

FOULLY SLAIN.

Discharged Farm Hand Fatally Shoots His Employer—Waited For Him Along Roadway—Fired Two Shots, One Taking Effect Above the Left Lung.

Death Followed Almost Instantly—The Murderer Surrenders Himself to the Sheriff.

The quiet and peaceful serenity of our neighboring county of Montour was greatly disturbed Wednesday morning by a cold blooded murder within the borough limits of Danville. The murderer is Boyd Wintersteen and his victim was M. L. Fisher.

Mr. Fisher was the superintendent of Castle Grove farms owned by John R. Bennett. Up to last Saturday Wintersteen was employed as a farm hand. Wintersteen possessed a sulky disposition and was very unpopular with all of the farm hands, and last Saturday he was discharged for negligence. This riled his temper greatly and he started on a spree. Wednesday morning he went to the Bennett farms and laid in wait along the roadway between the two farms. About ten o'clock Fisher drove by in a road cart and Wintersteen fired two shots from a .32 calibre revolver. One of the bullets went wide of the mark but the other took effect about an inch above the left lung. Fisher fell from the vehicle and died a few minutes afterwards. The murderer then walked leisurely down the tow path.

About a quarter of a mile below the scene of the tragedy he was seen walking in the creek up to his waist. He took the revolver from his hip pocket, placed the muzzle to his temple but replaced it in his pocket and started for Danville. On Church street he met Wiley Watts, Daniel Gottshall and Charles Prentiss, three young men who had started out to look for him. As Wintersteen approached the three men, he called: "I just shot a man and am on the way to give myself up to the sheriff. I intended to kill myself and end the case but my nerve failed and I didn't do the job." The murderer was conducted to the county jail and turned over to the sheriff. When the sheriff was searching the prisoner in the cell, Wintersteen pulled the revolver from his pocket and remarked, "That is all I have got. That is the thing I killed Fisher with."

The murdered man is a native of Columbia County, he having been born and raised in Catawissa township. His parents still reside there. His mother is a sister of our townsman, Joshua Fetterman.

The murderer is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wintersteen, and is about 35 years of age. Bloomsburg has been the residence place of his parents for many years. The father died about a year ago. The mother is living, and occupies a house out near Oak Grove. A brother also lives here, and is in the employ of J. L. Dillon.

An autopsy of the remains of Superintendent Fisher was conducted by Drs. Newbaker and Shultz. They found the bullet, .32 calibre, lodged between the third and fourth dorsal vertebrae. The verdict of the Coroner's jury is as follows:

"That Martin L. Fisher came to his death about 10:30 a. m., September 12, 1900, while passing along a private driveway, leading from Grove's Mansion to the Upper Farm, known as the Sechler Farm, now owned by John R. Bennett, in Mahoning township, County of Montour, State of Pennsylvania, at the hands of one Boyd Wintersteen, who came upon him while said Fisher was riding in a buggy toward said farm, when said Wintersteen did wilfully and intentionally shoot the said Fisher with a revolver, the ball taking effect about three inches below the left arm pit, passing through the fifth rib and the left lung, and lodging in the spinal column, death resulting almost instantly.

J. P. BARE, Acting Coroner.
The jury of inquest were, Ralph Diehl, F. P. Johnston, Charles Voris, Thomas Vincent, William E. Young and John L. Evans.

R. R. Little has been elected a director of the Bloomsburg Water Company, to fill the vacancy on the board caused by the death of his father, E. H. Little.

WEDDING ON IRON STREET.

Miss Anna M. Woods Becomes A Bride.

A happy event that has been looked forward to for a long time by the many friends of the bride, took place at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Woods on Iron street Tuesday at ten o'clock, when their only daughter Miss Anna M. and Mr. William Wren of Lewistown, became husband and wife. The words which united the two young people until "death do part" were spoken by Rev. David N. Kirkby of St. Paul's Episcopal church, in the presence of a company of only the immediate relatives.

At the conclusion of the ceremony refreshments were partaken of, after which the newly made man and wife were driven to the East Bloomsburg station, where they took the south bound train for a wedding trip. Their future home will be in Lewistown, where the groom is engaged in real estate business. The COLUMBIAN joins with their friends in wishing them a long life of happiness.

Lingering Illness Ends in Death.

