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## H. C. FRICK SHOT.

THE CARNEGIE CHAIRMAN ATTACKED BY A RUSSIAN ANARCHIST.

On last Saturday a man named Alexander Bergman obtained admission to the private office of H. C. Frick, manager of the Carnegie Steel Company at Pittsburg.

A moment later a pistol shot and the sound of a scuffle created a panic in the office. Two more shots and Mr. Frick's shouts for help brought them to their senses and they rushed to the rescue.

FRICK SATURATED WITH BLOOD.

The clerk found him grappling with his assailant, whose clothes were saturated with blood from the millionaire's hands. Mr. Frick had Beerman by the throat and pummeled him until he fainted from loss of blood. Beerman made a rush for the elevator which had just stopped on the second floor, but there his progress was stopped by a dozen hands, and he was held until the police arrived. Inside and outside there was great confusion and excitement. The carpet and furniture were saturated with blood, and so was Mr. Frick. Messengers and the telephone were hurriedly used to bring physicians.

Dr. Joseph Dickson took charge of the wounded man about an hour after the shooting. The patient was removed into one of the offices in the rear of the building and seemed to be resting easy. He was perfectly conscious and talked with those of his friends who were admitted to his room. The physicians soon extracted one of the bullets that had lodged in Mr. Frick's back. They then directed their attention to one of the other wounds. Shortly before five o'clock the physicians sent out word that Mr. Frick was considered out of danger, all the bullets having been extracted.

THREATS OF LYNCHING BERGMAN.

Bergman was taken by two policemen to the corner of Wood and Fifth avenue, where he was hustled into a patrol wagon. The most intense excitement reigned. Cries were heard of "Shoot him down." Some growled, "Let him have what he gave Frick," while a more conservative element stepped forward and helped keep the assassin from mob violence. A large crowd followed the patrol wagon to the central police station. When the lock-up was reached the police were compelled to shut the gates to the yard to keep out the people. The prisoner was pale and so much exhausted from excitement that he could not answer the usual questions for several minutes. He was taken into the cell department and put in a cell. Bergman's curly hair seemed to be standing on end and his sallow complexion was bleached to an ashen whiteness. He was covered from head to foot with blood and seemed proud of his deed.

Bergman told the officers at the Central station that he lived on Forty-second street, New York, but refused to give the number of his residence. He said he was a compositor on a New York paper and that he came to Pittsburg on Thursday and had been staying at the Merchants' hotel, on Water street. He at first declined to give his nationality, but later said he was a Russian Jew, and that he was proud of it.

When Bergman was asked why he attempted the murder he replied: "That's a queer question to ask."

DYNAMITE IN HIS MOUTH.

After Bergman was stripped of all clothing and a new suit of clothes put on him, orders were issued not to permit any one to see him. He had in his possession when arrested a common plated cigarette box, with six cigarettes in it. He also had thirteen thirty-eight calibre bullets on his person. The prisoner had also a cheap plated silver watch, which was twenty minutes slow and which stopped shortly after he was arrested. He was very uncommunicative, and it was only after persistent questioning that anything was elicited from him.

A second examination of Bergman was made by the police surgeon and the inspector and two dynamite cartridges were found in his mouth. The desperate man refused to let them be taken out without a fierce struggle, during which he had to be choked until he was black in the face before he gave up the explosives. When Dr. Mercer was examining him he thought there was something wrong with his mouth and the doctor asked him to open it. This he refused to do until forced, and in so doing the cartridges were found.

It was evidently the man's intention to explode them in his mouth and kill himself in the same manner as

Anarchist Ling, the Chicago Haymarket rioter, who was condemned to death, but who committed suicide in prison. The caps attached to Bergman's cartridges would not work and the scheme failed.

