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## COURT PROCEEDINGS.

The Two Germans Who Assaulted Samuel M. Clevenger at Needmore, Found Guilty.

HAVE NOT YET BEEN SENTENCED.

The annual October term of court was convened at 2 o'clock, Monday afternoon, with President Judge Samuel McC. Swope and Associates, David T. Humbert and John Wesley Hoop, on the bench.

The first thing done was the hearing of the returns of the several constables of the County. Taylor township's constable said they had a bridge out there that needed repairing, and that there were but few index boards up. The matter was left in the hands of the District Attorney. The Union township constable said that there were but few index boards up in his township. The Court intimated that process would be issued against supervisors who persisted in refusing or neglecting this most important duty, and that index boards should be placed at every cross roads or forks of roads. This, like the Taylor complaint, was left for the District Attorney to look after. The Thompson township constable reported the public road near Tonoloway creek as in bad condition, and this was left also in the hands of the District Attorney. The Bethel township constable reported a bridge in that township in bad condition on account of defective plank.

The Grand Jury was next called, twenty-one answering to their names, and three absent, namely, Riley Bishop, Edward Hammann and Clark Bergstresser. Thomas B. Stevens, of Tod township, was appointed foreman. The Court then delivered to them the usual instructions.

Petition of Howard Long, a minor, presented and approved, asking for the appointment of Berkeley Sipes as guardian. The Court made the appointment as prayed for, the Guardian to give bond in the sum of \$300 to be approved by the Associate Judges.

Petition of the widow of John H. Lewis asking appointment of two appraisers. Court appointed D. E. Golden and Reuben Layton.

Estate of Samuel E. Robinson, deceased. Petition of Smith M. Robinson, a brother, for inquest on real estate of intestate. Inquest awarded as prayed for, and notice to be given to all parties interested.

Inventory and appraisement of personal estate of Wm. P. Gordon, Esq., late of Bethel township, deceased. Ordered to be recorded unless exceptions be filed within 20 days.

First and final account of Albert Plessanger, administrator of the estate of Abraham Plessanger, late of Whips Cove, deceased. Account confirmed.

First and final account of Geo. L. Lehman, administrator of the estate of Isaiah Lehman, Esq., late of Union township, deceased. Account confirmed.

First and final account of Jacob Henry administrator of the estate of Mrs. Margaret Henry, late of McConnellsburg, deceased. Confirmed. J. Nelson Sipes, appointed auditor to make distribution.

First and final account of Z. B. Barnett, trustee to sell real estate of John K. Woodcock, confirmed. Frank P. Lynch appointed auditor to make distribution.

First and final account of Geo. B. Mellott, administrator of the estate of J. J. Mellott, late of Ayr township, deceased. Confirmed.

Final account of Z. B. Barnett, committee of Catherine Catchall, a lunatic. Hon. W. Scott Alexander appointed auditor to pass on exceptions, and make distribution to the heirs.

Widow's appraisement in the estate of Thram Wink, late of

Belfast township, deceased. Approved and ordered to be recorded unless exceptions be filed within twenty days.

Widow's appraisement in the estate of Benson Hanks. Approved, and ordered to be filed unless exceptions be filed within twenty days.

Report of M. R. Shaffner, auditor appointed by the Court to make distribution of balance in the hands of W. C. Davis, administrator.

Petition of Mrs. Grace Bender, administratrix of the estate of C. C. Bender, late of McConnellsburg borough, deceased, for permission to sell real estate for the payment of debts.

Petition of administrators of the estate of Wm. P. Gordon for permission to sell the stock of store goods in bulk. Leave granted as prayed for.

Report of auditor appointed to make distribution of the balance in the hands of Malachi Litton, administrator of the estate of David McDonald.

Return of order of sale in estate of Hon. J. A. McDonough, deceased. The same confirmed. Order and return of real estate confirmed.

Appraisement of real estate in estate of C. C. Bender, set apart to Grace Bender, widow of deceased. Confirmed and ordered to be recorded, unless exceptions be filed within twenty days.