The pale charger, death, has claimed another of Bloomsburg's respected residents, in the person of William Edgar. The end came at the home of the deceased's son-in-law, J. H. Giger, on West Main street, about five o'clock Saturday afternoon, after an illness of about two years. He was born in Northampton county in the year 1827. He remained in his native county until 1847, when he came to Bloomsburg. Four years later he was united in marriage to Miss Catharine Deemer, to which union seven children were born. The first death in the family was in 1886, when Boyd, the oldest son, then aged about twenty years, was summoned to the great beyond. Mrs. Edgar died in August of last year. Six children still survive. Mr. Edgar was a member of the Methodist Church, and when his condition would admit, attended all its services.

The funeral took place Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock. Services were conducted by Rev. W. M. Frynsinger.

Fire in the Fourth Ward.

A vacant frame house, situated just off of Fifth street, near East street, was ignited, it is supposed, by a spark from the cupola of the Bloomsburg Car Manufacturing Company, Tuesday afternoon, and the continued sounding of the alarm, called out the entire fire department. The blaze was only a few yards from the Rescue Hose House, and, of course, that company was the first on the scene. The Friendships also attached, but the Winouas and Good Wills did not unreef any hose. The house was considerably burned. This is the second fire in the building within the past six months.

Lutheran Church Services.

Preaching by the pastor in the Lutheran church on next Sabbath, September 16th on the following themes: "The Goodness of God" in the morning and "Victory with God" or "David and Goliath" in the evening. Sunday School and Christian Endeavor prayer meeting at 9 a. m. and 6:30 p. m. The public cordially invited. M. E. McLINN, Pastor.

Officers Elected.

The following officers were elected to serve for six months in the K. L. C. E. of the United Evangelical Church: President, John Hoffman; Vice President, John Adams; Secretary, B. Kerstetter; Assistant Secretary, Minnie Pollock; Treasurer, Emma Lesher; Junior Supt., Lillie Reighard; Assistant Supt., Bessie Earnest.

Sheriff's Sale.

Sheriff Black will sell the following property in addition to those advertised in THE COLUMBIAN, on Saturday, September 29, at the court house at 2 p. m. Property of G. H. Moore and L. Ella Moore, located in the Borough of Millville, at the suit of Georgeanna Demott.

A number of young girls who have been in the habit of robbing the fruit trees on First street, were given a chase and a severe reprimand a few evenings ago. This sort of purloining is going on high handed all over town and the law may have to be resorted to.

The Farmers National Bank is in a very good condition as can be seen by a glance at the report, which appears elsewhere in this issue.

TOWN FATHERS HOLD MEETING.

September Meeting of Council a Lengthy One.

The September meeting of the Town Council, held in the Town Hall Thursday evening, last, was attended by the whole body. There was an unusually large amount of business on hand and the meeting was an unusually lengthy one. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and approved, the following amendment to Ordinance No. 5 was passed:

Sec. 1.—That Article 4 of Ordinance No. 5, entitled "An Ordinance for the establishment of a carbstone market," which reads as follows: "Each and every person with wagons, sleds or other vehicles, containing articles for market, shall be required, during market hours, to back up to the pavement, on the south side of the said Second street, from the first day of April until the first day of October in each year, and from the first day of October to the first day of April on the north side of said street, in such manner as not to obstruct the crossings, nor the traveling in the street; and every person found violating the direction of this Article shall, on conviction, forfeit and pay a fine of \$1.00 for each and every offense," be, and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows: "Each and every person with wagons, sleds and other vehicles, containing articles for market, shall be required, during market hours, to back up to the pavement on the south side of Second St., from the first day of November to the first day of May, in such manner as not to obstruct the crossings, or the travel upon said street; and no persons, as aforesaid, shall be permitted to leave their places, in said market, so long as they shall have remaining upon, or about their wagons and vehicles, any articles for market, whether the same be sold or unsold; and every person violating any provision of this Article shall, upon conviction, forfeit and pay a fine of \$1.00 for the first offense, and a fine of \$5.00 for each and every offense thereafter."

Ordinance taxing telephone, telegraph and electric light poles, read before the Council.

E. C. McCabe and A. W. Dwyer appeared in behalf of the Electric Light Company, and asked Council not to enforce ordinance regarding the taxing of all poles. Mr. Dwyer explained that quite a number of the poles had been erected merely to fulfill the Company's agreement with the town. These poles, in his opinion, should not be taxed.

