg, where the groom had a home already prepared for his bride. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Conrad, of Ayr township, and is a fireman on the Cumberland Valley railroad. The bride is an estimable young lady, the second daughter of James H. Fortney.

Clarence's many McConnellsburg friends extend congratulations.

### WAS NATIVE OF TOD.

Vanvert Marshall Died at his Home in Mount Union, on Tuesday of Last Week.

After a brief illness of typhoid fever, Vanvert Marshall died at his home in Mount Union, on Monday afternoon of last week, aged 32 years. The deceased was a son of George and Margaret Marshall, of Tod township, this county. He is survived by his widow and a son four years of age; also, by his mother, five brothers and three sisters.

Mr. Marshall was employed at the Brick Works in Mount Union, and was an industrious, hard-working man. The funeral was in charge of Rev. H. M. Campbell, and was held from his late residence on Wednesday afternoon. His remains were interred in the Odd Fellows cemetery.

### An Appeal.

To the members of the Christian church and the many friends of Rev. Joseph Barney in Fulton county, I wish to say he has been dangerously ill for the past six weeks. While he is slightly improving, he is only able to walk by the aid of crutches. He is in need and I appeal to the Christian people to come to his relief. You know his faithful service in the cause of the Master. Remember the words of the Christ, "I was sick and ye visited me." again, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

JOHN H. PARNEY,  
Clearville, Pa.

### ABOUT PEOPLE YOU KNOW

Snapshots at Their Comings and Goings Here for a Vacation, or Away for a Restful-Outing.

### NAMES OF VISITORS AND VISITED

Will Hoop, of Harrisonville, was in town Saturday on business.

Postmaster E. H. Kirk, of Hiram, was among the early Monday morning callers at the News office.

Dr. Rolla B. Fore, of Dakota, Ill., is visiting his father Daniel E. Fore, Esq., at the old homestead in Tod township.

E. S. Mellott, of Taylor township, was in town Monday. He is removing his family to Windber, Cambria county, this week.

Herbert A. Duffy, of Chambersburg, has been spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Duffy, at Webster Mills.

C. R. Brown of Hustontown, and his brother Bert, of Clear Ridge, called a few minutes at the News office while in town Monday.

Miss Margaret Daniels, teacher of the Sioam school in Licking Creek township, spent last Friday evening and Saturday among friends in town.

C. C. Crouse of Webster Mills, moved last week into the brick house on the Trout farm north of town and will be employed during the coming year on the farm.

D. A. Black, one of Taylor's irrepressibles, was in town this week. Dave is "a jolly old soul" and always carries a gripsack full of sunshine wherever he goes.

Chas. J. Eagan and Garrett Burns, of Midland, Md., have been guests of John Hann, near Saluvia, for several days. They are looking after their timber lands on Siding Hill.

F. McNaughton Johnston, Esq., of the Census Bureau, Washington, D. C., spent a few days here during the past week looking after the public sale on his farm south of town.

Prof. E. E. Dickerhoof, who besides being a skilled musician, is an artistic painter and paper hanger, in company with W. R. Shives, of Warren Point, spent last Wednesday evening and Thursday in McConnellsburg. The Professor is now teaching a Cornet Band at Pecktonville, Md.

J. W. Pott, a brakeman on the Pennsylvania railroad, with a run between Crestline, O. and Allegheny City, left Monday morning for his Ohio home. Mr. Pott was called here on account of the death of his grandfather, Rev. Lewis Chambers. Mr. Pott and Sam Martin board at the same place in Crestline.

### A PLEASANT SURPRISE.

Thirteenth Wedding Anniversary.

The dutiful and efficient daughters of Mr. and Mrs. John Francis Kendall, of Ayr, planned a surprise for their parents at their home, for Thursday of last week, and succeeded very well in carrying out their arrangements. The uncles and aunts of the daughters together with some other friends and relatives were invited to dinner. A very sumptuous repast was prepared, which was heartily enjoyed. There were present Mr. A. W. Johnston and daughter, Mrs. Kezia Johnston and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Kendall, Mr. and Mrs. John Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. David Nelson, Mrs. J. Neuroth, Mr. Harvey Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. Grove Keefer, of Franklin county, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Kendall and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Johnston and family, Miss Esther Sloan, and Rev. and Mrs. S. B. Houston. The day was pleasantly spent and cordial wishes were freely expressed for many a return of the happy day.

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