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Bartlett Pears.	Pitted Plums.
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Fine TABLE SYRUPS, 8c, 10c and 12c—all pure goods. Light color, fine flavor and good body.

New crop New Orleans Baking Molasses, Strictly straight, open kettle, choice quality, 50c gal.

4 pounds Raisins, large and clean, 25c.
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3 cans Maryland Tomatoes, 25c.
4 cans Maryland Corn, 25c.
2 cans Alaska Salmon, 25c.

Try Our "Pride of Shenandoah"

Fancy Sugar Corn—2 cans for 25 cents.

We Offer to Arrive This Week:

Two cars Choice Winter Wheat Middlings.
One car Fancy Patent Minnesota Flour.
Fresh Ground Fishing Creek Buckwheat Flour.
Rye Flour and Pure Chop

AT KEITER'S.

BRIGGS A FREE MAN

Proceedings of the Last Day of His Trial.

SCENES AT THE CLOSING

Briggs and His Father Weep and Embrace and the Accused Man Afterwards Thanks His Forefathers to Each of the Jurymen.

John Briggs, the man acquitted by a jury of twelve men at Pottsville on Saturday, on the charge of murdering James Parfit, of Gilberton, spent the first Sunday of the past five months with his wife yesterday.

Men cannot describe the scene in the Pottsville court house on Saturday when the jury rendered the verdict. All available space was occupied and absolute quietness prevailed. As the jury filed in there were faint murmurs of expectation and most of the spectators paled with nervousness.

Judge Weidman was already upon the bench and there was nothing to be done but hand him the report on which the verdict was inscribed. As the document was handed him the Judge adjusted his spectacles and glanced over it. At first he read aloud "We find the defendant to be guilty of murder in the second degree, after which he added, "Oh? yes, I see, we find the defendant not guilty."

There was an instantaneous outburst of applause and stamping upon the floor. Just at the time Judge Weidman retired unopposed, but he recovered himself and ordered that the party who caused the demonstration be courted.

Courier Grever made his way through the throng and inquired for the offenders, but he could have found a needle in a haystack as easily.

Immediately after the announcement of the verdict Judge Weidman discharged the jury with thanks and smiles upon their faces.

When Judge Weidman uttered the words "not guilty" the tears burst from the eyes of Briggs and his father in torrents. The acquitted man was completely broken down. For a moment or two he rested his head in his hand and then he sprung up and turning to his grey haired father, who was also weeping, embraced him most affectionately. The two wept upon each other's shoulders for a moment or two and then Briggs hastened to shake hands with the departing jurymen.

Just as the jurymen filed out of the court room George Lynn, Esq., asked that Briggs be discharged and just as Judge Weidman assented, District Attorney Ryan asked that Briggs be placed under \$1,000 bail to stand trial on the charges of riot. The Judge assented.

There was a brief consultation, after which it was privately decided that Briggs would be allowed to go home with his wife and remain there until Monday, when he would be expected to return to court and furnish the bail required.

The jury in this notable case comprised of John J. Price, Shenandoah, foreman; John H. Zimmerman, Branch; Edward Spangnick, Fingrove; Leo E. Lewis, Mahanoy City; Horace Johns, Case; Charles C. Macy, Pottsville; William P. Maurer, Pottsville; Aaron Zerbe, Rellly; Charles H. Hornberger, carry; Joseph Robbin, Ashland; Dominick Egan, Girardville; George Rahn, Pottsville.

The jurymen declined to discuss the case after they were discharged and one of them stated that it had been agreed to say nothing about the matter. It is pretty well understood that the jury took but one ballot. The jury retired at 12:15 and the verdict was ready at 1:30.

Neither Mrs. Briggs or the prisoner's mother were in the court when the verdict was rendered. Mr. and Mrs. Parfit were also absent, but Miss Nellie Britton, of Mahanoy City, who was James Parfit's betrothed, was there and she wept violently when the verdict was rendered.

