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FIRST DEGREE VERDICT.

SHAFFER FOUND GUILTY OF MURDER BY A JURY LAST WEEK.

No Faith Placed in His Retraction of the Confession Made at Previous Hearings. The Prisoner Was Indifferent to the Result and Does Not Seem to Care.

Frank Shaffer, one of the negroes charged with the blowing up of a shanty on the Wilkesbarre mountain, by which several Hungarians were hurled to death, was convicted of murder in the first degree at the county seat on Thursday. The trial lasted ten days, and was one of unusual interest, as the prisoner had confessed to the part he and each of the others implicated had taken in the crime, and had later retracted his confession.

Shaffer was in the court room at 10 o'clock when Judge Bennett took his seat. Shortly after the jury filed into the room. Attorney Shea, of the defense, arrived a few minutes later, and after the usual formalities the verdict was rendered. The jury was then polled and as his name was called each juror arose and affirmed the verdict. Shaffer did not appear to be moved in the least by the verdict and told a reporter soon after that he did not expect mercy. He was remanded to jail by Judge Bennett, and he was at once handcuffed and hurried off in the van.

His attorneys have not yet decided to apply for a new trial.

It was learned that the first ballot taken when the jury retired stood eleven to one for murder in the first degree. Several other ballots were taken and after six hours waiting the twelfth man gave in and a verdict was agreed upon.

The verdict seems to meet with general approval.

Though naturally not elated at the result, Attorneys McGovern and Shea have the satisfaction of knowing that they made a hard fight and did all that could be done with an almost hopeless case.

A. W. Washburn, of town, was a member of the jury.

Shaffer at the jail later stated that it was "a d— shame" that he was convicted.

Nelson Miller, the other man convicted, did not take kindly to the verdict. Had Shaffer been acquitted he also would have been set free.

One other man and two women remain to be tried and according to the evidence in the previous cases they were all implicated in the crime.

OF Interest to School Teachers.

Hon. J. Q. Stewart, deputy superintendent of public instruction, has given the school board of McKeesport, Allegheny county, an important opinion which is of interest to teachers and school boards all over the state. The McKeesport directors, at a recent meeting, adopted a motion to the effect that all teachers be required to undergo an examination, regardless of their normal school diplomas, permanent or professional certificates. The question was referred to the department of public instruction as to whether the board had a right to adopt such a rule. Mr. Stewart gave the opinion of the department, the salient conclusions of which are as follows:

"School directors cannot consistently require a superintendent to examine teachers who hold valid certificates or other legal credentials qualifying them to teach in the district where they are to be employed.

"No board of directors is justified by law in the enforcement of a rule such as is proposed by your committee, subjecting the holders of state certificates or valid professional certificates to examination.

"The action proposed by your board or committee, if carried into effect, will be regarded as an unwarranted and arbitrary exercise of official authority.

"Directors may adopt and enforce such reasonable and lawful rules and regulations as they may deem to be necessary for the welfare of the schools under their jurisdiction, but they cannot impose upon teachers restrictions and conditions which the law does not authorize or warrant in any case.

"In the exercise of the powers conferred upon directors by law, and in the performance of the duties enjoined and required of school boards, it is well to bear in mind the fact that the teachers have rights and privileges under the laws governing the operation of the school system which are entitled to consideration, and which must be respected by their employers."

This decision is in accord with the general sentiment which prevailed in Freeland last summer, when the borough board decreed that all applicants for schools would have to participate in a competitive examination. The directors' plan was not carried out here, because the teachers refused to be examined and none of those asked to act as examiners would serve.

The good will of a wholesale liquor license in Freeland borough is offered for sale or can be rented. Apply at the TRIBUNE office.

Read Berner's bargains—fourth page.

Prizes for the Hunters' Contest.

The Luzerne County Sportsmen's Club has arranged its prizes for the next hunters' contest. They are as follows: First, \$40; second, \$30; third, \$20; fourth, \$10. The prizes will be given to the four persons having the highest number of points to their credit for killing the birds and animals named and to be counted as follows: Catamount, 11; fox, 10; weasels, 7; mink, 6; great horned owl, 5; hawk, 4; skunk or polecat, 2; owls, other than horned, 1.

The rules governing the contest are: The contest will commence April 1, 1896, and close March 31, 1897.

No two or more persons will be allowed to form a combination or partnership by placing skins, scalps or heads together to help another secure a prize.

Contestants must produce the heads of all birds and the skins, or scalps with both ears attached, of all animals.

The birds or animals to be counted must be killed in Luzerne county.

Each contestant shall make affidavit that all rules governing the contest have been complied with.

Scalps, skins and heads may be returned at any time to any member of the undersigned committee by whom a record will be kept.

