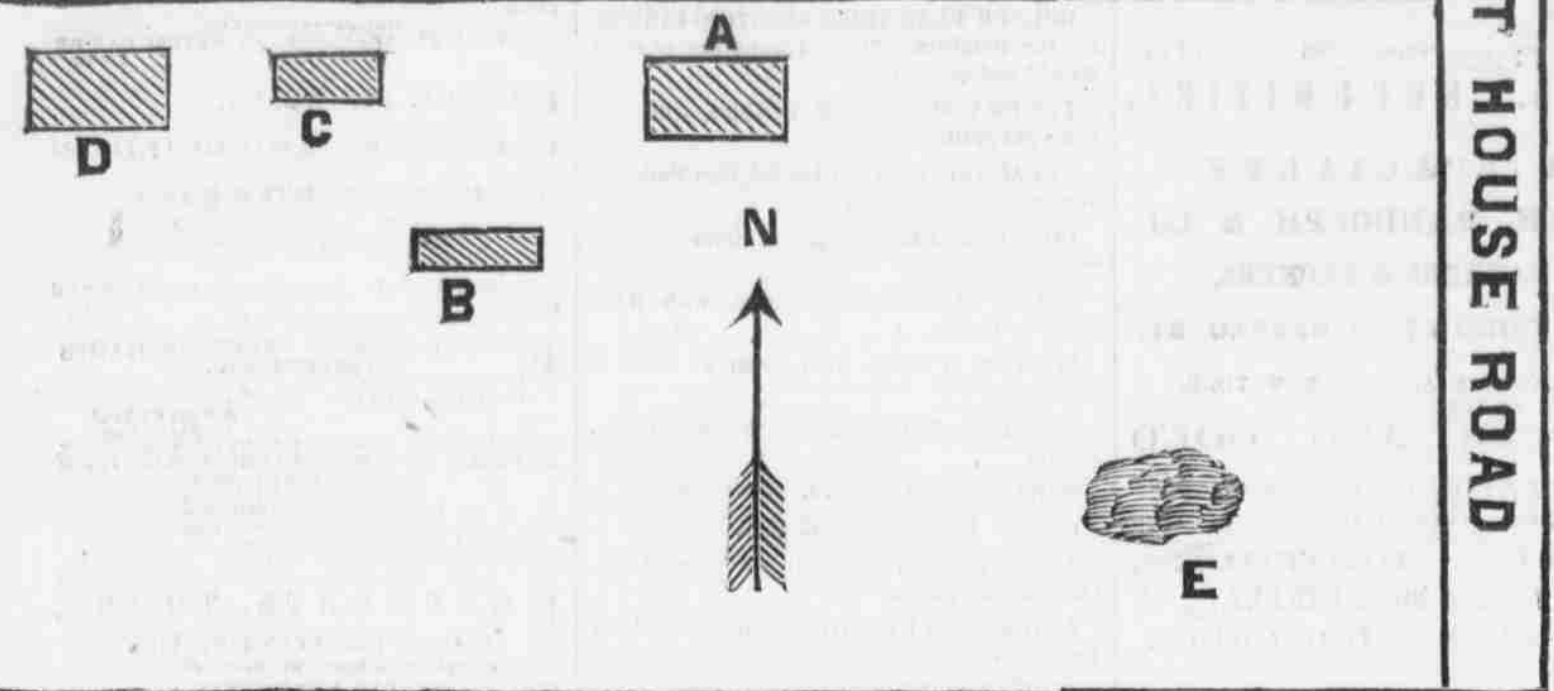


SCENE OF THE GREAT OCTO-HOMICIDE.

JONES LANE



A.—Residence of Mr. Deering—Point Road and Jones Lane. B.—Wagon House. C.—Corn Crib. D.—Barn. E.—Haystack, where most of the bodies were discovered, and where the body of the lad was found this morning. Here, too, the bloody clothes of the murderer were picked up.

LATEST HORROR!

Bloody Outrage in First Ward.

THE "CODSEN," "SPRING," "BART-LEFT," "COOSA," AND "JOYCE" TRAGEDIES OUTDONE.

An Entire Family Butchered in Cold Blood.

