

BRUTAL MURDER AT LOOKHAVEN.

A Peacemaker Slabbed to Death in a Pool Room.

Lock Haven is all wrought up over a brutal murder that occurred there on Wednesday afternoon. The murder was committed in the opera house pool room about half past five o'clock, and the victim was William Reeder, of Lock Haven, who stepped in to act as peacemaker during a quarrel between A. Winchester, of Wayne Station, and Joseph Moore, of Lock Haven. Winchester did the stabbing.

When Reeder stepped in between Winchester and Moore, who were quarreling, to endeavor to pacify them, Winchester became so enraged at what he considered interference that he at once whipped out an ugly looking dagger and savagely attacked the peacemaker. He cut Reeder in seven different places about the head, the fatal wound, however, being inflicted in the throat. Reeder, with his throat cut and the blood spurting from it in a perfect stream, at once dropped to the floor, and when the excited spectators reached his side his form was limp and lifeless. Death had been instantaneous.

Not satisfied with his bloody work, Winchester then turned upon Moore, stabbing him in the side, back and arms, and the second victim of the murderer's knife fell to the floor in an unconscious condition. Intense excitement ensued, and as the scene of the murder is in the most prominent business portion of the town, a large crowd gathered in and about the pool room in an incredibly short space of time. The murderer was arrested shortly afterward and locked up. Moore's condition is very serious.—*Milton Record.*

The above sad case is only one of a number occurring daily. And, though it is not so stated, the chances are that the murderer was drunk.

Fires and Safeguards.

Destructive fires elsewhere, that the lucky denizens of Bloomsburg have thus far only read about, should prove to those now secure in their homes and property, when words of warning fail, that a well sustained fire department, prepared for war in time of peace, is a very good investment for any place, even though it be heavily insured. Insurance money may pay sometimes—that is if you have everything cut and dried for the burn-out—but as a rule we think premeditated fires do more than is asked of them, and therefore they are apt to cost too much in any town. If fires could be stopped as easily as started the case would be different. A place of the size and beauty of Bloomsburg we deem well worth guarding against the wild and destructive element of fire. We know the place is a little boastful in some respect, (that's because her citizens go abroad sometimes and then come home to make comparison) but of her facilities to save herself in time of drought and in case of fire, she stands rebuked by her firemen. She listens complacently to warnings about defective water facilities, and want of hose, more fire plugs, and better fire alarms. Will she continue to listen undaunted, or will she properly and wisely prepare to guard against fire while yet she may, and before the fate that has recently befallen many other places deeming themselves secure also falls to lot?

P. O. S. of A.

The 30th Annual Session of the State Camp P. O. S. of A. which was recently held at Erie, Pa., elected the following State Officers.

President, Clarence F. Huth; Vice-President, S. Lincoln Brown; Master of Forms, George B. Anderson; Conductor, George W. Umberger; Inspector, J. W. Miller; Guard, W. W. Heffner.

Mr. F. D. Robbins, of Lime Ridge, was a representative of Camp No. 397, and upon his return reports a splendid encampment and a very enjoyable trip to Niagara Falls and other points of interest.

Fire in China.

Trouble never comes singly, it is said, and accordingly China is being plagued in various ways. A late dispatch from Shanghai is to the effect that the city of Shun King, in the province of See Chuen, has been visited by an immense fire in which 2,000 buildings were destroyed and over 100 lives lost in consequence, most prominent among the number being the wife of the Governor of the province, who died from fright. Besides the Governor's house which was burned, there were several temples destroyed by the ravages of the fire. The loss is estimated at 10,000,000 taels.

Muncy Bankers Convicted.

De La Green, the crooked cashier of the Muncy bank, was convicted on three counts of the indictment. The case was tried in the United States Circuit Court at Williamsport. The following are the cutting words of the District Attorney:

"There never was a bank wrecker brought into the federal courts who had not borne a good reputation up to the time he was found out. The bank wrecker is always either the President of a Young Men's Christian Association or a teacher in a Sunday school; he passes the plate, sits in the front pew and always says "amen" louder than any other man in the congregation. No man except one who bears a good reputation could place himself in position to enable him to rob a bank. Does the jury think that a man could be connected with a bank twenty five years and not know whether accounts were over drawn? A great deal of stress has been laid upon the fact that Mr. Green helped the bank out in their work because they had no cashier. I regard that as one of the strongest points in the government's case. Why was not a cashier elected? Because De La Green and John M. Bowman were in collusion and did not want a cashier for fear he might discover something wrong. We are not here to defend John M. Bowman or his family; we will try Bowman later. The government believes that John M. Bowman is guilty of sending in false reports to the treasury and that De La Green aided and abetted and was in collusion with him. If De La Green was not cashier of that bank, then the bank notes signed with his name are forged and counterfeit."