The result will be announced a few days after the contest closes.

E. A. Rhoads, H. S. Reets, T. B. Harris, J. F. O'Neill, committee.

A Thrilling Escape.

From the Hazleton Plain Speaker. Simon Bube, lately an aspirant for the nomination of poor director, who is employed as a stone mason at Pardee's Cranberry colliery, together with Simon Francese, a team driver, had a thrilling experience Friday morning near the scene of the Gum Run disaster while crossing the railroad. They had four mules hitched to the wagon heavily laden with stones for the foundation of the Cranberry breaker.

The lead mules had passed over the rails and the hind ones were on the track when an unobserved freight train moving at a rapid rate struck the animals. Francese and Bube, when the wagon upset, were thrown down an embankment and fortunately escaped with slight injuries. The team was dragged about fifty yards before the train could be brought to a standstill.

The New Dentist.

The White Haven Journal has the following to say of one of our townsmen: Dr. N. Maley, a graduate of the Philadelphia Dental college and Hospital of Oral Surgery, has opened an office in Crellin's building. He has papered the entire room, placed matting on the floor, and in general the room presents a neat and tidy appearance. Dr. Maley's intentions are to fit it up more elaborately and tastefully if he can establish a business to approve such proceedings. He has the reputation of being a first-class dentist, and since we are promised, and all indications point to, a first-class dentistry for our town, we should give him our support and patronage. His office is open every Monday and Thursday.

The Edwards Heirs Meet.

Over 200 heirs to the Edwards estate in New York and Jersey City, which is said to be worth \$200,000,000, met at Wilkesbarre on Friday to discuss plans for proceeding with the fight. Letters were read from several attorneys, saying the prospects for success were bright. Some of the heirs reported being unable to find important documents in the New York court offices, and it was finally decided to send to Albany to look up an important lease. Nothing further can be done until this is found. J. F. O'Neill, Esq., formerly of town and who is one of the heirs, was instructed to go to New York's capital.

Bridget McCole Killed.

Bridget McCole, aged about 50 years, residing at Hokendauqua, near Allentown, while picking coal on the Lehigh Valley Railroad on Saturday morning, was struck by the New York express, going at a speed of forty miles an hour, and instantly killed. Her body was thrown nearly fifty feet.

About a year ago at the same place and under similar circumstances, her daughter, Mrs. Grace Desmond, was killed.

Mrs. McCole was well-known in this region, having resided in Freeland and adjoining towns for a number of years.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh.

That contain mercury, as mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten-fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally, and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free.

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SUFFICIENT SUBSCRIBED.

Board of Trade Had No Difficulty in Securing Money for the Silk Mill.

The committee appointed by the Board of Trade to solicit the additional subscriptions for the bond guarantee of the proposed silk mill reports that their labors were successful, and the necessary amount is ready to be paid in full as soon as the projectors wish to start. There was never any doubt of the ability of the Board of Trade to secure the required \$15,000 to purchase the bonds, but owing to a slight misunderstanding the money was not forthcoming. A number of persons of town were under the impression that the amount was already over-subscribed. This, however, was not the case, but as soon as there appeared any danger of Freeland losing the contemplated industry the response of the business men and citizens was of a character as to give encouragement to the men who are working for the town's advancement.

The preliminary details necessary to start the overall factory are progressing satisfactorily. Ground has been obtained, plans for the building arranged and the machinery has been ordered. Contractor James Griffiths will commence work on the building today. The site is north of the Freeland cemetery.

There appears now to be no doubt whatever but that these two factories will be in operation here before many months. The Board of Trade committees have reason to feel encouraged over their success, not only in securing the mills, but in giving the people of Freeland who have money to invest an opportunity to place it so advantageously and with ample security.

The projectors of the brewery have given the matter quite a lot of attention lately, and after viewing it from every standpoint, it was decided that the money which would be required to place a plant of that character in operation could be used with better advantage to the town in other directions. While there was no question of it being a successful venture, it was thought that the main object—to secure work for many people—would not be attained by its erection. The committee in charge, therefore, has concluded to drop the matter for the present.

Foster School Board.

A meeting of Foster school board was held on Saturday evening at Woodside school house. All the members but Mr. Boyle were present, and the session was one of the liveliest this famous board has held for some time. An effort was made by Messrs. McHugh and Evans to abolish the office of superintendent, but the motion was lost. Messrs. Meneoley, Barton and Richards opposing it. A committee from the teachers then appeared with a set of resolutions in which the board was commended for its actions during the past year and the newspapers which have criticized the directors' work were condemned.

