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KEYSER NOT GUILTY.

No Evidence To Show That He Furnished Whiskey to Either of the Mellott Boys.

NO WARRANT ISSUED FOR IRA DIEHL.

Edward Keyser, of Webster Mills, against whom Samuel Mellott, whose son was killed on the mountain not far from Foltz on the afternoon of July 22, brought suit, charging him with furnishing liquor to his minor son, was given a hearing before Justice of the Peace Seiders, in Chambersburg last Friday. Keyser was given his freedom, there being no evidence to show he had furnished any one liquor. Carson McFadden, who told Keyser he was coming to Mercersburg to give himself over to the law officers, is the man who furnished liquor to Harvey Mellott. Harvey gave his little brother, Bentley, a drink at Mercersburg about 11 o'clock on Monday forenoon. The accident occurred at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

The story as told the justice, and published in last Friday's Valley Spirit, is as follows: Carson McFadden had money enough to buy three quarts of Gap whiskey. Keyser contributed enough money to buy the balance, but he left his quart at the distillery, intending to call for it later. McFadden took his three quarts along and rode with Keyser, Ira W. Diehl and the Mellott boy over the mountain. McFadden gave Keyser and Diehl whiskey, but there was no evidence whatever to show that the younger Mellott had been given any, notwithstanding the girl at the toll house said she detected the odor of it on his breath.

Harvey Mellott was very frank about telling his part of the story. He said he and McFadden had been intoxicated the Sunday before and lay in the bushes along the mountain road. It was McFadden's habit of obtaining whiskey at the distillery, but he was not allowed around the place by William Unger, so that he waited on Fulton county men to come to the Gap to get it for him. It happened that Keyser came along and McFadden got him to procure the gallon. Ira Diehl is constable of Ayr township, this county, and had no part in the matter other than to take the whiskey McFadden gave him and the older Mellott boy.

Keyser works for Hon. D. Hunter Patterson and hauls store goods from Fulton county to Mercersburg.

A warrant was sworn out against McFadden the same day the father made information against Keyser, but he eluded Constable Etter, into whose hands the warrant was placed. It was said that he took advantage of the officer's not knowing him to escape from Mercersburg, although McFadden saw the officer and knew him.

Harvest Home Picnic.

The annual Harvest Home picnic under the auspices of the Big Cove Agricultural Society, will be held in the woods of M. M. Kendall, in Ayr township, August 15, 1907. A full list of speakers will be on the grounds, and the McConnellsburg Brass Band has been engaged to furnish the music for the occasion. A good time is anticipated for everyone. Baskets will be left in the hands of the following table committee: Mr. and Mrs. Tobias Glazier, Mrs. George Mock, Mrs. George Comer, Mrs. Alva Pittman, Mrs. Andrew Washabaugh, Mrs. William Bivens, Misses Etta Mellott, Nell Johnston, Mary Kendall, Sadie Rotz, and Ella Kendall.

W. C. PATTERSON,
Secretary.

Mark Dickson, of the Buffalo Natural Gas Co., Buffalo, N. Y., spent several days of the past week with his father, W. S. Dickson, of this place.

A Trip To Ontario.

EDITOR OF THE NEWS:—The 11th of July the writer passed through the beautiful Cumberland Valley on his way to Chesley, Ontario, a thriving town thirty miles from the Georgian bay. All through the Valley the farmers were busy cutting the golden grain, and the wheat generally looked very fine. Here and there timothy was lying in the swath, and occasionally some of it, that had been bunched, looked to have spoiled.

Much of the country along the N. C. P. and E. R. R., to Buffalo from Harrisburg is rough, but the scenery in places is fine. The corn was small and unimpressive.

The Grand Trunk R. R., which carried me from Buffalo to my destination, is an extensive system, doing the major part of the railroad business of Ontario.

Niagara Falls—one of North America's great wonders—which are said to be somewhat impaired by the utilization of the water in running electric plants, were not visited, this pleasure being reserved for the return trip.

You do not get far into Ontario until you find yourself in the midst of Canadians. The older citizens bear the facial expression of the people of Great Britain, and their peculiar modulation of voice—by no means unpleasant—confirms your first impression that they are not many degrees removed from the old country. The younger generations are an improvement in appearance. Their features are more symmetrical and have touches of beauty altogether left out of the composition of their ancestors. The younger ladies are generally fair and nature's bloom is seen upon their cheeks. But they all have the same brogue. The boys and girls are just as fond of fun and sparkling wit as "Americans" are, as they call us.