President Bowman was also convicted of falsifying accounts, after twenty-one minutes' deliberation on the part of the jury. The crooked accounts introduced and the explanation by the District Attorney did the business of convicting the old and white-haired president of the bank. He is said to have taken the stand for examination trembling under the weight of his sixty-five years and his own consciousness of having been detected at last. In closing his case his counsel said the jury might consider Mr. Bowman a very negligent bank President, if not a fool, for placing his trust in the scheming cashier, but he denied that they could brand him as a criminal. He pleaded earnestly that conviction would be equivalent to death; and that if the doors of penitentiary closed upon him he would not survive the blow. A large number of witnesses, the most prominent citizens of the county, testified to Mr. Bowman's reputation for honesty and integrity. The indictment under which Mr. Bowman was convicted contains six counts, charging the falsification of the statements and reports for the purpose of deceiving the Comptroller of the Currency. Immediately after the verdict had been rendered Mr. Parsons filed a motion for a new trial and gave his reasons therefore. Messrs. McCormick and Reardon, counsel for the convicted ex-cashier, De La Green, filed a motion moving for a new trial in his case, setting forth a dozen reasons on which they based their request. Judge Buffington reserved his ruling in both cases.

A Market-House Needed.

When we see the farmers and curbstone market-men standing out with their produce exposed to the rain, we are led to wonder why it is that a thrifty place like Bloomsburg has not yet erected a market-house where stands could be rented and the market-men and their produce be sheltered to the advantage of all concerned. If rain sets in many market-men drive home, of course, rather than take the drenching. This is greatly to the disadvantage of both the country producer and the town consumer. If rain prevails or threatens on market-day, the consumer like the producer prefers to deal only so far as it can be done under shelter.

For the mutual advantage of producers and consumers we can but think a cleanly kept market-house a great desideratum, aside from the profitable investment of the requisite money to build it. By reserving and preserving the curbstone market privileges around and about the market-house a healthy competition may be depended upon in fair weather whatever combinations may be made by inside stand renters during storm or unfavorable weather.

Sooner or later, no doubt, the market-men now exposing themselves and their produce upon the pavements in the heart of the town, will be given opportunity to sell out under cover at a reasonable expenditure for stall-
rent.

NORMAL SCHOOL NOTES.

The Normal School is now in its third week of the new school year, and everything about the place from janitor to Principal is on the go. Everybody is busy. The school has at least twenty-five per cent. more students than ever before at the opening of the year. There are one hundred fifty two seniors. The Junior class counts above one hundred twenty. The entire enrollment has drawn very close the four hundred mark. And they are not all in yet. At least ten or fifteen more are expected within the next month.

THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT.

The Music Department is by no means a new feature in the school, and yet certain phases of its present organization are new.

Instruction is given now on piano, organ and violin, and, by action by the Board of Trustees, diplomas will be granted those who satisfactorily complete the prescribed course. There are more students now actually enrolled in the various music departments than the combined number of any two years prior to '93.

The teachers of this department, Miss Rosa M. Haas, and Miss Ella M. Stump, are both kept very busy, and it is not too much to say that another year will compel the engagement of additional help in this department.

Thus is our school growing. Every mail brings inquiry for catalogue or circulars. The large edition of '94 catalogues is already entirely exhausted, and steps are already taken to issue a second edition.

All this speaks volumes for the Normal. It means a Principal who knows how to feel the public pulse and how to manage a great school. It means a faculty devoted to hard work and the sincere interests of the school. It means a Board of Trustees ever ready and willing to do all in their power to promote the school's welfare. It means an Alumni loyal and true to their school, ever holding before the people of their respective communities the merits of our Normal.

NORTHUMBERLAND BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

The Northumberland Baptist Association which meets in Bloomsburg on Wednesday and Thursday, September 26th and 27th, is composed of pastors and lay delegates from 43 churches in this vicinity. The Baptist Churches in Milton, Jersey Shore, Lock Haven, Watsonstown, Muncy, Northumberland, Sunbury, Danville, Berwick, Lewisburg, Picture Rocks, Williamsport, Bloomsburg, Shamokin, Hughesville, and a number of Country churches, are included in the Association.

All the sessions will be public and the people of Bloomsburg are cordially invited to attend.

The object of a Baptist Association is the cultivation of Christian fellowship and the prosecution of Missionary labor. It makes no laws for the local churches and has no control over them whatever.

The exercises next week will be something like this:—Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock, sermon by Rev. W. N. Ellis of Jersey Shore; Wednesday afternoon, addresses by Dr. G. M. Spratt, and Rev. F. S. Dobbins of Philadelphia; Wednesday evening, doctrinal sermon by Rev. Mr. Dobbins; Thursday forenoon, Young People's Meeting, discussion of Missionary Work, and addresses by Dr. W. H. Conard; Thursday afternoon, addresses by Dr. E. B. Palmer and others, and exhibition drill of the Berwick Baptist Boy's Brigade; Thursday evening, Sunday School Work and addresses by Dr. E. A. Woods, of Williamsport, and others.