Before leaving the court room Briggs stated that after the riot his wife moved to his sister's home in Minersville and he expected to make his home there until he could get on his feet again. He said he had many good friends there and did not think he would have trouble in securing employment. He said he would get to Girardville, or make his home north of the mountain, for a while at least. He thought that notwithstanding his acquittal by a jury some people might still be embittered against him and he did not wish to do anything that might lead to a riot.

Briggs joined his wife at a friend's house in Pottsville, Saturday afternoon, and in the evening proceeded to Minersville.

The father of the acquitted man told a reporter that most of the money he had put away for his old days had been spent on the trial.

The case was closed by J. W. Whitehouse, Esq., who summed up for the Commonwealth. He praised his consideration of the case by compelling the District Attorney for the manner in which he had conducted the case and George J. Wadlinger, Esq., the assistant attorney for the District Attorney.

Mr. Whitehouse at the same time took occasion to say that he did not appreciate the reflections upon the conduct of the Commonwealth made by Mr. Brumm. He said that the counsel employed in the case were there because they were being paid, and if Mr. Brumm was not being paid he would not be pleading for John Briggs.

Mr. Whitehouse also referred to Briggs being a poor man and hinted that the Traction Company was supplying the money for the defendant's case. The speaker assured the jury that he would not consume one-third the time taken by Mr. Brumm in summing, and he kept his word. He started after 5 o'clock and concluded at 11:30.

Mr. Whitehouse limited his discussion to a review of the testimony tending to uphold the Commonwealth's side of the case and read extracts from the testimony showing that Briggs had fired the gun before the struggle with Mabony.

He said that twenty-four witnesses had testified to that fact and their evidence should outweigh that of Amour, Briggs, Williams, Beany and his son and other who were or are connected with the Traction Company.

He made a point in closing that Briggs had sworn he did not see Amour after the gun was discharged, yet Amour swore that he and Briggs had a scuffle to get into the car after the shot was fired.

Taking up the subject of Briggs' charge Mr. Whitehouse said, "I think I could get up to Kline township and scare up twenty people

to give me a good character; and I could get a number of people in Pottsville to give me a good character; but, Great God! I wouldn't like to go on the stand and tell all I know about myself."

This declaration caused laughter on the part of the spectators and Judge Weidman took occasion to say he would tolerate no demonstrations by them. He warned the court officers to be on the look out for any disturbance and prevent them at the bench. There was no more laughter.

Mr. Whitehouse said, "I desire to say that I do not enter to any such thing. He added that the fact that a man had a good character did not justify him in coming out to mow down a mob."

Mr. Whitehouse said he didn't care whether the Traction Company had a right of way, or no right of way, or whether Mabony grabbed the gun before or after the shooting, when a man presents himself in an angry mob and says, "Here I am," with a deadly weapon in his hands, he is guilty of wanton wickedness and responsible for the consequences of his act and it is murder in the second degree, and the jury could reduce it to that degree by considering the man's temper at the time, or raise it to murder in the first degree by considering motive or premeditation.

Mr. Whitehouse warned the jury against allowing sympathy to control them in the consideration of the case. He warned them against allowing the voice of the prisoner and his children in the court room to influence them.

"Outside of the court we sympathize with all, but here we know nothing but our duty and no matter how you may feel for these people we expect you to do your duty."

In closing Mr. Whitehouse said, "Gentlemen of the jury, do your duty in the premises. Pennsylvania demands men of courage in cases of this kind, and don't tarnish the record of our fair Commonwealth with an acquittal of murderers, midnight murderers such as we have in this case to-day."

From the conclusion of Mr. Whitehouse's address Mr. Brumm was allowed to make some explanation. He said, "I simply want to call attention to the fact that the counsel for the Commonwealth stated that I said, 'how you have forced it (the issue of first degree) upon us.' I deny it."