This country is well improved. The land is undulating. They raise but little corn, and that only in the southern portion of the province. There is some wheat, which is being cut just now. The principal crops are hay, oats, peas and "roots"—turnips and mangels. There are few hogs, but plenty of fine cattle—mostly blooded stock. Thousands of cattle are shipped to the eastern cities and to England.

During the warm spell of weather, you were having in Pennsylvania, it was warm here for five or six hours during the day, but the atmosphere was less humid and the heat less intense. There was but one night that could be called warm; for as day declines the air becomes cooler. In the morning the air is fresh and invigorating.

This time of year the day breaks between 3 and 4 o'clock, and the sun does not set till 8.

The writer is supplying, for a couple of months, the pulpit made vacant by the death of Rev. S. H. McNeil. Some of the town people will recollect he preached, a few years ago, in the United Presbyterian church in the morning and in the Methodist church in the evening.

I must close as this article is already too long.

Yours sincerely,
S. B. HUSTON.

Chesley, Ont. July 30th.

Corner Stone Laying.

The laying of the cornerstone of the Kearney Union church, will take place at Kearney, Pa., Sunday afternoon, 2 o'clock, August 11, 1907. Hon. Joseph E. Tropp will make an address, and other prominent speakers will be in attendance. The beautiful cornerstone was presented by E. O. Beaver and Son, marble dealers of Huntingdon, Pa. This church, when built, will fill a long felt want in this community.

Everybody is cordially invited to attend.

COMMITTEE.

In Memory of Benjamin Fisher

Benjamin Fisher, whose death and the proceedings before and following that sad event, was noted in last week's News, was the youngest son of the late Banner Fisher, of Thompson township. He was born June 17, 1885. He is survived by one sister, Miss Achsah E. Fisher, of York, Pa., the only survivor of a family of five, his brother George, having died five years ago, and two dying very young.

Little Bennie, as he was called, was born on the farm now owned by Mrs. Clara Weller, situated on Licking Creek. Bennie's mother died when he was but two years of age, and when his father "broke up housekeeping," two years later, Bennie, at the age of four years, was placed in the care and home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hollenshead, where his smiling face and mild, gentle ways, at once won him all the care, love and comforts of a son. In the home of Mr. Hollenshead, he grew to manhood, winning the love and esteem of all who had the pleasure of knowing him, and enjoying all the privileges and advantages that would have been given to a son of their own. He attended the public school until he was twenty-one years of age, and had acquired a good practical education. He had chosen farming as his life work, and was gradually assuming the responsibilities of Mr. Hollenshead's farm.

Being of a peaceful and very gentle disposition, and of a thoughtful mind, he early turned his attention toward the Church, and for the last four years he was a faithful member of the Christian communion at the church of Damascus near his home. He had devoted his life to the comfort of those who had cared for him in early life, and was the staff and hope of their home, and when he left us, proud old men wept bitter tears, that one, apparently so badly needed in his home, and who promised so unselfish a life, should be called Home so young. His funeral was conducted by the Rev. A. G. B. Powers, whose remarks were able and impressive.

A FRIEND.

Surface Gives Information.

State Zoologist Surface is preparing an interesting series of bulletins for this fall. Two of them are now in press. The July bulletin will contain the result of exhaustive search into the habits and characteristics of locusts, with advice how to destroy them. There will be several illustrations. The August bulletin will be devoted to descriptions of summer pests of the farms and advice how to kill them.

In September a bulletin will be issued in response to requests of teachers and pupils throughout the State for information how to preserve specimens of insects, birds, and reptiles. This work has been given an impetus throughout the State because of the work of the division, and so many people have been writing for pointers on how to handle specimens, that Dr. Surface considered it wise to issue a bulletin at the opening of the school season.

The reptiles of Pennsylvania and their lives will be the subjects of the October bulletin, which will be devoted largely to lizards and turtles, and for which the same method of investigation as for the famous snake bulletin will be prescribed. Many varieties, alive and dead, are being received at the division laboratories for the purpose of giving information about these reptiles.