## MILITARY DISCIPLINE.

A private in Co. K, Tenth regiment named Iams, on hearing of the attempted assassination of H. C. Frick called for "three cheers for the man who shot Frick." Lieutenant Colonel Streater of the same regiment overheard the remark, and ordering out the whole regiment he repeated the words and asked the man who had used them to step forward. Iams at once complied, but refused to apologize. Col. Streater ordered his arms taken from him, the buttons cut from his coat, and then strung him up by the thumbs until he became unconscious. His clothes were then taken from him and he was given some overalls and an old coat, and after shaving one half of his head and beard, he was drummed out of camp. Major General Snowden approved of the action of Col. Streater. Iams, who lives at Waynesburg, and his friends now propose to prosecute all who had a hand in the treatment received by him. While his conduct is most highly objectionable, both as a soldier and a citizen, it is not certain whether the military officers acted entirely within the limits of their authority in punishing him as they did, and the matter is likely to get into the courts for a final determination. It would seem as though the man should have been given a hearing before receiving the severe punishment inflicted upon him.

## ARGUMENT COURT.

Argument Court met Friday afternoon 22d inst at 2 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment, all the Judges being present.

Upon petition Alfred E. Mood was appointed guardian of Martha E. McKamey. Bond to be given in the sum of \$600.

Emma Wintersteen vs. Chas. Wintersteen, petition for divorce. Subpoena awarded.

In the estate of Margaret J. Brittain, deceased, petition for investment filed. Investment decreed.

The hotel license of E. P. Albertson, of Sugarloaf township, was transferred to Fred Gretz, of the same place.

A petition was filed by the County Commissioners requesting the Court to appoint a tax collector in Centralia borough and Conyngham township.

The petition for a road in Centre Twp. near Allen Shellhamer's, was presented and filed.

In regard to changing the return days, the following order was made by the Court: "Now, July 22, 1892, it is ordered and directed that after the month of August, 1892, the first Monday of each and every month shall be a return day, for the return of writs and processes of every kind as provided by law and the rules of Court."

BY THE COURT.  
"Now, July 22, 1892, John G. Freeze, Esq., J. B. Robison, Esq., Grant Herring, Esq., H. M. Hinckley, Esq., and James Scarlet, Esq., are appointed a committee to revise the Rules of Court of the 26 Judicial District, so as to conform with the foregoing order."  
BY THE COURT.  
In the estate of N. B. Creasy, deceased, petition for the sale of the real estate for the payment of debts. Sale of tract No. 20 was ordered.

Upon motion of R. R. Little, Esq., Henry H. Paul, Jr., of Philadelphia, was admitted to practice in the several courts of the county.

Mary A. Burns appointed Guardian of Robert and Maud Burns.

Clinton Hartman upon petition was appointed Guardian of Edna May, Albert B., Olive and Matilda, minor children of G. W. Hartman, deceased.

In the estate of Joseph Watts, deceased. Sale of real estate ordered.

A. W. Jones appointed trustee of the fund of Alice Kline and W. H. Whitenight was appointed trustee of the estate of William Whitenight, deceased.

Sale of real estate ordered in the estate of William Helwig, deceased.

In the estate of Rebecca May late of Bloomsburg, Sale of real estate ordered.

In the estate of John Whitenight deceased. Petition for partition filed.

In the matter of a road in Benton twp. near H. F. Everett's, on motion a rule was granted to show cause why the proceedings, vacating a portion of the road shall not be annulled and set aside.

Adjourned to Aug. 8 at 2 o'clock p. m.

The speech of Hon. A. L. Fritz which appears in this issue, is printed by request.

## COLUMBIA COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

REPORT OF SUPT. W. C. JOHNSTON.

It is encouraging to report that the past year has been one of progress all along the line of school work. The schools of the county, as a whole, have given general satisfaction, although in many districts the work was crippled on account of epidemic diseases.

Six school houses were erected during the year: one in Benton, one in Conyngham, one in Fishingcreek, one in Main, and two in Sugarloaf.

The house in Benton is a two-story, two-room frame building supplied with patent desks and slate blackboard.

The one in Conyngham is a two-room, one-story frame building and is also supplied with slate surface and patent desks.

The others are one-story, one-room frame buildings and supplied with similar desks and blackboards.

All these buildings reflect credit upon the boards of directors under whose supervision they were constructed.

It is a pleasure to report that marked improvements are being made in the furniture apparatus in all schools and that more care was given to the out buildings and the grounds, however the latter should have decidedly more attention.

A number of schools had entertainments charging a small admittance fee. The money thus secured was invested in books as a nucleus of libraries.