Mr. Brumm continued, "He also said that Briggs swore that the gun he saw in Weidman's hands was the missing gun. To that Briggs swore it was, and he distinctly stated that he saw Briggs with a gun."

Mr. Whitehouse admitted that a mistake had been made in that connection. "I also said," continued Mr. Brumm, "that I said Mabony told the truth and there fore his statement respecting the grabbing of the gun was admitted. I said that Mabony told the truth when he said a man trusted past him with a revolver in his hand. He stated that I said Briggs shot in self defense or that we asserted three positions, one self defense, the other accidental shooting and the other that Briggs had not shot Parfit at all. He is in error that we ever claimed that Briggs shot in self defense. We never did. He said that Mabony stated that he had grabbed the gun and commented upon his testimony, but failed to state that Mabony had sworn a the Coroner's inquest that he thought he had grabbed the gun before the shot. He said that our witness stated that Briggs came out and placed his gun down on the dashboard of the car. In almost every case they said he placed it over the dashboard. He further asserted that the bullet lodged in Connor's head and then took the shot to the jury and assumed this as a matter of fact. There is no evidence that the shot lodged in the head, but simply made an admission."

Judge Weidman's charge occupied about three-quarters of an hour. Most of the time he devoted to reading extracts from opinions of judges in riot cases and authorities on evidence. He also defined the various degrees of murder, but declined Mr. Brumm's request to charge on justifiable homicide, claiming that it was unnecessary, as the defense made an admission of self defense. In concluding the Judge said, "You cannot do your full duty if you consider only the defendant and the consequences of his act upon him and his family. You are here simply to try the question of whether or not he killed James Parfit and to give a true verdict accordingly to the evidence. Exclude everything else and you will find the law, to the defendant and yourself."

ARRESTED FOR DESERTION.

A Would-be Suicide Prosecuted by His Wife.

Robert H. Harner was arrested in a Main street saloon this morning by Constable Giblin. He was taken to Justice Tomney's office and turned over to Constable Struble, of Reading, who had a warrant for Harner's arrest, charging him with desertion. The Constable left for Reading on the noon train with the prisoner.

Harner was reported in Saturday's Herald as having attempted suicide at Ashland by taking a dose of poison, owing to the rejection of his attentions by a married woman with whom he had become infatuated. His wife, who is in custody, heard of the case and took steps for her husband's arrest.

Melnsky for Council.

Andrew Melnsky is making a strong fight for the Democratic nomination for Council in the First ward and it seems to be almost a certainty that he will win. Mr. Melnsky is one of the most prominent and popular residents of the town, a gentleman well versed in the affairs of the borough and one who will, if elected, jealously guard the interests of the taxpayers so far as his voice and action in the Borough Council will go. He is exceedingly popular among his countrymen and will receive loyal support from them on election day.

Notice to the Public.

All persons are forbidden to skate or trespass on the dam of the Shenandoah Water Company under penalty of the law. By order of the company, S. D. HESS, Supt.

Buy Kegonsa Flour. Be sure that the name LUSTIG & BARR, Ashland, Pa., is printed on every sack. 3-3-94

A bad cough or cold calls for a good remedy—the cure for Croup, Whooping Cough, La Grippe and Consumption, a perfect and permanent cure is PAIN-EX, the world famous cough medicine. Sold by S. D. HESS, 25 cents. See this in P. P. D. KIRBY'S drug store.

Special low prices to all in watches, jewelry and silverware at Holdeman's, corner Main and Lloyd streets. 12-27-94

THE CITIZENS' TICKET.

The Conference Made it On Saturday Night.

MORT FOR CHIEF BURGESS

Gable For Receiver of Taxes, Edmund T For High Constable and Burgess, Reese, Reeves and Bamage for Borough and School Auditors.

The conference elected on Friday met in the Council chamber Saturday night and adjourned the Citizens' party borough ticket for the approaching Spring election.