The snake bulletin is exhausted, although dozens of people are sending serpents to the laboratories, together with reports of observations. Later on a new bulletin will be issued about serpents, but it will deal with entirely new phases of the serpent life. The first issue of 25,000 was completely exhausted not long ago.

THE TYPHOID SEASON.

Great Precaution Should be Taken and Impure Water Shunned.

The typhoid fever season is here, and there are already a number of cases reported in many parts of the commonwealth. Every precaution against the disease should be taken. Persons aware of the danger that lurks in impure water can adopt protective measures at home, but are dependent upon the tender mercies of hotel and restaurant managers when they patronize these establishments. Health authorities in several states are pointing out, through the press, the necessity for special precautions in the summer time on the part of those who go away from home. Cities are not the only centres for the propagation of typhoid. The water supply in the country is often dangerously polluted, nor is the fact that the fluid is clear and sparkling always a guarantee of its purity. The moss-covered bucket that hangs in the well is a favorite hiding place for the deadly germs. "Boil the water" is a slogan that should be sounded often in the country as well as in the crowded centres of population. Water and milk are the chief vehicles for the spread of "the preventable disease." Summer tourists should exercise special vigilance during this season when typhoid is rampant.

Re-opening of Bethlehem Church.

On August 3rd, 7:30 p. m., a large crowd gathered to Bethlehem United Brethren church, as it had been vacated for several months for repair. Dr. G. W. Sherrick P. E. of Huntingdon being present, gave a grand and soul inspiring discourse from the words, "Thou art weighed in the balance." Sunday morning came with great anxiety to the people of the community. At 9:30 Sunday school was opened by the Supt.; then called upon Dr. Sherrick to explain the lesson to the audience, which was grand. At 10:30 Dr. Sherrick preached from Psalms 11:3. "If the foundations be destroyed what can the righteous do." After preaching the Dr. then placed a small sum before the people to be raised to defray the debt from the church. The amount of indebtedness was \$18.00; without any effort \$31.71 was raised. At 7:30 in the evening Presiding Elder preached to a large audience, after which the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered. The church was repaired at a cost of \$223.00 of which all was provided for before the reopening, but \$18.00. Much is due to the people of the community in their support. And especially we wish to thank the people of McConnellsburg for their helping hand financially. This we think was one of the grandest days the people of Bethlehem ever witnessed. Services were grand, and everybody seemed cheered up because the church was clear of debt and a surplus in the treasury.

E. C.

HUSTONTOWN.

Mrs. C. J. Barton, who has been spending the past few weeks visiting friends in and around Davis W. Va., has returned to her home at this place.

Miss May Mumma, of Chicago, is spending her vacation this summer with her father D. R. Mumma.

Last Saturday the Hustontown Baseball team went to Shade Gap to play ball at the picnic. Owing to the team being broken up pretty badly by being disappointed in getting some of their players, the boys met their defeat by a score of 13 to 10.

Mr. Scott Denisar, who has been spending the past week at this place has returned to Altoona where he is employed as a carpenter.

Miss Dott Deshong has returned to her home at this place after spending several weeks with friends near Mercersburg.

Notice.

The Fulton County Veteran Association will meet at the Reunion grounds, near J. W. Hoop's, on Saturday August 10, 1907, at 1 o'clock, p. m., for the purpose of selling the privilege of the different stands or booths, and for the transaction of such other business as may be brought before the Committee.

The Reunion will be held on Friday September 6th, 1907.

Committee on supplies in each township:

Ayr—John F. Kendall, Scott S. Hann.

Belfast—Wm. Wink, W. B. Mellott.

Brush Creek—Wm. Waters, Morgan Barton.

Bethel—Jos. Fisher, Wesley Hill.

Doblin—John Kebaugh, John E. Speck.

Licking Creek—Jas. A. Sipe, S. B. Dishong.

Todd—James Connelly, Henry Wolf.

Thompson—John Fisher, James O'Rourke.

Taylor—Jacob Strait, Josiah Witter.

Union—Isaiah Lehman, John Parlett.

Wells—S. P. Wishart, A. F. Baker.

McConnellsburg—D. T. Fields, Thomas Hamill.

Committees are requested to notify S. C. Berkhart, Fort Littleton, Pa., the amount each has solicited not later than August 31, 1907.