The semi-annual Institute of Centre Township Sunday School Association will be held in the Lime Ridge Evangelical church on Tuesday evening, September 25th. Good Speakers are engaged and the music will be in charge of Fred B. Hartman of Bloomsburg.

BRIEF MENTION

About People You Know.

Miss Bertha Shoemaker is entertaining her cousin Miss Myrtle, of Nanticoke.

Mr. Hiram Brown, of Light Street, was a caller at the COLUMBIAN office on Friday.

Mrs. Joseph Turner and Mrs. Henry Deitrich, paid Dallas friends a visit recently.

Mont. Smith returned to Dickinson College, Carlisle, last week.

Mr. Charles Keller visited Milton on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Leverett, of Wilkes-Barre are visiting relatives here this week.

Dr. Smith of Snyder county was a Bloomsburg visitor on Wednesday.

William Wilson is on duty again at Rish-ton's drug store after an illness of five weeks.

William Lowenberg went to the city on Tuesday to buy new goods for the store.

J. M. Gidding was in Scranton on Wednesday, on business.

Mr. Charles Martin of Harrisburg, has been visiting his mother during the past week.

M. H. Culp, republican nominee for congress in this district, was in town one day last week.

H. R. Grimes of Catawissa has been confined to his bed for the past two weeks. His speedy recovery is hoped for.

Hon. C. R. Buckalew and Rohr McHenry were among passengers up the creek on Saturday.

We are pleased to report that Mrs. J. G. Swank, who has been ailing for some time, is now very much better.

W. H. Gilmore, of Bloomsburg, attended the Firemen's Annual Convention at Norris-town, Pa., on the 19th inst.

Harold C. Dayton and John McChesney, of New York city, spent several days in town during the past week. Mr. Dayton is the export agent of the Bloomsburg Car Co.

De Forest Hammer has won another medal in the Boy's and Girl's 8 o'clock Club. It is a handsome solid silver button, with engraved face.

Among arrivals on the B. & S. on Monday morning were Prof. Welsh and wife, of the Bloomsburg Normal, Rev. Houtz, of Orangeville, the aged John Zaner, of Zaner's Station, and Eli Weaver, of New Columbus.

W. F. Bodine, who was so seriously injured some time ago, we are pleased to report as up and about his work again. At present writing he is painting for Judge Millard at Willow Grove.

Mr. T. D. Robbins, of Lime Ridge, was a caller at the COLUMBIAN office Friday. Having recently returned from a visit to Niagara Falls he showed us a very pretty piece of satin spar that he got in the celebrated Cave of the Winds.

Mr. David Cann has been sick with typhoid fever in Philadelphia for several weeks, and had a very narrow escape from death. His many friends will be glad to know of his recovery. He arrived here on Tuesday morning, and is again at his post at the Elevator Works.

A. Russell Smead, a representative of the New York "World," has been spending the past week in town. His business is to write up the town from an industrial point of view, and publish it in the Sunday "World," provided a sufficient sum can be raised among the manufacturers and business men to pay for it.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Chapin, of New Columbus, entertained a few invited guests on Saturday, the 15th, instant. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Lot Search, of Shickshinny, Mrs. Almira Keilam, of Elizabeth City, N. J., Miss M. P. Stevens and Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Jamison, of New Columbus.

A cablegram to Mrs. Hanly, of Berwick, on Monday announced the arrival of her son Woodin, at New Zealand on Sunday, after a voyage of one hundred and twenty three days, covering nearly 15,000 miles. He went on a sailing vessel last spring, for the benefit of his health. This is the first time the family have been able to hear from him since his departure, as they touched at no port.

CHANGE OF FIRM.

James Magee 2d has retired from the firm of Snyder & Magee Co. Limited, having sold his interest to J. Sherman South, and Geo. E. Distlehurst. Mr. Magee will devote his entire attention to the Carpet Mill. Messrs. South and Distlehurst are practical men and will add new energy to the large business of this establishment.

THE COMING SHOW.

The Saratoga Daily Eagle says of it:

"The Walter L. Main Big Shows exhibited here yesterday afternoon and evening. The Main Show is the grandest exhibition that has ever been in Saratoga in former years, and its mammoth tents were packed. The Riding Lion, the Baby Monkey and the Baby Lions which were born on the shows arrival here this morning. The cute, baby monkey, whose mother clings to it as a mother would cling to her child, attracted the most attention, even more than the double-horned Rhinoceros. In the three rings of the circus there was something going on all the time, and it was a clean show from start to finish."

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