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IN A FRENZY

**She Murdered Her Husband,
Says Mrs. Annie
Walden,**

**Though She Loved Him Pas-
sionately—Now at the
Parental Home in
Almedia.**

Back to the old home and the scenes of her childhood, Mrs. Annie Walden says she desires to spend the residue of her life in peace and quietness. She had served nine years of a life sentence in New York State Prison for the murder of her husband, James Walden.

To the local correspondent of the Philadelphia Press on Sunday she narrated the past fifteen years of her life as follows:

"I have been annoyed so much since my return home by newspaper reporters, and there having been so many alleged interviews with me and false stories of my home, getting into print, I have decided, against the advice of my friends, to give the facts as they actually occurred.

"When I left my home here I was a simple country girl, 17 years of age, and knew nothing of the world. I went to Philadelphia, where I met and married my husband, and I want to state that, notwithstanding my act, committed in a moment of jealous frenzy, I loved him passionately—adoringly, if you will. I have nothing further to say about him. All the world knows of my act and its consequences, but no one will ever know how I suffered for it, nor how deeply or sincerely I have repented. That is part of my history that cannot be told in words.

"My life in prison was very much the same as that of many others who have suffered in a similar manner. From the officials in charge I received nothing but kindness.

I never gave up hope of being released, but the news of my pardon was a complete surprise. My remorse for my act was so deep, and my repentance so sincere, that I felt sure God would not punish me by keeping me forever shut in from his bright sunshine and the beauties of the world. I never despaired, and never forgot to pray daily for my release and the chance to once more live with my loved ones.

"I cannot realize as yet that I am free, everything seems so strange to me. It seems to be too good to be true. I intend to remain at home with my parents and forget my past, if that be possible. When I left home I was dissatisfied with my life and its lowly surroundings, but I now think this little village of Almedia is the dearest spot on earth.

"The stories to the effect that there was a jubilee in the village upon my return, and that I was met at the station by a large crowd of curious people, are utterly false. The people here are my friends, and have too much regard for my feelings to act in the way described. My father and I arrived on an early morning train, having come at that time to escape observation, and I was not seen by over a half a dozen people.

"This is the only statement I have made and the last one I shall make. I am not anxious for notoriety, and trust that I will be allowed to live in peace and quietness in the future."

Mrs. Walden looks the picture of health and shows no trace of her long imprisonment. She still retains the beautiful features for which she was noted in her girlhood.

Her father, Philip Graham, said that his daughter would always have a home with him, and that he hopes the public interest in his family will soon die out."

Married.

GEISINGER—IKELER.—On Jan. 3, at the home of Mr. Jacob Geisinger, by Rev. A. Houtz, Mr. Harry B. Geisinger, of Millville, and Miss Sarah Ikelor, of Mordansville.

For Sale.

Three town lots on Ninth street above Catharine, 33 feet front each, and running back to the canal. Will be sold on easy terms. Inquire at this office. 10-4 tf.

BLOOMSBURG.

The town of Bloomsburg is laid out upon a tract of land warranted Nov. 18, 1771 to Henry Allshouse, surveyed Nov. 5, 1772 and patented April 21, 1773, and containing 300 acres and allowances. It extended from the Susquehanna to the Fishingcreek by a line running North 30 degrees west, 352 perches, and was bounded on the East by Francis Stewart. On Nov. 7, 1795, Henry Allshouse and wife conveyed the northern portion, down about to the Sloan line, to Henry Dildine, and on June 1, 1796 Henry Dildine conveyed to Ludwig Oyer, and on June 5, 1802 Ludwig Oyer conveyed to John Adam Oyer.

By a power of Attorney, dated May 25, 1807, and recorded in Sunbury in Deed Book "O" page 94. John Adam Oyer appointed his brother, Ludwig Oyer of Bloomsburg, Northumberland County, Pennsylvania, to collect all debts etc., owing to him "by any person or persons in the town of Bloomsburg, in Northumberland County and State of Pennsylvania, or in the environs thereof," etc., etc.

It is altogether probable that neither Ludwig nor John Adam Oyer ever called or recognized the name "Oyersburg" as the designation of the place, for in the Letter of Attorney mentioned there is no suggestion that it ever went by any other name than "Bloomsburg;" and as John Adam owned it in June 5, 1802, it is quite supposable that he laid it out and named it at that time; for, five years afterward, in a paper to be recorded, there is no other or former or local name is even hinted at. Nevertheless, the tradition is so general that people called it "Oyersburg," that, no doubt, it was locally so called, but, when it was laid out, it was certainly laid out as "Bloomsburg." The name, however, is not a translation of "Oyersburg," nor an adoption of it, and where it came from or who was honored or commemorated by it is, as yet, unknown. Mr. John K. Grotz is the oldest living native, but I know of no documents older than those I have given above. The question is still open. J. G. F.