WM. MILLER, President.

New Comet Visible.

The new comet discovered by Prof. Daniel, of Princeton University, in June of last year is gradually approaching the sun and earth, and is now visible to the naked eye.

It has a bright stellar nucleus, much coma, and, according to Professor Pickering's telegram, has a multiple tail instead of the single short tail mentioned in other reports. The comet can be seen between 3 and 3:30 a. m. by looking due east at about 45 degrees above the horizon. It is in Pleiades, a star cluster in Taurus the Bull, and in a straight line underneath it is the bright star Aldebaran and the Hyades, another star cluster.

September 3 the comet will be nearest the sun, the distance being 46,000,000 miles. It is now 85,000,000 miles from the sun and 7,000,000 miles from the earth—the nearest it will come to the globe.

NEW GRENADA.

Harvey Shafer and family, of Kearney, Pa., spent Sunday with his father, George Shafer, our village smithy.

John Mills, who has been home from Altoona on a furlough, has recovered from his injured limb, and was able to return to his work on Monday.

John Linn, the 255 lb. noton man from Carlisle, spent Sunday at the Houck House.

Anna Black, daughter of Asbury Black, of Broadtop City, is visiting friends here.

Mrs. Laura Black, of Clay township, spent Sunday with her parents, William Alloway and wife.

Mrs. Oscar Houck visited her parents at Robersdale.

Cleveland, son of John A. Henry, of Clear Ridge, who is at Dudley in the butchering business, is critically ill at that place. He cut his thumb a couple weeks ago, and it now seems to be terminating in Septicemia (blood poisoning), a disease seemingly becoming very common of late.

Quite a number of our people took in the Shade Gap Picnic on Saturday.

Diphtheria has reached the home of Sherman Cornelius, on the Jesse O. McClain farm, half a mile north of our town, his daughter Mabel, the victim. Dr. Campbell is the attending physician, and promptly quarantined the home. At present the patient is getting along nicely, and there is no new cases.

Mrs. Mary Campbell and daughter Ruth and Catharine, spent last Sunday with Mrs. Della Brukner, near Fort Littleton.

Married.

KAUTENBERGER—COOPER.

At 11:30 o'clock last Wednesday morning, at 224 Chestnut st., Harrisburg, Pa., Rev. Ellia N. Cromer, of the Reformed church, solemnized the marriage of Miss Jennie E. Cooper, of McConnellsburg, Pa., and Mr. George P. Kautenberger, of Clyde, Ill.

The bride is a former teacher of this county, and a most estimable lady, and the groom is a trusted employee of the C. B. & Q. Railway. After remaining a day in Harrisburg, they left last Thursday evening for their home in Clyde, Ill.

The bride's many McConnellsburg friends join in wishing her much happiness.

JACKSON—GEHRET.

The marriage of Rush H. Jackson and Miss Evelyn Gehret, both of this place, was solemnized at the home of the bride's mother on East Walnut street, Saturday evening, August third.

CLEAR RIDGE.

Miss Goldie Fields of Fort Littleton spent part of last week with her grandmother Fields.

Mrs. J. A. Henry and daughter Jennie were called to Dudley, Friday, on account of the sudden illness of Mr. Henry's son, S. C. Henry.

Mr. Libert North of Burnt Cabins, was an early Saturday morning visitor at J. V. Carmack's.

Dr. McClain passed through our town early Monday morning.

Several of our young people attended Shade Gap picnic Saturday and report a fine time.

Charlie Huston is spending some time in the home of J. V. Carmack.

Miss Bess Fields spent Sunday in our town visiting her friend Goldie Winegardner.

Miss Sarah Grove of Chicago, and Mrs. Richard Miller and son of Berlin Height, Pa., are spending some time with their parents Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Grove.

Mr. Berlin Weight of Three Springs, was in our town Monday on business.

Miss Ada Fleming returned home Wednesday after spending some time with friends in Martinsburg, Va.

Mr. Levi P. Morton of Johnstown, is visiting his friend Miss Myrtle Stevens.

Mrs. Joshua Gosnell of Cassville, who has been spending some time with her daughter H. T. Heeter, returned home Sunday.

Miss Nora Heeter spent Sunday with her aunt Mrs. Alfred Brown.

