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VICTIMS OF AN ANGRY BULL

FARMER STOUT AND HIS WIFE GORED TO DEATH

By An Infuriated Beast—John Mowrey's Ghastly Find—Snow Concealed Their Bodies For Three Days.

The absence of life and activity around the Michael Heller farm, near Mifflinville, aroused the curiosity of neighbors last week to such an extent that on Sunday evening John Mowrey decided to ascertain, if possible, the cause of the unusual quietness and inactivity. Receiving no answer to repeated knocks at the door, he went to the barn. Here he found everything in a torn up condition, the animals, almost starved and famished, gave evidence that they had received no care or attention for several days. Leaving the barn his attention was challenged by a singular looking object, partly covered by the snow. An examination revealed the body of Mrs. Stout, terribly mangled, and close by lay the body of her husband, torn and mutilated almost beyond recognition. It is the supposition that Mr. and Mrs. Stout had gone to the barn, to look after the chores; that Mr. Stout was taking the cattle to water, when he was attacked by an especially vicious bull and gored to death. His perilous position was discovered by his wife, who went to his assistance and met the same fate. Mrs. Stout was tossed so much that scarcely any clothing remained on her body. Her neck was broken and many deep gashes appeared on her body.

The shocking affair must have taken place before Thursday, as the bodies were covered with snow. The remains were taken in charge of by Undertaker Berninger, of Mifflinville. It is the saddest event that has ever occurred in that section, and in consequence of which the whole community is in mourning.

The couple had been married about three years and had been living on the farm a little more than a year. They were aged thirty-seven and thirty-five years respectively, and had no children.

Mrs. Stout was a sister of A. B. Heller, who, for a time, up to about two years ago, was the manager of the Artificial Ice Company plant in this town.

The double funeral, which occurred yesterday, was the third event of the kind that has taken place from the house in which they lived within a few years. Two step sisters of Mrs. Stout died at the same time, and a short time thereafter, two step brothers were drowned in the Susquehanna River.

Mrs. O. C. Marr Passes Away.

Mrs. Susannah, the estimable wife of Chester C. Marr, after a protracted illness, died at her home on East Fourth Street Wednesday morning. Mrs. Marr had been in poor health for a long time. About two months ago she suffered a severe paralytic stroke, since which time her life had been despaired of. She at times, appeared to get brighter, and would show signs of improvement, but last week her discomforts were increased by a second stroke of paralysis, which resulted in death. Mrs. Marr's maiden name was Kase. She was born in Northumberland County in 1825. She was married to C. C. Marr in 1860. She is survived by a husband and one daughter, Miss Dora.

Mrs. Marr was a woman who devoted all her time to her family circle. She was held in high esteem and during her life won the firm friendship of all who knew her, and leaves behind a remembrance that will not soon fade.

The funeral will take place from the house to-morrow afternoon at three o'clock. Services will be conducted by Rev. D. N. Kirkby, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, of which the deceased was a member.

The remains of Marvin McHenry arrived here on the D. L. & W. Railroad, from San Francisco, Cal., yesterday, and were placed on the B. & S. train and conveyed to the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ira R. McHenry, at Benton, from where the funeral will occur to-morrow afternoon at two o'clock, with military honors.

For Rent.

Proctor Inn, well furnished, from Feb. 1st 1900. Rent cheap. Apply to G. E. Elwell or A. L. Fritz, Bloomsburg, Pa.

MRS. FRANCOIS P. DRINKER.

After only a week's illness, Mrs. Francis P. Drinker died at her home on West Main Street, on Sunday March 18. A faithful communicant of St. Paul's Church, she was always interested and zealous in its work and welfare. She will be much missed by the parishioners in the services of the church and in the Parish House activities. All who knew her, thoroughly admired and respected her sterling Christian character and lofty principles. She died, as she had lived, confident in the support and "comfort of a reasonable, religious and holy hope" in favor with God and in perfect charity with the world.

She was laid to rest at Forest Hill cemetery, Scranton, in the family burial plot, on Tuesday. Services were conducted at the house by Rev. D. N. Kirkby at 9.30 o'clock, and the remains were taken to Scranton on the 10.47 train.

Mary Chamberlin Drinker was the daughter of John M. and Martha S. Chamberlin. Her father was for many years a Justice of the Peace in this town. She was born in Bloomsburg, December 12th, 1842, and was married to Francis P. Drinker October 13th, 1864. She leaves her husband, and three children, William W. and Francis P. Jr. of Scranton, and Mrs. W. P. Meigs of Bloomsburg. The eldest daughter, Martha, wife of Edwin N. Perrin of New York, died last fall. Mrs. Drinker was the only daughter in her father's family. She had four brothers, Mills and John, both deceased; James W. who lives in Virginia, and Michael whose home is at Dunmore.