WOMEN AND CHILDREN BRUTALLY MURDERED.

Escape of the Assassins.

HEAVY REWARDS OFFERED

Seven Mutilated and Decomposing Bodies Discovered in a Compost Heap.

EIGHTH VICTIM FOUND THIS MORNING

The Only Octo-Homicide on Record

SHOCKING DETAILS OF THE CRIME

The Victims Have Their Souls Crushed and Throats Cut.

PAINFUL POPULAR EXCITEMENT LAST NIGHT AND TO-DAY.

Practical and Theoretical Speculations As to How and by How Many the Fiendish Outrage was Committed.

The Persons Upon Whom Suspicion Rests.

SCENE OF THE MURDER THIS MORNING.

Assassin's Clothes Identified.

INFANT TAKEN FROM ITS CRADLE AND SLAUGHTERED.

Robbery the Only Motive.

Etc., Etc., Etc., Etc., Etc.

Yesterday afternoon between 2 and 3 o'clock, the city of Philadelphia was startled from its propriety by the intelligence that an entire family had been ruthlessly slaughtered by a German laborer engaged in the service of the murdered man. The news spread rapidly, and the detectives were soon upon the ground. As near as we can learn, the following are the details of the horrible massacre:—

nothing worthy of publication was discovered below the fact that the rooms were in a disordered condition. An axe was found, however, resting on a bench outside the house, which contained marks of blood, and it is believed that the murders were committed with just such a weapon as the one found. The question was then raised, what has become of Mrs. Deering and the children? An examination was at once instituted, and after the lapse of perhaps half an hour's time, they were discovered frightfully mangled in the corn-crib which adjoins the barn, and within a few feet of the spot where the first-named bodies were discovered. By this time Coroner Taylor, Chief Ruzgles, High Constable Clark, and other officials, had arrived. The Coroner proceeded at once in the discharge of his duties in the premises. The bodies were removed from the places where they had lain so long, and were conveyed in a wagon to the residence of Cyrus Horne, undertaker, on Eleventh street, where they will remain, subject to the Coroner's investigation. As soon as the intelligence of the tragedy became known, a great deal of excitement took place among the people as the news spread. The police officers, in making a general search around the farm, discovered a shirt and pair of drawers under a haystack, about five hundred yards from the dwelling-house. They were taken in charge by the officers. These articles were not very clean; they appear to have been pretty well worn. It is strange indeed that there was very little or no blood about the bodies of the victims, nor in the vicinity of the places where they were found. Diligent search was made by the shrewdest officers for these marks, with the view of ascertaining, if possible, how or where the murders were committed. But all efforts tending to this result were made in vain, and of course the entire affair is involved in deep mystery. It is thought, however, that the mother and her children having been murdered, were conveyed to the barn and there thrown into a heap, as already stated. The murders must have been committed outside of the dwelling-house, and what blood there was must have soaked into the ground, or been washed out or dissipated by the rains which prevailed since Saturday. It is evident that after these murders, the hellish perpetrator of them not being able to find any money in the house, came to the conclusion that Mr. Deering must have his funds about him, and therefore waited his return. The desperate man probably laid in wait in the rear of the house, and commenced the work of death as Mr. Deering and his niece, Mrs. Dolan, were getting out of the wagon. He then dragged them to the place where their bodies were found, as already described.