Mrs. Emma Carmack took suddenly ill Sunday evening, but are glad to say she is better.

Master Merrill Henry had an attack of whooping cough.

WEST BURLY.

J. E. Lyon and family spent Sunday at Three Springs, Huntingdon county, whither they had gone to meet Mr. Lyon's mother, who was returning from Allegheny City after a visit of a few months with relatives there.

Brownie Reeder, Edwin Brant and Andrew Laidig attended a picnic at Shade Gap on Saturday.

Geo. W. Clevenger of Hustontown, spent Sunday at his brother Hiram Clevenger's.

M. L. Kirk of Hustontown, was hanging paper for J. E. Lyon last Wednesday.

John Price and two sons of New York City, spent several days last week with the family of his brother Frank Price.

H. K. Mellott carpenter and millwright of Licking Creek township was at work here last Saturday.

Mrs. Jennie Downes of Hustontown, spent last week at her brother E. H. Kirk's.

Miss Margaret Clevenger has returned from the Jamestown Exposition.

J. F. Johnson began work last week with his thresher and has threshed several crops.

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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

Miss Jessie Ruthrauff, of Greencastle, has been the guest of Maria Dickson Alexander during the past week.

Mrs. J. V. Wilhelm and daughter, of Homestead, Pa., are visiting Mrs. Wilhelm's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Nelson Sipes.

Mrs. Howard P. Skipper and children, of Waynesboro, came over Monday for a visit among their Fulton county friends.

Miss Marie Yingling, of Waynesboro, and Miss Anna Gilland, of Greencastle, are guests of Miss Cornelia Nesbit of this place.

Miss Opha Kendall, of this place, has been spending the past week very pleasantly at Hustontown, the guest of Miss Laemma Laidig.

Nathan D. Everts, who is employed in the tailoring department of Kauffman's store, Harrisburg, Pa., is home on his summer vacation.

Mrs. S. M. Cook is in Bedford this week seeing the sights of Old Home Week at that place. She is a guest of Mrs. John R. Fisher.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Mock and daughter Mildred and son Orin—also Misses Minnie Mock and Nettie Knauff—attended the annual G. A. R. picnic at Shade Gap last Saturday.

Harvey M. Strait, with the Dickenson Publishing Company of Detroit, with headquarters in Altoona, is spending a couple of weeks of rest and vacation among his many Fulton county friends.

Dr. D. A. Hill and Ex-sheriff D. C. Fleck, of Fort Littleton were in town last Friday. Mr. Fleck is badly crippled up with rheumatism, and it was his first visit to the county seat for a long time.

Editor Peck is spending this week in Bedford attending the "Old Home" week exercises. He is accompanied by Mrs. Peck, Mrs. Woollett and Miss Myrtle Stoner. They traveled in Mr. Peck's automobile.

Mrs. Geo. A. Stewart, of Wells Valley, and her daughter, Mrs. J. H. Blackmore and the latter's two little sons Stewart and Alexander, spent last Saturday and Sunday with friends in McConnellsburg.

George W. Snider and daughter, Mrs. George Mock, Miss Sadie Rotz, George W. Hays and George A. Harris, of this place, were among those who attended the funeral of Mrs. P. M. Snyder, Waynesboro, Thursday.

Miss Janet Appleby, of Mount Union, and her cousin Miss Cora Doran, of Burnt Cabins, spent last Friday in McConnellsburg. Miss Appleby is a graduate of the West Chester state normal and will teach in the western part of the State next winter.

Hoyt Michaels, of Braddock, Pa., and his sister, Miss Ahee, of Everett, who had been at Waynesboro, attending the funeral of their sister, Mrs. P. M. Snyder, spent last Friday night and part of Saturday with the family of Geo. W. Hays, and other friends in town.

Miss Adelta Michaels, of Carey, O., who has been spending the winter and spring in Pittsburg and Altoona, is now spending sometime with her Fulton county relatives and friends. Miss Michaels is at present in this place visiting the families of her cousins, Mrs. Geo. W. Hays and Mrs. L. H. Wible. She is a daughter of David Michaels (deceased), and was born at Harrisville, this county, leaving that place at one year of age. She was accompanied from Green Hill by her aunt, Mrs. J. A. Stewart.