HELD FOR CRIMINAL LIBEL.

Berwick has a sensation, and the quiet and serenity which usually prevails in our neighboring town, is greatly disturbed. The cause of the social precipitation is the arrest of Mrs. Harriet Jones, on a charge of criminal libel. For seven years past, residents of Berwick have been receiving anonymous communications, and many have been the attempts made to locate the author of them. The result of these evil bearing epistles, is broken homes, blackened characters, and dissolved friendships. At first, the letters were sent out rather infrequently, but with the recurring years and months the inurement increased, and the effects were becoming so alarming that it was decided if possible to put a stop to it.

The finger of suspicion was first directed toward Mrs. Jones in the early part of last July. While in conversation with a friend, she made use of language, identical, with that contained in an anonymous letter received by another a few days before. From that time on she has been under surveillance and many schemes have been employed, to fasten the crime upon her, such as selling marked stamps and procuring her signature for the receipt of registered packages. Among those who have received numerous of these unsigned notes are John Creasy, a well known citizen of the town and his daughter, a most estimable young lady, and it was Mr. Creasy who preferred the charge which resulted in her arrest late Saturday night. When the warrant was served Mrs. Jones denied any knowledge of the matter and said she would make her accusers prove what they charged her with.

John Jones, her husband, was accepted as security in the sum of one thousand dollars.

Just what the woman's motive is, baffles, even her closest friends. The developments will no doubt be interesting.

Mrs. Wyle Entertained.

Mrs. Herbert Wyle entertained a number of friends at her home on West Mahoning street on Saturday evening. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Julius Heim, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Heim, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Bloch, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Gross, of Bloomsburg, Mrs. Elt Rosenthal, Mr. Isaac Gross, Mrs. Lewis Bloch, Mrs. Harry Ellenbogen and Miss Gertrude Heim. —Danville News.

DOINGS IN COURT

**The Anti-Saloon League File a
Petition Against Geo.
W. Enterline.**

**Must Answer Four Separate
Charges—Rule Granted
For Revocation, Return-
able January 12th.**

Court convened Monday morning with His Honor R. R. Little and Associates Fox and Kurtz on the bench.

Farmers' Mutual Fire Ins. Co. vs. Barthold Kierhof. Rule to show cause why verdict should be set aside and new trial granted. Rule absolute.

Farmers' Mutual Fire Ins. Co. vs. Sylvester Heath. Rule for new trial. Rule discharged.

Paragon Plaster and Supply Co. vs. J. N. Webb. Petition for rule to show cause why inquest should not be set aside. Rule granted.

Ira R. McHenry appointed guardian of Nellie C. and Mary Parker, minor children of F. M. Parker.

George K. Hess et al. vs. Rebecca Creasy. Partition. Agreement waiving issuing of rule to refuse or accept. Filed. Decree of Court ordering public sale by Sheriff, filed.

Elias Shuman, appointed guardian of Charles Schweppenhiser, minor child of Minta A. Bowman.

Estate of Minta A. Bowman. Petition of Elias Shuman, guardian, for sale of real estate, granted.

Estate of Aaron Miller. Order of sale granted.

Harman vs. Dodson. Rule to satisfy. Motion of plaintiff's attorney for Sheriff to pay moneys in his hands to plaintiff's counsel without prejudice to any matter of defence, filed.

Petition of Wm. Diemer for discharge under insolvent law filed. February 11, 1901, at 2 p. m., fixed for final discharge, etc.

Estate of Phoebe Ann Gensil. Petition of executor for discharge. Granted.

T. H. B. Davis, J. P. Fry and J. B. Brown appointed viewers to view site for county bridge over Susquehanna river at Millville.

Fannie Richard, Jas. Bibby and Warren Eyer appointed viewers to view site for private road in Locust township at John Kopp's.

W. H. Cooke use vs. Sadie Jones. Rule to open judgment. Argument.

William Krickbaum vs. John Mourey. Judgment reduced by amount of \$30.30, as agreement entered on rule book by attorneys for plaintiff and defendant.

Estate of Joseph Hopper. Petition of Mary Hopper for appointment of appraisers. Wm. R. Harris and Frank McGann appointed.

Margaret Mahan appointed guardian of Annie Mahan, minor child of Jas. Mahan.

The following petition was presented:

In re-license of Geo. W. Enterline. In the Court of Quarter Sessions for the county of Columbia, February session.

To the Honorable the Judges of the Court of Quarter Session of said county:

The petition of T. E. Hyde, W. L. White, J. J. Robison, Wm. H. Slate and others whose names are hereto appended representing the Anti-Saloon League, of Bloomsburg, Pa., an association of citizens for the purpose of having the liquor laws of this commonwealth of Pennsylvania properly enforced, respectfully represent:

That George W. Enterline has a license granted by this court at the February session, 1900, for the sale of liquors and the keeping of a restaurant known as the "Hotel Gilmore" on East Main street, in the town of Bloomsburg, said county.