The cattle, between thirty and forty in number, were in a pitiable condition. The poor creatures were ravenous from thirst and hunger. They were attended to as speedily as possible, and in such a manner as humanity dictated. The person who is supposed to have committed the horrible deed is a German, who has been in the employ of Mr. Deering, but whose name he attended to the cattle and horses, and assisted his employer in various other ways about the place. He had been there so short a time that none of the persons on the neighboring farms had the least acquaintance with him; in fact, out of a number of those who resided near, and with whom he conversed, not one of them could give anything near a full description of him. But it seems that, without doubt, he was about twenty-five years of age; that he wore a mustache, and weighed about 160 or 170 pounds. Some said that he was tall, with dark hair and mustache, while others said he was of medium size, stoutly built, and with light hair and mustache. It was the general belief that the man had been in the army, but as to the regiment he was connected with, or any other facts tending in that direction, not one appeared to have the slightest knowledge. A pair of light-blue army pants were found in the house, which, it is believed, was the property of the German. A pair of shoes, covered with mud, were also found in the house; these also, it is believed, belonged to the same person. As the shoes of Mr. Deering were missing from his feet when his body was found, it is supposed that the German put them upon his own feet, and left his old ones in the house where they were found. We could find no one about who had seen this man about the place at a later period than Friday morning, at the time he was seen by a young man who resides on Jones' lane, about a square from Mr. Deering's house. The German was then engaged at work near a ditch, in company with his employer. Since that, as far as we could learn, no trace of him is known. It is a fact, however, that neither he nor his body were visible in the neighborhood yesterday. We are not able to give any further particulars about this man at present. The detectives, who were on the ground at the earliest possible moment, set to work to ascertain some clue as to the whereabouts of the supposed murderer. Not receiving any plausible description of him, they have but few facts to assist them in ferreting out the affair. Further developments will no doubt be brought to light to-day, and some that may assist in pointing out the perpetrator of the deed. Last evening Mayor McMichael very promptly offered a reward of \$1000 for the arrest of the murderer of the Deering family. His Honor will probably communicate officially with Councils to-day, who will without doubt, largely increase the amount, it being limited, by the Mayor to the sum offered by him.

LATEST.

BODY OF THE BOY FOUND.

ANOTHER VICTIM OF THE ASSASSIN.

THE TRAGEDY UNFOLDING

SHOCKING DETAILS.

The body of the hired boy, known as Cornelius, was found this morning by the officers at half-past ten o'clock. He was discovered under the haystack, a short distance southeast of the dwelling, with his throat cut from ear to ear. From bruises found upon his person it is thought that he was struck in the head with the pole of the axe, and either shot or struck in the breast with a fork. His body was found by Officers Mitchell, Keffer, and Tucker. Officer Tucker also found the pantaloons and coat of the German in his room, with marks of blood upon them. His shirt and drawers were found about a square from the haystack. The detectives are upon the track, and but little doubt is entertained of capturing the criminal at an early day.

ADDITIONAL PARTICULARS.

The reporter of THE EVENING TELEGRAPH visited the scene of the late murder this morning, and found an immense crowd in attendance. The house is located due north and south, and in the rear is a large wood-shed. The front room, which is about twelve feet square, was comparatively in good order. On the east side windows open looking towards the Delaware. Between the dining-room and the kitchen, which is in the rear, there is a flight of stairs, leading to the upper portions of the building. In the sitting room were found a suit of child's clothes, which, it is supposed, the mother was making at the time the attack was made. Work-bags, spools of cotton, thread, and other articles of domestic use were found scattered around in confusion. The cradle of the child, with its furniture, was found in this room, but no traces of blood, or any indications of a struggle. The chairs, tables, and stoves were all in their usual positions.

The parlor, about 12 by 16, was somewhat disarranged, the furniture being found in confusion. There was a desk and two clocks, one an old-fashioned eight-day and the other a mantle ornament. The kitchen was in complete order, the dishes being washed and in the closet. The usual furniture of the kitchen was found undisturbed. In the second story, used as chambers, matters were in disorder, the work of the chambermaid having been apparently omitted. The beds were unmade, and on one of them a bonnet and a set of furs were found. Description of the Supposed Murderer. Chief Detective Benjamin Franklin has, after considerable difficulty, succeeded in obtaining a tolerably accurate description of the German employed by Mr. Deering, and who it is supposed committed the foul deed. Several persons have undertaken to describe the man, but the accounts vary in many particulars. The description appended is, however, agreed to in its main points by all parties who have seen the missing German.

FROM BALTIMORE TO-DAY.

The Bernal-Keene Scandal—Latest Developments—A Duel on the Tapis—The Southern Fair, Etc.

BALTIMORE, April 12.—The Bernal and Keene anonymous letter affair remains in statu quo. It is generally believed that a duel will grow out of it. The friends of both parties still have the matter under investigation. It forms the entire fashionable gossip of the town. All concerned stood at the top of "the quality." It is supposed that, unless Bernal makes a satisfactory explanation, he will be withdrawn from the British Consulate.