A motion to accept the resolutions and place them on the minutes aroused a discussion which brought forth many statements concerning the schools and teachers. Director McHugh asserted that when visiting schools he had heard scholars mispronounce many of the simplest words in the presence of both the teacher and superintendent, and the pupils' errors were allowed to go uncorrected. Other discrepancies in the school room were noted, and no contradiction of the assertions were made by any of the other directors. The speaker said that the newspapers have not told half the truth in the matter.

The motion to place the teachers' resolutions on the minutes was lost, the vote being two to two. Messrs. Meneoley and Richards voted in the affirmative, Messrs. McHugh and Evans in the negative, and Mr. Barton refused to vote. The treasurer notified the board that all the funds were exhausted. Some wished to borrow more money, but this was opposed as being illegal. The matter was finally referred to a committee to consult with the solicitor.

Charlie Ying and His Dog.

Charlie Ying, the laundryman, was the owner of a vicious dog until yesterday morning. Last week it bit a child belonging to Condly O. Boyle. Burgess McLaughlin notified the owner to remove the animal, giving him twenty-four hours in which to do it. When the allotted time expired the dog was still roaming around, and Charlie and his canine were arrested.

The Chinaman refused to pay the penalty for his disobedience, but a short time in the cooler made him reconsider the matter. He paid the fine of \$7.75, and also gave the Burgess authority to have the dog shot. However, when the officers went to the lockup yesterday the dog was dead.

Bicycles for Everybody.

C. D. Rohrbach, the hardware dealer of South Centre street, has entered the bicycle business on a large scale for the coming season, and is prepared to give intending purchasers some interesting information regarding the merits of the various makes. He has several samples of wheels at his storeroom, and can accommodate you with a bicycle for a lady, gent, boy or girl. His wheels have the very latest improvements, and he invites all to call and examine them. They must be seen to be appreciated.

Troubles to Be Aired in Court.

An action in Allegheny county court last week disclosed that there is trouble in the state organization of the American Protective Association. Enough was learned to indicate that a factional fight of no small proportions is being waged by members of the order in whose disruption it may result as far as Pennsylvania is concerned. A petition asking the court for a writ of replevin against Robert M. Jones, state secretary of the A. P. A., was filed. The writ is to be used to recover the property now held by Jones, which, it is alleged, is owned by the state and supreme national councils. The property in question is made up of the state organization's records. The petition was filed on behalf of W. W. Dunmire, of Altoona, state president.

It was learned that an attempt is being made to oust Jones, who is alleged to have done some things not in accordance with the rules of the organization. It is stated that Jones has been deposed from his position, but being supported by a strong faction in the order, refuses to quit his position, and continues to act as secretary and hold on to the records. He will fight the legal attempt to secure the records in his possession.

Fisher's Play a Poor One.

"A Cold Day," which was given at the Grand opera house on Friday evening, has improved none since its appearance here some years ago. It is the same jumbled-up combination of horse play and semi-vulgarity which has been built around Messrs. Fisher and French, who are billed as comedians. Their portrayal of the German and Irish characters is an absurdity, to say the least, and although their antics pleased some of the audience for the time being, the piece is too far below the standard to appear in a house like the Grand.

The redeeming features of the evening were the songs rendered by Mr. Donaldson and Miss Walcott. Both won liberal and well merited applause for their efforts. With a good play these two would prove a strong attraction.

Juryman Drawn.

The following citizens of this vicinity have been drawn to serve as juryman on the dates preceding their names:

Grand jury, May 25.—Simon Reich, Butler; John McHugh, George Sergeant, A. S. Everetts, Richard Rodgers, Hazle. Common pleas, May 11.—George Wagner, R. D. McClellan, J. Broderick, Condly O. Boyle, Foster; R. Baskin, Hazle.

Common pleas, May 18.—John Wagner, Jr., Isaac Williams, Peter James, George Scott, Hazle; James O. Baker, Tague Gallagher, Foster.

Early Train on the Valley.

With the new spring time table, which goes into effect next month, a new train will run from the coal branches, making connections with the early morning train at Mauch Chunk for New York and Philadelphia. This new train will leave about 4 o'clock in the morning, reaching Philadelphia at 7 and New York at 8 in the morning, thus giving a person a whole day in the city and home again the same night. It is not known yet if Freeland will be given connections with this early train.

Boner Won Another Fight.

John Boner, of Lansford, and "Pepper" Griffin, a negro hailing from Philadelphia, met at Shenandoah last week, and after battling together for ten rounds the referee, Tim Hurst, decided in favor of the miner. The fight was an interesting one and very lively. Boner made a fine showing, but could not knock out the negro. A slight bruise on the cheek is all that is noticeable on Boner's face. The fight was for \$150 a side and the gate receipts.

