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A DETECTIVE'S REPORT ON THE McHENRY CASE.

Last Saturday's Philadelphia *Inquirer* contained a report of Detective Cosgrove on the McHenry murder case. He was sent here in company with a reporter, and they spent several days in Rohrsburg and vicinity. We know nothing of Detective Cosgrove. The *Inquirer* states that he was highly recommended by Capt. R. J. Linden as an expert in such cases. Much of his report is what was known and has been printed before. We reproduce his report below, as he seems to have made a special effort to solve the mystery. Whether he is right in his conclusions or not, we are not prepared to say. Here is the report:

"Beginning with an effort to establish a motive for the crime, an interview was secured with the father, mother and sister of Thomas McHenry, who live on the farm adjoining that of the murdered man. Their first knowledge of the murder, they stated, was when Harold, the 8-year-old son of Thomas, came running into the house and cried out that his father had been shot. McClellan McHenry, who had arrived from Hazleton but three hours before, came from his sleeping room, dressed scantily, and hurried to the scene of the murder. He found Mrs. McHenry, attired only in a night dress and without shoes, supporting her wounded husband's head in her lap. After being shot McHenry ran about forty feet into the front yard, away from the spot where the ball hit him.

Thomas looked up to his brother, McClellan, and said: "Clell, who could have done this?" Clell asked him if he had any idea who shot him, but Thomas repeated his former question, murmuring it over and over. McClellan hastened across the road to the home of a neighbor, secured assistance and then removed the wounded man to the house. Two physicians were summoned, but nothing could be done to save the life of the man. He was conscious until within a short time of his death, which occurred at six o'clock. No attempt was made to go near the barn where the murderer had been in hiding when he fired the fatal shot.

After hearing this story of the shooting from the father, sister and mother of the dead man, I made inquiry as to whether Thomas had any enemies. They knew of no one whom Thomas could call an enemy. There were serious rumors regarding a farm hand who had been discharged by him, but there had been no threats made and the men had not met for almost a year.

I did learn that there was considerable feeling existing in the McHenry family regarding the conduct of the farm occupied by Thomas. It is owned by the father, Samuel McHenry, and McClellan and a sister, Rose, had \$1,000 each invested in the farm. On December 31, 1900, Thomas had been served with notice by his father to vacate the farm. It was claimed by the family that Thomas neglected the farm, and instead operated a sawmill at Jamison City. The rental of the farm to Thomas had been made upon the condition that he tender one-third of the year's crops in payment. The brothers had not been very friendly since the serving of the notice to vacate the farm. Thomas did not like the procedure, and at the time of serving the notice said he would have vacated if asked to, the legal notice not having been necessary.

The only other man with whom Thomas had trouble was a former employe of his mill. This man was finally located in St. Louis, Mo. I set about to learn from neighbors the true character of Thomas McHenry, but I could find no one who would say anything but good of him. He would go out of the way to avoid a quarrel. He was friendly with everybody except the persons already named. I probably questioned fifty persons who were intimate with Thomas McHenry, but all offered testimony to his good character.

I learned that no examination had been made of the barn and the vicinity until after 11 a. m. the morning of the shooting. In the meantime crowds of people had trampled over the ground. I learned that the only article found was a piece of coat lining that had evidently been used as wadding in an old-fashioned rifle. This is in the possession of a man at Rohrsburg. A bag had been found outside of the corn crib where the murderer had placed it preparatory, in all probability, to filling it with corn. Two sacks of flour were found outside of the door

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TUESDAY'S ELECTION.

The election last Tuesday passed off very quietly, there being a small vote cast. In the first district of Bloomsburg there were but 184 votes polled out of 289 voters. In the second district 228 out of 317. In the third district 267 out of 407 and in the fourth district 240 out of 416. Frank Ikeler was re-elected President of Council, there being only three votes cast for others, and those only as a joke. The result in the Poor District is shown in a table in another column. The town vote is as follows:

President of Council.
1st. 2d. 3d. 4th. Tot'l
Frank Ikeler..... 124 144 165 167 600

Town Council.
W. O. Holmes..... 135 108 197 86 526
W. Deiterich..... 79 81 217 277 654
Thos. Webb..... 108 384 198 62 752
W. Karshner..... 92 74 207 420 794
C. L. Cronin..... 124 416 189 125 854
H. F. Dieffenb'g..... 114 73 158 346 691
F. B. Hartman..... 240 135 199 151 725
C. F. Rabb..... 160 275 210 19 664
Those marked with a star are elected.