The several wards were represented at the meeting as follows: First ward—Thomas Minors, David Bonnie and Alexander Morris. Second ward—George Holvey, Edward Kester and Benjamin Church. Third ward—George Davis, Frank Schiltzer and William Zimmerman. Fourth ward—George Lush, D. O. Pritchard and George Hayes. Fifth ward—Benjamin Deacher, William Brown and William Temple.

H. C. Borer, chairman of the Standing Committee, called the meeting to order and then presided.

D. O. Pritchard was made chairman and William Zimmerman secretary. Only conference members were allowed in the chamber.

The meeting was a short one and upon its conclusion the secretary announced the following nominations to the executive: Chief Burgess, Adam Mast; Receiver of Taxes, A. D. Gable; High Constable, James Kammel; Borough Auditor, P. W. Biesler; School District Auditor, Richard Reed; 3 years; William Reeves, 2 years; John Ramage, 1 year.

The ticket is looked upon as an exceedingly strong one, being made up of representatives of several nationalities and active and able men.

The nominations of school district auditors were made under the law passed by the Legislature in May, last, and to which provision of said auditors shall be \$2 per day and their duties shall be the same as auditors of boroughs and townships.

SUDDEN DEATH.

Miner's Groody Found Dead in His Bed Yesterday.

When Mrs. Mary Groody went to waken her son, a child, aged 28 years, at her residence in Lost Creek, yesterday morning, she found him dead in his bed.

Gradely, who is a brother of the popular motorman on the electric railway, had been complaining of symptoms of the grippe for a week, but he worked on Saturday and was out with friends that evening. Before retiring he took a dose of castor oil and said he thought he would be all right the next day.

Gradely had not been attended by a physician. He was a powerful built man and was six feet two and a quarter inches in height. He was born in Tremont and moved to Lost Creek with his parents about fifteen years ago from Pennsylvania.

The funeral will take place at 8 a. m. on Wednesday. High Mass will be celebrated in the Catholic church at Lost Creek and the remains will be taken to Minersville for interment.

PECKHAM NAMED.

The President Makes Another Supreme Justice Nomination.

Special BUREAU SPECIAL.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—President Cleveland to day nominated Wheeler H. Peckham, of New York, as Associate Justice of the United States Supreme court, the position for which the Senate refused to confirm Hornblower.

The protracted services in the M. E. church court will be paused, it is learned.

Capt. W. W. Parks, of Pottsville, a well-known Grand Army man, died at his home yesterday.

Martin Cavanaugh, who wandered from his home at Pottsville, was frozen to death in a scudette of the Lytle colliery.

The Soldier's Monument Committee will meet on Friday evening, at 8 o'clock, in DeWitt's hall. A full attendance requested.

Services will be continued every evening this week, except Saturday, in the Presbyterian church, commencing at 7:30 o'clock. The Song of Service will commence at 7:15.

Rev. A. H. Woods, of Mahanoy City, will preach in the Presbyterian church this evening, and Rev. J. E. Linn, of Pottsville, tomorrow evening.

Rev. James F. Powers, of Pottsville, archdeacon of this diocese, will deliver a lecture this evening in All Saints P. E. church, on East Oak street. The subject will be "Church History," and will undoubtedly prove interesting.

Interesting Sermons.

Rev. Robert O'Boyle preached another of his series of popular sermons in the Trinity Reformed church last evening, the subject being, "Libby Prison." The discourse was an effective and able one. The church was crowded with people, among them being many veterans of the rebellion, who, at times, were visibly affected.

PERSONAL.

George Leonty is on the sick list.
E. J. McClintock spent Saturday at Pottsville.
John Coyne, of Ashland, spent Sunday in town.

Miss Brennan, of Gilberton, was in town this morning.
Michael Wadlinger, of Mahanoy City, Sunday in town.

Mrs. Jane Cather and family are the guests of St. Clair friends.
Mrs. Francis Billman, of Delano, visited relatives in town yesterday.