That, as your petitioners are informed and believe, since the granting of said license, to wit: on or about the times hereinafter set forth, and at divers other times, the said George W. Enterline has violated the laws of this Commonwealth in manner following, to wit:

1. By unlawfully furnishing by gifts, sale or otherwise, vinous, spirituous, malt or brewed liquors to minors, and among others to the following to wit: On or about the 23 or 24 days of November, 1900, to one Robert Chromis, a minor of the

CORPORATION ELECTIONS.

Tuesday was the day for the annual election of officers of the several banks. The results are given below:

FIRST NATIONAL BANK.

Directors: Dr. E. W. M. Low, J. M. Staver, Dr. J. H. Vastine, Myron I. Low, E. B. Tustin, L. Gross, G. S. Robbins. At a meeting of the Board for organization the following officers were elected: President, Dr. E. W. M. Low; Vice President, J. M. Staver; Cashier, E. B. Tustin; Teller, Eugene Carpenter.

FARMERS NATIONAL BANK.

Directors: W. S. Moyer, N. U. Funk, Frank Ikelor, Grant Herring, C. W. Runyon, C. M. Creveling, W. M. Reber, H. A. M'Killip, C. A. Kleim. The Board organized this morning by electing the following officers: President, W. S. Moyer; Vice President, C. A. Kleim; Cashier, A. H. Bloom; Teller, Fred Holmes.

BLOOMSBURG NATIONAL BANK.

Directors: H. J. Clark, Joseph Ratti, Paul E. Wirt, Samuel Wigfall, Harvey W. Hess, Harrison J. Conner, O. W. Cherrington, W. M. Longenberger, J. Lee Harman, Wm. H. Hilday, A. Z. Schoch. An organization was effected by the election of A. Z. Schoch, President; Paul E. Wirt, Vice President; W. H. Hilday, Cashier; Morris S. Broadt, Teller.

BLOOMSBURG & SULLIVAN R. R. CO.

The annual election of the B. & S. R. R. Co. was held on Tuesday, with the following result: President, Morton McMichael; Directors, E. W. Clark, Jr., A. W. Kelsey, Evan R. Dick, Samuel Wigfall, J. K. Grotz, L. E. Waller, James M. Shew, and H. J. Conner. Six thousand two hundred and eighty-five votes were cast.

POOR DIRECTORS NOMINATED.

The Democratic Committeemen Hold a Meeting and Name Candidates.

The Democratic Committeemen assembled in the parlor of Hotel Ent Tuesday afternoon. The object being the nomination of two persons for directors for Bloom Poor District. The roll call was answered by the following committeemen: John G. Harman, John Gross, J. K. Bittenbender and Charles Jones, representing the four wards of town; C. H. Dildine, East Greenwood; W. D. Hock, West Greenwood; J. B. Welliver, Millville Boro; S. Pett, substitute East Scott; R. C. Johnson, West Scott; George B. Hummer, and H. S. Cole, North and South Sugarloaf.

John G. Harman presided over the meeting in the capacity of chairman. It was decided to name one person from town and another from the outlying districts. Nominations were asked for, whereupon W. B. Allen, Wesley Morris, and Wm. E. Dieterick were named. The chair appointed John Gross and C. H. Dildine tellers. The vote was then taken and counted, resulting as follows: Allen 11, Dieterick 6, Morris 5. The two first named gentlemen were declared the nominees, after which the meeting adjourned.

Examine the Plugs.

In order to eliminate the possibility of delay in getting water in case of fires, the plugs during freezing weather should be examined regularly.

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and

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The Leader Department Store.

Diamonds.

A writer, in one of the daily papers, said that among the "upper ten," those who are accustomed to "six figures," it was not considered the proper thing for a woman to receive as a present anything which was to be used in house furnishing. That the proper gift for her royal highness—the American woman—was diamonds, expensive furs, or other "trifles."

Now, this may be all right for those who can afford to spend \$1,000 where we can spend \$1.00, but we're old fashioned enough to believe that one of the most suitable gifts is something which will make home more comfortable and more beautiful. So we want to talk to you about

Rockers and Rugs.

ROCKERS.—Our stock has been carefully picked. First, we take into consideration the comfort to be obtained out of the chair. They having made selection on this basis, we choose the prettiest of the most comfortable. That gives us the right kind of goods. Come down and try them. Sit in them, and think how much comfort such a present will bring to your friend. We have all the popular finishes and colorings, and the highest price is \$10.00, from that down to \$1.25.

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