It was moved and seconded that the matter be carried over for the present.

William Krickbaum informed Council that the pavement on Seventh street, along the jail property, should be five feet wide, and should be laid so as not to interfere with the growth of the trees. He asked permission for the Commissioners to do same.

Moved and seconded that request be granted.

Mr. Schoch and Mr. Wirt appeared before Council and stated that they had been appointed a committee by the trustees of the B. S. N. S. to appear before Council and ask them to lay a brick crossing on the north and south sides of Main street, over Penn street, to facilitate travel to and from the Normal school. They explained to the Council that the crossing was in bad condition, and by reason of the improvements, recently completed at said school, these crossings were necessary.

On motion, duly seconded, the street committee was authorized to lay a brick crossing over Penn street, on the south side of Main street.

Mr. John appeared before Council with a petition, stating that the Good Will Fire Co., No. 4, is the only recognized and chartered No. 4 fire company, of Bloomsburg.

On motion, duly seconded, the petition was laid over until a special meeting.

A petition was presented asking for an electric light, at the corner of Eighth and Centre streets.

On motion, duly seconded, it was ordered to be placed where prayed for.

Complaint was entered regarding electric light on West Third street. Referred to committee on lights.

Gutter on Iron street, along property of Clark Richart, reported in bad condition, same being too low. Referred to committee on highways.

Complaint was made regarding pavements on D. A. Magee and Henry Klein estates, on East street; H. W. Hess, Ellis Eves and M. E. Stackhouse, Iron street; Mrs. Murphy, Catharine street; A. M. E. Church, First street, and Mrs. Seesholtz, Main street, which were reported in bad condition.

On motion, duly seconded, a notice is to be sent to said parties to lay pavements within twenty days.

Crossing, over Fifth street, at the intersection of Fifth and Catharine, on the west side, and over Fourth street, at the intersection of Fourth and Centre, on the west side, reported in bad condition, the same being too

low. Referred to committee on highways.

H. J. Clark asked Council to cobble gutter in front of his property on Centre street. No action taken.

The Secretary is to notify street sprinklers not to keep the streets in such a muddy condition.

There was some other business transacted, such as drawing orders for the payment of bills, after which the meeting adjourned.

COURT PROCEEDINGS.

Court was in session for a brief period on Monday. In the absence of Hon. R. R. Little, Associates Kurtz and Fox presided.

Leah was granted the Overseers of Briar creek township to file an appeal from order of removal of Wesley Ervine.

John Metzinger appointed Judge of Election of South West Conyngham district to fill vacancy caused by the removal from district of the judge elected last spring.

An order of Court was filed, directing that the carpets and matting in the second story of the Court House be cleaned, and that the ceiling, walls, windows and woodwork be swept, scrubbed and cleaned.

Alice D. Tubbs appointed guardian of Beula Tubbs, minor child of Frank E. Tubbs.

Services of the U. Ev. Church, Sept. 16.

Quarterly Conference business meeting, on Saturday evening, September 15, at 7:30; Sunday school, on Sunday, at 9:15 a. m.; preaching and communion at 10:30; Junior K. L. C. E. at 2 p. m.; Senior K. L. C. E. 6:30 p. m.; preaching at 7:30 p. m. Rev. N. Young, P. E., will officiate. Prayer meeting and teachers' meeting on Wednesday evening at 7:30. All are most cordially invited to all these services.

Fine Stationery.

The job department of the COLUMBIAN is now prepared to show its patrons a fine line of stationery, in bond and linen papers, for unruled letter and note heads, in blue, white or cream, with envelopes to match. It is suitable for either pen or typewriter. Admirers of fine stationery are invited to call and see it. The prices are very low for the class of goods.

Chief of Police Wesley Knorr did a commendable act on Sunday, when he gathered in two drunks, who had been disporting themselves on Market street, and gave them berths in the cooler. They came from the direction of the D. L. & W. depot, and had filled up, no doubt, from a supply which they had laid in the night before. A whiff of the odor on passing was almost sufficient to knock a person down.

Y. M. C. A. Meeting.

Rev. M. E. McLinn will address the men's meeting in the Y. M. C. A. building next Sunday afternoon. A cordial invitation is given all men to be present.

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