Fifty seven of our schools have libraries—some of them large and good, others small but interesting and useful. Seventy two of the schools have unabridged dictionaries and in a few others the teacher's is used.

Directors begin to realize that it is not only desirable but necessary that each school have a good dictionary. At the last meeting of their association this subject was considered and it is believed that next year an unabridged dictionary will be put into most of the schools not now having one.

Jackson last year, the first district in the county to do so, furnished all text-books free of cost to all pupils. Conyngham furnished all the readers free. Other districts are considering this subject. Conyngham has made a move in the direction of district supervision by having Prof. B. F. Kelley, principal of the Locust Dale Schools, devote part of his time to supervising all the schools of the district.

Our teachers with few exceptions are faithful, conscientious, and progressive. It is believed that they have done more regular careful professional reading during the year than ever before. As a result their work has been more practical and thorough.

Nearly all teachers holding the lower grade certificates attend during vacation either the Normal at Bloomsburg, the Seminary at Millville, the Academy at Orangeville, or other schools for teachers. The Normal graduates usually continue their studies and professional reading and thus keep in touch with the times.

Marked improvement is observed in instruction especially in reading, language and primary work.

Much of the teaching has not and does not insure to pupils that practical knowledge of arithmetic, grammar or language, and the ability to read intelligently and intelligibly that it should.

While instruction should do far more than this for pupils yet if it does less it is not a success.

Lack of proper apparatus in some schools, irregular attendance of pupils, and a prevailing tendency among pupils in the rural schools to pursue but two or three subjects, are three things that seriously cripple the work.

The first can be removed by the action of various boards, and be it said to the credit of the directors that they are manifesting more attention in this direction than heretofore and the necessary apparatus will doubtless be supplied as the funds of the districts warrant. The second may be remedied by the co-operation of parents, directors and teachers which co-operation is usually secured if earnestly and prudently sought by teachers.

The third is more difficult to remedy. The greatest efforts and the best work sometimes will not awaken an interest among some of the larger pupils for more than two or three subjects. But the small ones—those to take the place of the larger pupils a year or two hence may be so instructed that they will not be satisfied with the knowledge their older brothers and sisters deemed sufficient. The small children of our rural schools should receive more attention and better instruction. While there is no evidence that such has ever been attempted

here yet it is believed that a carefully arranged course of study for the country schools would, if followed, benefit them.

The High Schools of Berwick, Bloomsburg, Catawissa and Centralia sent out a number of graduates reflecting great credit upon the principals and teachers of these schools. Eight were graduated from Bloom, fifteen from Berwick, three from Catawissa, and five from Centralia.

The Bloomsburg High School deserves special mention in this connection from the fact that it graduated its first class this year which fact is the best evidence of the progressive spirit of directors, principal, and teachers.

The Normal school is in a very prosperous condition. Over ninety were graduated this year. The attendance at this school has so increased that it has been necessary to make a number of improvements, prominent among which is the remodeling and beautifying of the auditorium. More buildings and greater teaching force are required. The teachers have been secured and the buildings will be completed before the close of another year. They comprise a well equipped gymnasium, additional classrooms, a new chemical and physical laboratory, and dormitories for one hundred and fifty additional students.

Notwithstanding the fact that many schools were closed, sometimes for two or three weeks, on account of sickness of pupils or teachers which necessitated much more travelling yet all were visited—two hundred and eighty nine visits being made during the year.

The annual meeting of the directors was well attended and unusually interesting. The discussions were practical.

Each year the directors seem to take greater interest in the schools.

They are more careful to select good sites for school houses, to erect substantial and comfortable buildings, to supply suitable furniture and apparatus, and are more cautious in engaging teachers.

One hundred and sixty schools reported having been visited by directors at the time my visits were made; therefore it is safe to conclude that two hundred of the two hundred eighteen were visited by directors during the year. This is a great improvement over last year and indicates that the schools are receiving closer attention.

A careful examination of the Annual Reports of secretaries shows that in nine districts of the twenty five (twenty six now as Millville is a borough) the average salary of male teachers was the same as last year: in twelve districts the average salary of lady teachers was the same; in three districts the average salary was less for men, and in six districts was less for women; in twelve districts the average salary was greater for men and in seven, greater for women.