The Southern Fair continues to draw immensely, but Dan Rice beats it, as he preaches Unionism. It closes to-morrow night.

ESTPORT, Maine, April 12.—There is great excitement on Campo Bello Island, and the families of the residents there are removing to this city, and taking shelter in barns and outhouses. A great Fenian meeting was held last night, at which speeches were made by R. D. Killian and Major Simont.

CALAIS, Me., April 12.—There was much excitement yesterday and last night at St. Stephens, New Brunswick, opposite this city. The fears of a Fenian raid somewhere on the frontier have been strengthening for several days past, but the precise point of attack is not yet known.

The reports from Estport yesterday indicated that the Fenians were leaving there in squads, it was supposed for Calais, but up to this hour they have not shown themselves here.

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH. New York, April 12.—Cotton is quiet at 37 3/8 for Middlings. Flour has advanced 3/16c. for sound; sales of 5000 bbls. at 40 7/8 to 10 for State; 38 1/2 to 10 for Ohio; 36 7/8 to 95 for Western; Southern buoyant; 2000 bbls. sold, 38 3/4 to 39 1/2; Canadian 52 1/2c. better; 450 bbls. sold; 37 3/4 to 38 1/2 Wheat firm, but quiet; mixed advanced 1/4; sales of 22 000 bush. Corn at 82 3/8c; Oats advanced 1/4; Beet steady. Pork steady at 82 1/2 for Mess; Lard firm; Whisky dull.

—There is much probability that the Cathedral at Din will soon be placed in the hands of the restorer; some works of conservation require to be effected in the first instance.

THIRD EDITION

HORRIBLE FAMILY MURDER IN VIRGINIA.

A Woman and Three Children Butchered.

THEY ARE HACKED TO DEATH WITH AN AXE.

Etc., Etc., Etc., Etc., Etc., Etc., Etc.

Special to The Evening Telegraph.

FREDERICKSBURG, Va., April 12.—A horrible murder was committed near Warsaw, Richmond county, Va., on the morning of the 3d inst. A man by the name of Julius Hall went into the kitchen where a colored woman and her three children were, and with an axe killed them all. The woman was found lying in the middle of the floor, weltering in her blood; near the bed was found one of the children, a girl about seven years of age, with her brains running out; another, five years old, and an infant, not yet a year old, were found lying near the fire-place with their skulls smashed in. Hall was arrested and committed to jail for trial at the next term of the Court. After he had committed the deed he told his wife that he had done it; he then went to his father's, some four miles distant, and told his father what he had done—"that he didn't want to do it, but that something told him he must do it." He said this woman had never done anything to cause him to do as he had done. Hall seems very much depressed, and has evinced a disposition to kill himself. He having acted in a strange manner for some time past, it is supposed that his mind was in a deranged condition at the time the deed was committed.

WASHINGTON.

Special Despatches to The Evening Telegraph.

Mr. Stephens' Testimony.

Alexander H. Stephens was before the Reconstruction Committee yesterday for several hours. He gave a rose-colored account of the South, its condition, and its hopes.

Personal.

Senator Wright has not been to the Senate since the day he voted against the Civil Rights bill after the veto. He continues very weak.

The Test Oath.

Loyal gentlemen arriving here daily from Virginia strongly oppose any modification of the test oath looking to the admission to Congress of men who were identified with the late Rebellion, but, on the contrary, desire its provisions to be made still more stringent, and assert that in their opinion the radicals are the truest and best friends of the Southern people.

The Lincoln Funeral Car.

At the sale of the United States military railroad supplies yesterday, at Alexandria, the gorgeous funeral car which conveyed the remains of President Lincoln to Springfield, Ill., was purchased by ex-Marshal Ward H. Lamon for a little less than \$10,000.

Smuggling to be Stopped.

The Senate Committee on Commerce is preparing to report a bill for the prevention of smuggling at the seaports and on the Canadian frontier.

Escaped.

Oscar Mankin, one of the Alexandria Rebels, convicted of murder on Christmas last, on the occasion of the riots, has escaped from prison.

The Reconstruction Committee.