Petition of John A. Henry for rule to show cause why satisfaction of judgment, No. 7, January T., 1908, should not be stricken off.

Widow's appraisement in the estate of Elliott R. Fraker, deceased, approved and ordered to be recorded unless exceptions be filed within twenty days.

Estate of Maria Stigers. Return of writ of partition confirmed and rule on heirs awarded. Returnable January T., 1910.

Estate of John G. Charlton. Return of writ of partition confirmed.

Samuel Stains was appointed guardian of Edna Long and Curtis Long, minor children of Henry Long, deceased.

Return of sale of real estate of Cyrus H. Mentzer, deceased, confirmed.

Liquor license of Chas. S. Wilson, of Fort Littleton, transferred to Charles Whitsel, and bond approved by Court.

About four o'clock, Monday afternoon, the grand jury returned a true bill against Frank Strickler and Peter Mertz, the two men charged with having assaulted and robbed Samuel M. Clevenger at his home at Needmore on the night of the 23d of August. The Court appointed J. Nelson Sipes and M. R. Shaffner to defend the prisoners.

After having selected and sworn a jury, court was adjourned until Tuesday morning.

Tuesday morning the case was resumed. The facts brought out in the evidence are substantially as follows: Samuel M. Clevenger, aged 68 years, lives alone in a small house about one-fourth mile north of Needmore. About noon on the 23d of last August, two men came to Mr. Clevenger's house, and asked for a drink. They said they were hunting work.

Mr. Clevenger invited them to share his noodday meal and they thankfully accepted. After dinner the men went on their way, and Mr. Clevenger gave them no further thought. Between ten and eleven o'clock that night, Mr. Clevenger not being very well, was up, and noticed a man pass his door. Supposing that some one wanted to get a drink at his well, he opened the door saw the two men, and asked if they wanted a tin cup, at the same time handing out a tin-cup to one of them. Just then he was seized and struck by one of the men, knocked down, beaten and tied, and then the men proceeded to ransack the house, taking some articles of clothing, a watch, \$1.50 in money, &c. The trial engaged

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## RECORD OF DEATHS.

Persons Well Known to Many of Our Readers, Who Have Answered Final Summons.

ALL SEASONS ARE THINE, O DEATH.

HARR.

John S. Harr, an old and well known citizen of Ayr township, died at his home in the "Corner" last Sunday of mitral regurgitation, aged 77 years and 28 days. For more than a year he had been a great sufferer from the effects of dropsy. His funeral took place on Monday afternoon, and his remains were interred in the cemetery at the Lutheran church near Big Cove Tannery.

Mr. Harr served as road supervisor in Ayr township for several years, and made a good officer. He was a consistent member of the Reformed church, and his funeral services were conducted by his pastor, Rev. Rice, of McConnellsburg.

The deceased was twice married: first time to Miss Anna Pine, from which union two children were born, namely, Albert, residing in Tod township, and Mary, wife of D. E. Keyser, of this borough. His second wife, who still survives, was Katie, widow of George Carbaugh.

BOWMAN.

Charity Viola, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bowman, died September 23rd aged 1 year and 4 months. She was a bright little girl—too fair and fragile for earth. The most devoted and untiring love of mother and friends failed to keep little Odie on earth. "Jesus wanted one more star in his crown," and on the 25th of September. All that was mortal of little Odie, was borne to the cemetery at Antioch in a beautiful white casket covered with flowers and underneath slumbered sweet little Odie the fairest of them all.

The deepest sympathy of the entire community goes out to mother and family—death having, twice in two weeks, entered the family removing the aged father and the dear little babe. May there be comfort in the thought that God claims his own and has removed all sorrow and pain.

DESHONG.

Sylvester Deshong, son of the late John Deshong, and whose mother is now the widow of the late Jere Golden in Bethel township, died of typhoid fever last Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Job Hess in Pigeon Cove, where he had been employed as a farm hand. Sylvester was aged about 18 years, and was an excellent young man whose many friends will be shocked when they learn of his death.

The funeral took place Tuesday, and his remains were interred in the cemetery at the Siding Hill Baptist church. Besides his mother he is survived by four brothers—Henry, David, George, and Bryan; and by two sisters, Iva and Mary, and by one half-brother, Jere Golden, Jr.