The highest salary per month paid to any male teacher was \$117.64, the lowest \$20.00; the highest salary per month paid to any lady teacher was \$45.00, the lowest \$20.00.

The greatest increase per month in salary to male teachers was \$17.64; to lady teachers was \$5.00.

From the same source we find that the tax rate for school purposes in fourteen districts was the same as last year; in six districts the rate was increased and in five districts it was decreased.

That the highest tax rate was thirteen mills and the lowest two mills.

It is also ascertained that the cost of schooling each pupil per month in three districts was the same as last year, in nine districts was less, and in thirteen districts it was more.

The greatest cost per month for schooling each pupil in any district was \$1.55, the lowest cost was \$0.64.

Nine successful local institutes were held during the year: at Benton, Berwick, Buckhorn, Centralia, Espy, Millville, Millville, Numidia, and Orangeville. These meetings were well attended and accomplished much good. Brief accounts of each were given in the monthly reports.

The county institute was a success. It was divided into three sections for the morning sessions which gave general satisfaction.

The address of welcome was delivered by Fred Ikeler, Esq.

The instructors and lecturers present were Hon. D. J. Waller, Jr., Dr. G. M. Phillips, Supts. Walton and Harman, Profs. J. P. Welsh, J. G. Becht, W. H. Butts, E. K. Richardson, and Jerry March, Rev. Russell H. Conwell, Dr. A. A. Willits, Dr. G. M. Phillips (in place of Col. McClure, absent on account of sickness) and the Boston Ideal Banjo Club.

It is with sorrow and regret that reference is made to the death of two of our young and progressive teachers, Miss Clara Teple of Catawissa and

Miss Blanche Geddis of Bloomsburg. Both were graduates of the Bloomsburg Normal School; the one a member of the class of '91, the other a member of the class of '88. Both were women whose christian characters exerted ennobling influence in their schools and among those with whom they lived. Both were greatly loved by their pupils and mourned by large circles of friends and acquaintances.

Several school houses will be erected, a number will be repaired, new furniture, and more and better apparatus will be placed in many schools before the next year's work begins.

The Bloom directors will remodel the Fifth Street school house making it an eight room building and will have it heated and ventilated by the Smead, Mills and Company's improved system.

In several of the districts the boards have lengthened the term. This has been done in Benton, Berwick, Briarcreek, Catawissa, Greenwood, Madison, Montour, Orange, Scott, and Millville Borough begins with an eight month term.

In many districts the salaries of teachers have been increased and all making some improvements such as the directors consider best at this time.

In conclusion my thanks are gratefully tendered to the Department at Harrisburg for advice, to the press of the county for ever-ready support given, to the directors and citizens for their great kindness and aid, and to the teachers for their uniform courtesy and hearty co-operation.

## ESPY.

Mrs. Price and son from Ashland, are at present the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rice.

Quite a number of our town folks contemplate taking in the picnic at Central on Saturday.

Miss Sayers of Millertown is at present visiting her aunt, Mrs. M. A. Blosser of this place.

The wind storm which passed over this place on Tuesday afternoon, caused considerable havoc among fruit and shade trees, as well as giving some of our people a general scare.

The festival which the M. E. Church proposed holding in the park at this place on Saturday evening, has been postponed until some near time in the future, due notice of which will be given.

Hayes, youngest son of T. F. Hayman of Birdsboro, but formerly of this place, died at his home on Saturday morning last, and was brought to the Creveling cemetery for interment on Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. C. R. Miller of Plymouth who has been staying at this place with friends for some time, returned home on Monday, taking with her, her young brother Frank Trump, who expects to remain at Plymouth during his vacation.

Quite a number of our town people have invested in new wash machines lately, at least such appears to be the case, as a machine can be seen setting on the back porch of nearly every other house in town, and look when we will, we can see one or the other of the agents who are at present stopping at the hotel at this place, traveling up or down one side of the street or the other with a "Sunbeam" on a wheelbarrow.

A pleasant gathering took place at the home of Miss Della Geisinger on Friday evening last, in the form of a Leap year party. It was attended by a large number of young people of this place, also from Bloomsburg and Milton. Miss Lillie Redeker and Belle Ruckle, Earl Creveling and James Miller acted as waiters and ushers, and performed their duties with as much ceremony as would have given credit to persons twice their age. In short all reported a pleasant time and declared it to be *The party of the season*.