Unless the friends of Mr. Johnson's policy have more witnesses to examine the Reconstruction Committee will soon close their case, and report finally to Congress.

The President in a State of Siege.

A number of dilapidated politicians are here besieging the President daily to give them office, and remove Republicans who do not sustain his Southern policy. Notwithstanding all their assertions to the contrary, there is at present no prospect of their success.

Freedmen's Affairs in Mississippi.

Colonel Thomas having been relieved from the superintendency of Freedmen's affairs in Mississippi, General T. J. Wood, commanding the Department, has been temporarily assigned to the duties of Assistant Commissioner of the Bureau in that State.

Official Army Register.

The first volume of the official army register, published in compliance with an act of Congress, has just made its appearance. It was intended to embrace the names of all volunteer officers of the New England States, together with a brief sketch of the history of the different regiments, promotions, discharges, dismissals, transfers, and a large amount of other data of interest to former officers of the volunteer force. The mistakes and omissions in this edition will probably lead to its suppression by order of the Congress. The next volume, now being printed, will soon be issued, and is to embrace the same facts relative to Pennsylvania, New York, and New Jersey regiments. The series will consist of eight volumes, which will be issued from time to time, from the Government Printing Office, and will be forwarded to all applicants on the receipt of one dollar, the actual cost of publication. No copies are printed for members of Congress.

ROBBERY EXTRAORDINARY.

A Bank Clerk Knocked Down and Robbed of Nine Thousand Dollars in Gold—A Mysterious Affair—"Where are the Police?"

One of the most extraordinary cases of highway robbery that has ever started honest New Yorkers occurred on Tuesday afternoon last, in the very heart of the business portion of the city. At about 1 o'clock (we are informed) a person employed as porter or clerk in the Bank of America, called at the Sub-Treasury office, corner of Wall and Nassau streets, and obtained nine thousand dollars in gold. The specie was placed in a bag, and the clerk left the Sub-Treasury office on his way to the bank. Two hours afterwards, one of the clerks of the Chatham Bank had occasion to visit the Sub-Treasury office to obtain specie. Having accomplished the object of his visit, he passed from the room. As he stepped into the ante-room, he stumbled over the prostrate form of the clerk of the Bank of America, who had left the building two hours previously. Examination disclosed the fact that the unfortunate man had been knocked down, slained, and severely wounded, and that the bag he had obtained from the Sub-Treasury office was in his possession. Measures were at once taken to restore consciousness, but at a late hour on Tuesday evening these efforts had been only partially successful. Indeed, at last accounts, the unfortunate clerk was wholly unable to give any account of the circumstances attending the robbery, or to make any intelligent statement with regard to the manner in which he had passed the two hours intervening between his departure from the Sub-Treasury office and his discovery of the outrage, or concerning his whereabouts during this time. To all questions his replies are vague and unmeaning. He seemed quite unaware that he had been assaulted or robbed.

Every person who had occasion to call at the Sub-Treasury office will remember that the main room is approached through an ante-room. It was in this ante-room, between the inner and the outer doors, and near the former, that the unfortunate clerk was discovered. In this room could not have remained in this room, in the condition in which he was found, during the whole of the two hours. The most reasonable theory is that he went away from the Sub-Treasury building, was knocked down and robbed somewhere in its neighborhood, and after hours of aimless wandering finally staggered back into the little ante-room, there to sink and lose his consciousness.

We are informed that the victim of this outrage was assaulted in a similar manner a few years since, while residing in New Jersey, and that his mind received so great a shock that he was utterly unable to speak during several years immediately following. His dumbness, however, passed away in time. It is well known that such a case did occur at about the time indicated (in 1858, we think), exciting general attention.

Our entirely infallible detectives need hardly be informed that there is a new class of robbery, to be sure, the recovery of the sum of \$300,000 can hardly be considered a strong incentive to those efficient officials whose unimpeachable integrity and unsurpassed sagacity have endeared them to the hearts of all owners of greenbacks and national securities. Under the system which is understood to be in operation, the capturing party could obtain only \$5000. But it may be intimated, we trust, without giving offense to the guardians of our lives and property, that the robbery, or, at least, assassination, of a bank attache, in broad daylight, in a crowded thoroughfare, and under the very shadow, as it were, of official authority, is not, in these days, and with our civilization, quite "the thing."—N. Y. World.