Her last illness was of brief duration. On Saturday March 10th she was compelled to go to bed with a heavy cold, which soon developed into pneumonia. In the early morning of the 18th she died. The memory of her happy disposition, affable temperament and many admirable christian qualities will linger long with the many friends who knew her well and who mourn her loss.

CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS.

The annual conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church closed at Hazleton on Wednesday. The leading feature of the closing session was the appointment of pastors. Rev. B. C. Conner, who has been pastor here for the past five years has been assigned to Ridge Avenue Church, Harrisburg.

The appointments for the Danville District are as follows:

Presiding elder, William Evans; Ashland, Edwin Witman; Beech Haven, Samuel Fox; Beaver Meadow, Isaac Cadman; Benton, John Wilhelm; Berwick, Richard Gilbert; Bloomingdale, Jacob Diebel; Bloomsburg, William Frysinger; Buckhorn, Timothy Tubbs; Catawissa, Samuel Wilson; Catawissa circuit, Elmer Kelvey; Centralia, John W. Buckley; Conyngham, Richard Brooks; Danville, St. Paul's, Benjamin Dimmick; Trinity, Orlando Heck; Elysburg, James Glass; Espy and Lime Ridge, William H. Hartman; Excelsior, Frank H. Brunstetter; Fountain Spring, Charles H. Barnard; Freeland, William W. Hartman; Gordon, Reuben Wilson; Harveyville, William Rothrock; Hazleton, Diamond, Alfred Miller; Hazleton, St. Paul's, Isaac N. Moorhead; Irish Valley, Oliver H. Albertson; Jamison City, Pierre Frechin; Jeanesville and Audepried, John Biskel; Jeddo, William Armstrong; Jerseytown, David Brouse; Jonestown, Samuel Carnil; Mifflinville, George Savidge; Milnesville and Lattimer, Amos Bruce; Mount Carmel, William A. Houck; Nescopeck, Joseph Clemens; Northumberland, Josiah Mumper; Orangeville and Light Street, John Grimes; Park Place and Delanco, Wilson Vandermark; Riverside, Freeman Vought; Rohrsburg, Seth Creveling; Selins' Grove, Henry Fortner; Shamokin, First Church, Alexander Miller; Second Church, Crawford Bencoter; Shamokin Mission, Lewis Dyer; Shick-shinny, John Dougherty; Silver Brook, Robert Allen; Snyderstown, Robert Armstrong, Sunbury, James Stein; Town Hill, Edgar Heckman; Treverton, William Hamlin; Waller, James Bettens; Wapwallopen, Philip Thomas; Washingtonville, Thomas M. Phillips; Weatherly, Robert M. Snyder; White Haven, S. Milton Frost.

Candidates for the Normal School base ball team made their first appearance on the diamond Tuesday afternoon. The makeup of the club will not be known for several weeks.

COMMITTEEMEN MEET.

DELEGATES CHOSEN TO THE DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTION.

John G. McHenry, of Benton, Recommended as Delegate to the National Convention, Which Meets at Kansas City July 4.

In response to the call of Chairman of the County Committee C. A. Small, the committeemen assembled in the Court House at eleven o'clock on Saturday. First in order was the roll call. This was performed by W. A. Evert, county secretary. As a committee on resolutions the chairman appointed W. T. Creasy, C. H. Dildine, Wilson Rhoads, Peter Jones and John Langan.

Nominations of delegates to the next State Convention were asked for, and the following gentlemen named: Willits Demott, Millville; Russel Karns, Benton; Dr. H. V. Hower, Mifflinville; John G. Harman, Bloomsburg, and W. B. Snyder, Roaringcreek. According to the party rules five are necessary, and no more than that number being placed in nomination, the secretary was instructed to cast the vote.

The committee on resolutions handed in their report as follows:

1. That we emphatically favor the re-nomination for President that matchless leader and great expounder of Democratic principles, William J. Bryan.

2. That we recommend as delegate to the Democratic National Convention from the 17th Congressional District, John G. McHenry, late County Chairman, and hereby instruct our delegates this day elected to the coming State Convention, to use all honorable means to secure his nomination.

3. This committee most heartily endorses the wise and conservative leadership of our National Committeeman Col. James M. Guffey.

4. As delegates at large to the Democratic National Convention we instruct our delegates this day elected to the coming State Convention, to use all honorable means to secure the nomination of Col. J. M. Guffey and Hon. Rufus K. Polk.

5. We most heartily approve the record of our present Congressman, Hon. Rufus K. Polk.

WILLIAM T. CREASY,
PETER JONES,
C. H. DILDINE,
WILSON RHOADS,
JOHN LANGAN.

There being no further business on hand the meeting was given to discussion on various subjects. Distribution was made of by-laws and rules, which were recently prepared and printed, after which the meeting adjourned.

The attendance was very small, many districts being without representation.

HELPLESS BEFORE ANGRY FLAMES.

House and Wagon Shop Destroyed at Almedia.