Hanlon Out of Base Ball.

John J. Hanlon, late president of the State base ball league, has given up base ball. He has purchased a half interest in an iron fence manufacturing in Allentown, and will give his attention to that industry. Incidentally he is pushing his candidacy on the Democratic ticket for legislative honors with every prospect of success. He has never been defeated for a political office and hopes his old success will attend him.

Cut Down the Rebel Flag.

Philip G. Killian, residing at West Pittston, died on Friday, aged 55 years. He was a veteran of the late war. He enlisted with the famous Fifty-second regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, and served four years and four months. He was second lieutenant of that regiment and enjoyed the distinction of having been the Union soldier who cut down the Confederate flag which waved over Fort Sumpter.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria.

When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria. When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria. When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

BRIEF ITEMS OF NEWS.

PARAGRAPHS GATHERED FROM ALL PARTS OF THE REGION.

Synopsis of Local and Miscellaneous Occurrences That Can Be Read Quickly. What the Folk of This and Other Towns are Doing.

Dwelling houses are in demand again, and many inquiries are made by persons desiring to locate here.

Governor Hastings has appointed June 30 as the day upon which Windish, the wife murderer, shall be hanged.

A large new bell has arrived for the Independent Polish church on Birkbeck street, and will be placed in position soon.

The TRIBUNE acknowledges the receipt of a volume of the "Statistical Abstract of the United States," through the courtesy of Hon. John Leisenring.

Garfield Commandery, No. 6, Knights of Malta, will hold a meeting tonight at which the Malta degree will be conferred. Members are requested to attend.

The "Presidential Possibilities" shown today are Richard Olney, secretary of state of the United States, and Stephen B. Elkins, United States senator from West Virginia.

The plan to annex Hazleton's outlying sections to the city has been blocked by a movement of the property owners of the territory wanted. They intend to apply for a borough charter.

The destruction of sugar plantations in Cuba is given as a reason for a prospective advance in sugar. Several private families are buying their summer stock now in view of the expected advance.

Ex-Representative D. M. Evans, of Beaver Meadow, officiated at the English Baptist church yesterday, filling the place of the pastor, Rev. J. T. Griffin, who held services at Nesquehoning.

David Riekert died at his residence on Front street on Thursday evening. He had been a sufferer for some time from paralysis. He was aged 66 years, 2 months and 21 days, and was buried in Freeland cemetery yesterday afternoon.

Stephen Page, who has been engaged for some months past as an agent for the Metropolitan Insurance Company, resigned his position on Saturday. Mr. Page was a hustler in the business, and the company will miss his valuable services.

The money question is one which hundreds of people will frankly tell you they do not understand. W. H. Little, of St. Louis, will entertain the readers of our "Live Questions" columns next Monday with a comprehensive article upon this subject.

The Anthracite Amateur league, of which the Travelers of town are members, will open their season on May 3. The league consists of eight clubs, and each has placed a guarantee of \$10 in the hands of the treasurer as evidence of the intention to play the season out.

H. W. Montgomery, florist, store 35 West Broad street, greenhouses corner Church and Second streets, Hazleton. Full stock of bedding and decorative plants. Special prices to all purchasers from Freeland and vicinity.

The hop which was to be given next Saturday evening by the Travelers Athletic Association will not take place, but the organization will hold a ball a week from this evening at Yannes' opera house. DelPiero's orchestra and St. Patrick's cornet band have been secured.

According to the Hazleton Standard a census of the miners employed at Harwood was recently made, and the following are the numbers of the various nationalities: Hungarians, 163; Polish, 137; Americans, 63; Irish, 32; Austrians, 27; Italians, 21; Germans, 11; English, 7; Welsh, 2.

The grand jury made its return on Saturday. A true bill has been found against the six directors of Hazle township, who are charged with unlawful contract and misdemeanor in office. The charge of embezzlement against A. M. McNulty was ignored. The commissioners were refused power to purchase a site for a new courthouse.

PLEASURE CALENDAR.

April 15.—Fair of Division 20, A. O. H., at Eckley.
April 20.—Ball of Travelers Athletic Association, at Yannes' opera house. Admission, 50 cents.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER—

FRANK DEPIERRO, of Freeland.

Subject to the decision of the Republican county convention.

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER—

R. E. DONAUGHEY, of Hazleton.

Subject to the decision of the Republican county convention.

FOR REPRESENTATIVE—

THOMAS M. POWELL, of Hazleton.

Subject to the decision of the Republican legislative convention.

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M. K. WALSH,

Has been appointed assistant superintendent of the Freeland district of the Prudential Insurance Company, succeeding D. J. Boyle, resigned, and will be found at the company's new office in

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