LEGAL INTELLIGENCE.

COURT OF QUARTER SESSIONS—President Judge Allison—Prison cases still occupy the sessions of the Court. John Williams pleaded guilty to stealing a box of maces and other articles, worth \$12, the property of Samuel Barton & Co. Williams was sent to jail to the box and wank with it away from the store. Being pursued he ran, and dropped the box, but failed to make his escape.

C. F. Reel pleaded guilty to a charge of assault and battery on Philip Britton.

Richard Rova, a colored man, convicted of stealing a coat, the property of John Campbell, No. 610 S. Seventh street.

Dudlow Cooper was convicted of a charge of stealing a barrel of dried huckleberries from J. S. Rustin, No. 15 S. Front street.

John Leopart was convicted of stealing a bag of carrot balls belonging to Charles J. St. John, No. 15 S. Front street.

Charles Boissard was convicted of stealing a tub and five pounds of butter, worth \$4.80, from J. C. Gold.

William Lee was convicted of a charge of burglary attempted to be committed April 2, at 100 dwelling-house of Charles H. Smith, No. 725 Wood street.

Thomas Dowdle was convicted of stealing five pounds of butter.

Martha Wilson, charged with stealing a cloak, the property of L. L. Lohr, was found guilty.

Joseph Anderson, charged with stealing a watch from Walter H. Tilden, knowing the same to have been stolen, was convicted. Anderson said he had no reason to believe it to be stolen.

Laburne Haley was charged with the larceny of a watch from the person of John Smith and John Guyton.

John Smith and John Guyton were charged with highway robbery, committed on the person of Samuel Heady. The defendants, as Heady testified, followed him on the evening of the 22d of March, from the tavern of a man named Dusebury, at Delaware avenue and Dock streets, and violently assaulted, robbed him of his pocket-book and contents, amounting to about \$50, and then a watch. The police having been informed of the affair, went to Dusebury's, and arrested Guyton and Smith, whom the plaintiff identified as the parties who had robbed him. About \$20 in money was found on each of the defendants, but neither the watch nor pocket-book on trial.

SUPREME COURT AT NEW PRINCE—Justice Read.—The Court, at this morning to hear a motion to vacate a rule to take the depositions of going witnesses on the 10th of April. It was stated by the Court in support of the motion by the counsel for the defendant that the witnesses proposed to be examined had been brought from Lawrence county, where they and the defendant reside, in order to be examined in a cause pending here in this Court, and that owing to the shortness of the notice they had been unable to communicate with their client.

Justice Read granted the motion vacating the rule, on the ground that witnesses not brought from a distance to testify were not going witnesses within the meaning of the rule of Court, and Read May, next as the time to proceed with the depositions.

The District Courts, Nos. 1 and 2, have concluded their lists for the week, and adjourned.

The Court of Common Pleas, Justice Pierce, was engaged with the case of Sherry vs. Grover, an action by plaintiff to recover damages for an actor in the New Chestnut Street Theatre. Before reported.

—A silver wedding that will be worth witnessing will be observed on the 28th of April, at St. Petersburg. It is that of the czar Alexander and the czarina. They were married on the 28th of April, 1811. The czar's birthday falls on the 28th of April, when he will be forty-eight years of age. His wife, who is forty-two, is Mary Alexandrovna, daughter of the Grand Duke of Hesse Darmstadt, one of the minor sovereigns of Germany. Five sons and a daughter are the fruits of the marriage, the daughter, who bears the mother's name, being thirteen. The eldest son died recently.

—At West Bend, Wisconsin, recently, a clergyman started for a small country place, a few miles away, for the purpose of reading the burial service over a lady who was that day to be interred. On the way the horse, a high spirited animal, ran away, throwing the gentleman from the cutter and killing him instantly. The funeral was in consequence delayed; and a while after the time when it would, but for the accident, have taken place, the lady rose from the coffin, having been in a trance for two days. The unfortunate minister was buried in the grave which had been made to receive the lady's supposed remains.