DESHONG.

Adam Deshong died at the home of his son William in Thomson township on the 12th ult, aged 77 years, 2 months and 12 days. About five years ago Mr. Deshong was paralyzed, from which he only partially recovered, he being almost entirely deprived of the use of his right side. He was a consistent, but patient sufferer, and longed for his eternal home where he felt assured he would be "made whole and free from all trouble and pain." Mr. Deshong was a soldier in the Civil War at the time of its close; but, owing to the short time enlisted, he failed to get a pension.

BLOOM.

Louvinia Bloom, died at the home of her son-in-law, William Carbaugh in the Corner in Ayr township, Monday morning, aged about 80 years. She had been in declining health for some time.

## VOTE FOR THE AMENDMENTS.

Save the County Big Expense by Doing Away With the February Election. All Officers to be Elected in Fall.

At the election in next month, the voters of this state will pass upon two amendments to the State Constitution, which, if they carry, thousands of dollars will be saved every year in the matter of holding elections. But as they are expressed in somewhat technical legal phraseology, and no doubt appear rather formidable to many of our readers, it may be worth while to try to make the meaning a little plainer.

Briefly stated their purpose is to reduce the number of elections and to provide that hereafter the general and municipal elections shall be separated. It is proposed that the general elections, those at which State officers shall be chosen, shall be held on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November in the even numbered years, while all county and municipal officers shall be elected in November in the odd numbered years. This will eliminate altogether the February elections, and not only effect a great saving in expense, but limit the disturbing effects of political campaigns to one election a year. A still more important result, in the opinion of election reformers, will be the total separation of municipal election issues from those attached to State and national campaigns.

The amendments will undoubtedly carry, as there could be no reasonable opposition to them. The only thing that could endanger their adoption by the popular vote would be such a public indifference to the public welfare as to fail to understand what the amendments proposed and a disposition to vote against the amendments for the reason that the voters had not taken the trouble to understand their purpose.

## HIGH LICENSE.

Harry Miller Pays \$150 for the Privilege of Selling Beer Four Days.

Harry F. Miller, of Hagerstown, was awarded the saloon privileges on the Hagerstown fair grounds, his bid being \$1,501. The privilege was sold last year for \$1,350.

There were many bidding for this license. The fair lasts four days, so the saloonkeeper pays \$375 25 a day for the privilege of selling the intoxicating drinks. In order to make his license fee alone Miller must sell 30,020 glasses of beer.

The fair board with a great deal of gusto announced that no liquor would be dispensed at the banquet this year, but it authorizes the liquor privilege to be auctioned off to the highest bidder, which, to say the least, is inconsistent.

It would be interesting to know how much it costs Hagerstown to care for the drunks, which results from the fair ground saloon.

Miss Alice E. Wishart, who spent several years as a missionary in India, and who has been spending the past year with her parents, Hon. and Mrs. Samuel P. Wishart, at Wells Tannery, is returning to her work in India, and will sail from New York City on Saturday, October 16th, on the Steamship Caledonia, and will go via Glasgow and Liverpool.

Her funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon, and her remains were laid to rest in Union cemetery. John S. Carbaugh's wife, and William Carbaugh's wife are daughters of the deceased.

EVERTS.

A ten months old child of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Everts, died at their home near Knobsville, Tuesday morning, of cholera infantum. Funeral Wednesday afternoon, services conducted by Rev. Bryner, and interment at Knobsville.

## DESTRUCTIVE FIRES.

Isaac McClain's Saw Mill and Planing Mill, Near Gracey, in Taylor Township, Last Wednesday.

MRS. FANNY SIPES' HOUSE, THURSDAY.