A mad dog was killed in Towanda one day last week, before it had a chance to bite anybody. With a thousand dogs in Bloomsburg it will be surprising if one or more of them are not affected by the extreme heat of the weather and become rabid. Up to this time the only precaution taken by the town authorities is to pass an ordinance imposing a tax on dogs, which is virtually a dead letter. The tax law should be enforced, and every dog should be required to be kept muzzled.

## Thanks.

We offer our sincere thanks to the unknown party who so kindly remembered us by sending a freezer of ice cream and some cake, to our camp. NIMROD CAMPING CLUB.

## PERSONAL.

Miss Grace Neal is visiting in Towanda.

Sheriff Moury has appointed his son Michael as deputy sheriff.

Thos. P. Hanley and Charles P. Elwell spent last Sunday at Lily Lake.

Mrs. Pennepacker of Philadelphia is spending several weeks with her daughter, Mrs. W. S. Rishton.

Judge and Mrs. Ikeler went to Proctor Inn on Wednesday, to escape the intense heat.

Miss Annie Maize returned from Chadron, Nebraska, last week Friday, after an absence of ten months.

William Dennis has left the employ of Glasco Cameron, and gone to New Jersey to spend the summer. He expects to return in September.

Dr. E. F. Smith of Goshen, New York, is the father of a baby boy which was born on the morning of the 21st inst. Mrs. Smith was formerly Miss Mildred Knorr of Bloomsburg.

Hon. C. R. Backalew is summing at Proctor Inn and Ganoga Lake. He came down to Bloomsburg on Monday, but owing to the intense heat prevailing here, he went back on the first train.

Miss Maggie Rutter returned home from Nebraska last Saturday night, after an absence of nine months. She gave her parents a very pleasant surprise as they did not know she was coming.

Mr. Oscar E. Weidman of Easton is visiting his brother G. T. Weidman of Minneapolis who, together with his wife and daughter have been the guests of Jacob Dieffenbach for the past two weeks.

Mrs. Butler and Mrs. C. W. Funston have sold their lot on Normal Hill, adjoining J. R. Townsend's, to Prof. C. H. Albert for \$2,000. Mr. Albert intends to build a residence there.

The tax in Bloomsburg on female dogs is two dollars a year, under Town ordinance number three. It is further provided that such dogs shall not be permitted at any time to run at large in the town limits, and in case any are found running at large, it shall be the duty of the constable to kill or have the same killed as soon as practicable, for which service he shall receive a compensation of one dollar from the town.

Several such dogs have been running at large in town within the past week.

The ordinance further provides that owners of dogs (male) shall pay a tax of one dollar for the first dog, and two dollars each for every dog above that number owned or kept by one person.

Only 219 are returned by the assessors as being owned in this town, though everybody knows that there are over 1,000 dogs here. Assessors will be expected to perform their duty in this respect more fully hereafter.

## NEW POLLING PLACES.

The order of the Court fixing the polling places in Bloomsburg, designates the corner of Fifth and West streets for one of the new districts, and Wm. Giger's hotel for another. Under the new ballot law the county commissioners are required to provide suitable polling places for the general elections, but as we read the law, this does not apply to delegate elections. As there is no place at the corner of Fifth and West where the delegate election can be held, and no arrangement has yet been made for the use of a room at Giger's, the members of the Standing Committee must make some other provision for those districts. Chairman Townsend has suggested that the election for the two lower districts be held at the court house, and the other two at the Town Hall. This would be as good an arrangement as can be made at present.

A number of men have been arrested at Homestead on a charge of murder, for the death of the Pinkerton men at the beginning of the trouble. As an act of retaliation, Manager Frick will be arrested on the same charge at the instance of the Amalgamated Association as soon as he is able to leave his home. The situation grows more complicated day by day.

The intense heat of the past week was the hottest during the past ten years or more. On Tuesday it brought the mercury to 104 in the shade in some parts of the town. In Philadelphia nine persons died on Tuesday from the effects of the heat, and many were prostrated. In many places work was suspended, as the men could not endure it.