A destructive fire, the origin of which was an overheated stove, visited Almedia, Saturday afternoon, and completely destroyed quite an extensive wagon and carriage shop, and a dwelling house. The former was the property of N. J. Englehart, and the latter, that of John Shellenberger. The fire was first discovered in the varnish room of the carriage factory. The stove had been neglected, until it became red hot and ignited some combustible material. The flames spread rapidly, and in almost less time than it takes to tell it, the entire structure was enveloped. Almedia's entire population gathered on the scene, but were powerless to render any assistance. There were several new wagons in the factory, all of which were burned up. The loss to Mr. Englehart is a severe one, as his property was uninsured. Mr. Shellenberger was more fortunate, but his insurance will not begin to cover his loss.

Dropped the Fowls and Fled.

A would-be chicken purloiner was foiled in his attempt to relieve David Savage's hen house of three of its finest specimens Saturday evening. He had succeeded in entering the apartment and lifting from the perch three hens, but in so doing some of the other chickens became disturbed and the cackling attracted the attention of some neighbors. Mrs. L. D. Kase and Mrs. P. A. Evans both heard the noise and had stepped outside their doors. While exchanging opinions as to the cause, a man stealthily emerged from the building. They commanded him to halt, but he dropped the fowls and fled.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

Council met Tuesday evening March 20th 1900. Members present W. O. Holmes, Pres.; J. S. Blue, W. E. Demaree, T. L. Smith, J. A. Cox and C. Cronan.

The President stated that during the past year no new work had been commenced or expenditures of any amount been made without a statement of the resources of the town being placed before the council, and the expenditures made accordingly, and requested the Secretary to explain where the increased indebtedness came from. The statement of 1899 and 1900 were carefully compared and it was found that all expenditures of last year had been decreased with the exception of the Fire Department which was increased \$2,700.00 making a total increase of the debt last year of about \$900.00.

A petition was presented for the extension of the sewer on Seventh street to the Gas Works which was granted.

The ordinance giving franchise to the Bloomsburg & Berwick Electric R. R. was re-enacted in favor of Columbia & Montour Electric R. R.

Meeting adjourned to meet Thursday March 22nd at 7:30 at which time the auditors are requested to be present and explain where the increased town indebtedness comes from.

An Enjoyable Trip.

In company with Mr. S. C. Creasy Tuesday morning the writer left Bloomsburg about 8 o'clock for a trip up Green Creek to look after a recent purchase of a fine timber tract, passing through Light Street, Orangeville, via Forks, thence to Jonestown, where one mile more of a drive brought us to the old Buckalew Homestead, finding it just about dinner time as we halted at the door of the genial A. M. Stevens, who recently moved from Kettle to this place to look after the interests of Creasy & Wells for the next 3 years in getting the bark to market and the manufacturing of the lumber, shingles and lath. Mr. Stevens was just going to get a bucket of water from one of the large springs, when he noticed a large black water snake, which he killed. The snake was nearly 4 feet long, and none of us seemed just so very thirsty at that time. His good wife soon had one of her palatable dinners tabled and you should have seen the eatables disappear.

After dinner we walked out in the woods where we found Mr. L. M. Pettit and his men placing the machinery which consists of a large saw mill, and lath mill. Mr. Pettit is an experienced sawyer and by the care used in setting his mills we are sure the out-put will be well manufactured. We then took to walking over the tract, which consists of about 260 acres of the best timbered land it has ever been our privilege to look at. Hemlock of immense diameter and unusual height predominates, though oak, pine, chestnut, beech and birch are in abundance. It will require four different settings of the mills, and 3 years to handle the bark and get to market the probable three million feet of lumber, four million shingles and four million plastering lath that this tract will produce. The place is historic, it being the home of the father of the late Hon. C. R. Buckalew as well as the present home of Capt. J. M. Buckalew who was not only a good soldier, but was appointed by ex-Governor Pattison on a commission of 5 of which Mr. Buckalew was made chairman, to locate and describe the forts of Pennsylvania, and as we spent the evening with him and his wife and looked the two volumes over, and listened to him relate his experience in getting up the work, and adding his reminiscences of the early history of the locality in which he lives, we were most delightfully entertained and surprised at his retentive memory. After being royally taken care of for the night at the home of Mr. Stevens, at 9 o'clock in the morning we started for home, when two miles below Jonestown we passed 4 hunters, two of which were Hess boys by name. We observed hanging over their shoulders fox skins and upon inquiring they told us they had captured seven the two old ones and five young ones. They did not know how many got away. We arrived home at 12 o'clock, hungry and tired.

FRED B. HARTMAN.

There are many guesses being made as to the population of Bloomsburg. They run from four to eight thousand. In our opinion, five thousand is an approximate conjecture.



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WE KEEP FURNITURE, DRY GOODS, GROCERIES.

But what we want to talk about this week is

CARPETS!

We'll talk about the other things later on; but to-day our story is CARPETS.

Just look us over, but not overlook us.

The Leader

DEPARTMENT STORE.