In addition to owning and operating a splendid steam threshing outfit, Mr. Isaac McClain, of Taylor township, has a steam sawmill and planing mill at his residence near Gracey. Last Wednesday the mill was in operation, and at noon the mill was closed down and the men went to the house, only a short distance away, for dinner. While seated at dinner they heard a roaring, cracking noise, and looked in the direction of the mill saw black smoke rolling up, and flames bursting forth. Without waiting to eat pie, every one rushed out and then began a battle-royal with the devouring element. While the men were doing everything possible to save as much of the machinery as possible, Mr. McClain's daughter was vigorously pulling on the dinner-bell rope, and soon neighbors began to appear on the scene. Of course, the scarcity of water greatly handicapped the firefighters, and besides the saving of most of the machinery, the building, in addition to a lot of valuable lumber, was entirely destroyed. Fortunately the wind was blowing from the south, and thus carried the sparks away from his house and almost new barn; otherwise, we should now be chronicling the loss of his entire home buildings. There is no insurance.

Last Thursday afternoon Mrs. Fannie Sipes and her daughter, Mrs. Bert Wilson, were busy ironing at their home near Patterson's Run, south of the Reunion Grounds, in Licking Creek township, when they made the discovery that the house was afire. Mrs. Sipes's sons were over in Wells Valley, and the two women were alone. Mrs. Wilson ran down to David Strait's, and Mrs. Strait and her son Thurman, came to their aid as soon as possible; but everything was so dry, and water so scarce, that the most that could be done was to try to save as much of the contents of the house as possible. Outside of a few articles, everything was destroyed together with the house. Since the fire, Mrs. Sipes and the Wilsons, are living in Nev Strait's house. There was no insurance. The fire caught where the flue passed through the roof.

## RECEPTION.

Rev. John M. Diehl, pastor of the Presbyterian church in this place, who on the sixteenth of September was married to Miss Jeannette Clarissa Pond, in Shakopee, Minn., returned to McConnellsburg with his bride Tuesday afternoon. Tuesday evening the Presbyterian congregation gave the bridal couple a reception at the Washington House, which was altogether a very delightful affair. The bride couple was presented by Mrs. S. B. Woodlett and Mrs. T. F. Sloan. After the serving of refreshments, an envelope containing a nice little sum in gold was presented to the bride as a token of good will on their part, and the response she made was so apropos and pleasing, that she won her way to the hearts of her auditors, at once. Mrs. Diehl is a very pleasant lady, and is welcomed most heartily as the wife of a pastor who is already popular with his congregation.

Solomon Deshong, who some time ago purchased the J. W. Lake farm at Pleasant Ridge, has purchased the store, and Nevin S. Strait has moved there and will be general manager of the store. This is a nice property and we wish the new management the same success that has attended those who have had it before.

## INTERESTING LETTER.

From Mrs. Elizabeth M. Sharpe, of Hartford City, Indiana, Formerly of This County.

DEAR EDITOR:—When I read in the FULTON COUNTY NEWS last week that the paper had entered upon the eleventh year of its existence, I could hardly bring myself up to a realization of the fact that so much time had elapsed since it made its first appearance; for during all of that time I have read it with much pleasure and trust that its sphere of usefulness may widen as it grows in years. It brings to me the news of my old Fulton County home people, for I spent the greater part of my life in that dear old county. I cannot but note the large number of my old Fulton county friends and acquaintances that are passing to the Great Beyond—among the last of whom are John Bridenstine and Aunt Rebecca Alexander. John and I, in our youthful days, attended the same school; in fact, all the education we ever got, was obtained in the schools up on Broad top mountain. My name is Elizabeth, and my father, Thomas Griffith, and John's father, owned adjoining farms at that time. The remains of my father now rest in the cemetery at the Wells Valley Methodist Episcopal church.

Then, it was with genuine sorrow that I read of the death of Aunt Beckie Alexander, whom I knew so well, who was permitted to live so long among the dear friends she loved so well, and who are left to mourn her demise. To her daughter Miss Hattie, whose years of patient faithful attention added comfort and cheer to her mother, during the long years in which she lay an almost helpless invalid, I want to express sympathy and invoke the blessing of Him who has said "inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of mine, ye have done it unto me."