Miss Ida Seifried, of Mt. Carmel, was a visitor to town Saturday.
Col. D. P. Brown, of East Creek, was seen on our streets this morning.

Miss Annie Colahan, of Ashland, was the guest of town friends yesterday.
Charles Palmer came up from Orwigurg to spend Sunday with his parents.

Misses Lizzie Carl and Nellie Evans returned to Mt. Carmel this afternoon.
Misses Lillian Russell and Lizzie Evans, of Ashland, were in town on Saturday.

Timothy Bryns has come up from Philadelphia to spend a few days with his mother.
James Higgins, Arthur O'Hara and Homer Zulick were Ashland visitors last evening.

Mrs. George Harman, who has been ill for some time, is reported in a critical condition.
S. D. Hess, Elmer Wasley, Harry Wise and James Champlin were Pottsville visitors today.

Amos Wadlinger, William Hopper and P. J. Mellet, of Mahanoy City, were town visitors today.
Miss Lizzie Hesser returned home Saturday, after spending a few weeks with Philadelphia friends.

Frank Feller, Isaac Lamb and Charles Baehler, of Pottsville, transacted business here today.
W. H. and M. J. Toner, of Worcester, Mass., are the guests of their aunt Mrs. H. Morrison, of East Centre street.

T. R. Gordon, a telegraph operator of Gilberton, is a guest of the Coogan family on South Jordan street.
Gus LaFollette, formerly in the clothing business at Mahanoy City and now of New York city, spent Saturday in town.

Michael Melnitz, the popular merchant tailor, and George Kohler, tuncorial artist, of Girardville, spent a few hours in town yesterday.

Prompt Payments
To the United States Industrial Insurance Company.

GENTLEMEN—It is with feeling of gratitude which prompts me to express my heartfelt thanks for your prompt payment of \$210.00 on the claim on the life of my mother, Ellen Dougherty, who was insured in your company less than one year. It is a real blessing in time a promise of people to have secured in time a protection in your company, which deserves its name for being one of the most honorable and reliable concerns in the United States. MRS. ANNE TRACY, E. Centre St., Shenandoah, Pa.

POLITICAL POINTS.

The Citizens' nominating committee of the First ward will meet tomorrow evening to complete their ticket.

The new Citizens' Standing Committee will meet in McElhenry's cafe, Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock, to organize for the campaign. The members of the party are requested to be present.

M. Seaman, present Receiver of Taxes, will be re-nominated this evening by the Democrats, there being no opposition.

Harry Javous says that it was through a misunderstanding between himself and the election officers that his name was before the Third ward primary.

Broke Her Arm.
Dora Fogel, a girl, thirteen years of age, met with a serious accident in the factory of the Shenandoah Manufacturing Company on North Erie street, Saturday evening. A broom struck her weight dropped from the shelves used for carrying boxes and struck her arm, breaking it below the elbow.

Return Thanks.
Maj. Jennings' Council, No. 367, Jr. O. U. A. M., takes this means of returning their thanks to all who participated in the entertainment at the public installation of their officers on the 9th inst., and whose efforts materially added to the success of the affair.
HARRY JAVOUS, Councilor.
ALBERT W. J. JACOBS, Secy.

Still in the Field.
The report that D. J. Doyle had withdrawn from the candidacy for Council in the Second ward is pronounced false by Mr. Doyle, who says he is in the fight to stay and win and he will prove it at to-night's convention.

Important Notice!
There will be a special meeting of the new members of the Citizens' Standing Committee, at McElhenry's Cafe, this evening at 7:30 o'clock. Important.

Housewife's Care.
When seeking a neat and well conducted cafe, go to Butchill's, corner Main and Coal streets. Polite and prompt attention. 11-7-94
Have you tried McElhenry's Fried Oyster? 9-19-94

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All over town hunting FRESH EGGS.

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