I spent part of my earlier life in Licking Creek township, and then, with my late husband, Samuel Sharpe, removed to Bethel township, where I resided until after his death, and now, during the last nineteen years, I have been a resident of Hartford City, Indiana. This city is situated in Blackford county, to which many Fulton county people came in the days of its early settlement. They encountered the usual hardships incident to the settlement of a new country, but the soil proved to be good, and now there are few counties in this state or elsewhere that can boast of as many well-to-do citizens as this one.

Many of our farmers are able to live in retirement. They still own their farms, but they also own valuable town residences where they live during the winter in order to have the advantage of the city schools. Then, our successful business men in the city, take their surplus cash and invest it in farms. They find a rest and recreation in thus having a change of occupation; and by the way, there are few opportunities for making money that are more attractive just now than that offered by farming.

To add to the advantage of the Blackford county farmer, oil and gas were discovered here several years ago; and while the field is now pretty well exhausted, it lasted long enough to make a whole lot of people independent. Among those from Fulton county that may be mentioned is William Mellott, born near the Siding Hill Baptist church. He came here several years ago and married Rhoda Truax, daughter of Stillwell Truax, who sixty years ago, left the house on the bank of the road where David Harr now lives in Belfast township, and in a two horse wagon hauling all his earthly possessions he emigrated to this county, most of his family walking the whole distance, because there was no

## 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

Harvey M. Strait and wife, of Saluvia, spent a few hours in town shopping last Friday.

John Mann was the guest of his nephew, Palmer P. Mann, a day or two this week.

Howard Long, of Hopewell, is spending a few days visiting his Fulton county friends.

A. S. Edwards and wife, of Wells Valley, were in town this week meeting their many friends here.

Morrow Kirk and wife, of this place, have been visiting the latter's sister, Mrs. Allen Cutchall at Three Springs.

Miss Ella Kendall, of the Cove, has gone to Philadelphia to take a course in trained nursing in the Jefferson Hospital.

Mrs. M. B. Trout and daughter Miss Mabel left for Philadelphia last Saturday morning for a few days' shopping.

Miss Mary Wilkinson is absent on a four weeks' visit among friends in Shamokin, Lykens, and other cities in the eastern part of the State.

Miss Myrtle Stoner, who had been spending ten days in Hagerstown, very pleasantly in the home of her friend Mrs. Best, returned to McConnellsburg last Saturday evening.

Mrs. E. L. Daniels, of Sipes Mill, has returned home from a four weeks' visit in the homes of her daughter, Mrs. W. M. Dixon, of Pittsburg, and son G. N. Garland, of Finleyville, Pa.

Miss Maria Dickson Alexander went to Philadelphia last Saturday and has entered the Broad Street Conservatory of Music for a course of instruction in that famous institution.

Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan P. Peck, of Knobsville, went to Philadelphia last Saturday for a week's stay during which time Mrs. Peck will take additional treatment at the hospital.

The six Buckley brothers—Hon. Samuel L., of Fort Littleton; Rev. John W., whose place of residence we do not have just at hand; and William, Harry H., Jacob L., and George A.—all of Shelby, Iowa, were in town for dinner Tuesday, and took the noon hack over the mountain and went to Gettysburg to visit the great battlefield. Three of the six brothers are veterans of the Civil War—Harry and Jake being in the same regiment with our townsman, D. A. Gillis. These brothers have not all been together at one time for more than forty years.

room in the wagon for them to ride. Of course, the old folks are dead, but William and his wife live on the old home place. There is no better soil, and five oil wells yielded a big income; so that William and his wife do not walk now when they go on a journey, unless they want to. They are now out on the Pacific Coast attending the Alaska-Yukon Exposition. Other people get along, besides farmers. Dr. Davison of this city, has made enough helping people to get well, to buy four farms—the last, a farm of eighty acres, he bought a few days ago at twenty dollars an acre. And if I may be pardoned for mentioning my own son, I will say that Dr. T. W. Sharpe, who several years ago practiced dentistry in McConnellsburg, has had his share of success here, and is able with his family to take a very enjoyable summer trip every year.

But I must close this, or my Fulton county friends will think that Hartford is about as windy a city as Chicago.

Love to all my old friends,  
ELIZABETH M. SHARPE.