School Directors.
Joseph Garrison..... 122 173 199 125 619
F. W. Releker..... 91 130 195 227 643
M. P. Lutz..... 154 153 140 128 575
Garrison and Releker are elected.

Assessor—1st Dist.
W. F. Stohner..... 92 123 150 150 515
B. F. Sharpless..... 95 134 127 101 457

Judge of Election—1st Dist.
C. P. Sloan..... 86
John Knies..... 98

Inspector—1st Dist.
R. L. Rayson..... 78
W. E. Knott..... 101

Registry Assessor—1st Dist.
J. W. Eyer..... 75
Miles Beiz..... 110

Judge—2d Dist.
C. E. Whitenight..... 117
Geo. Yost..... 122

Inspector—2d Dist.
C. T. Hendershott..... 138
F. P. Baum..... 96

Registry Assessor—2d Dist.
R. J. Morris..... 145
G. W. Belg..... 94

Judge—3d Dist.
W. Webb..... 162
G. B. Martin..... 110

Inspector—3d Dist.
Geo. Crist..... 137
E. J. Stetler..... 111

Registry Assessor—3d Dist.
R. R. Ralston..... 136
D. F. Weiss..... 137

Judge—4th Dist.
M. T. Ohl..... 78
John Fry..... 166

Inspector—4th Dist.
Clark Kashner..... 97
W. May..... 157

Registry Assessor—4th Dist.
Ja. ob Stiner..... 94
John Tracy..... 151

Vote Cast in Bloom Poor District.

DISTRICTS.	W. R. Allen, Dem.	W. E. Dieffenb'g, Dem.	L. Hagenbach, Rep.	C. R. Cox, Pro.	C. Busch, Ind.
Bloom, 1st.....	188 1/2	51 1/2	186	87	70
Bloom, 2d.....	240 1/2	6 1/2	27	83 1/2	61
Bloom, 3d.....	293 1/2	77	341 1/2	49	94
Bloom, 4th.....	309 1/2	124 1/2	178	76	59 1/2
Millsboro.....	78 1/2	7	19	59 1/2	29 1/2
Greenwood, E.....	49 1/2	95 1/2	97	94 1/2	127 1/2
Greenwood, W.....	11	34	11	47	196
Scott, E.....	21	83 1/2	63	21 1/2	24 1/2
Scott, W.....	47 1/2	23	16	48 1/2	125
Sugarloaf, N.....	87	103	24 1/2	51	65 1/2
Sugarloaf, S.....	17 1/2	15	6	103 1/2	56
Total.....	1199 1/2	980 1/2	1153	719	1133

SNEAK THIEVES AT WORK.

It is customary with many housekeepers to place their refrigerators out on the back porch. Sneak thieves are taking advantage of this, and there have been many cases of thefts of food in the night time from refrigerators. Last Friday night a whole side of spare-ribs was stolen from the editor of this paper. The thief was very considerate, however, as he left a dressed turkey and chicken in the upper part of the refrigerator, probably being in too much of a hurry to make a thorough search. He took time, however, to eat a slice of cold broiled ham. We have the exact size of his shoes from prints left in the snow. It will do him no good to call again, for when we happen to have anything to eat, it is kept elsewhere now. If a few of the householders would join together and offer a substantial reward for the conviction of one of these sneaks it might help to put a stop to this annoyance.

Store Removed.

The store of F. M. Keiner, lately sold to F. M. Leader, will close Saturday night, February 23, and will remain closed for one week, until March 2, when it will re-open in the store room in the Lockard building, recently vacated by the Bloomsburg Store Company. Mr. Leader will then assume full charge.

A DESIDERATUM.

SIR:—A map of the whole Township of Bloom, now officially known as *The Town of Bloomsburg*, is a much needed topographical convenience. The pieces of the built up portion which we now have, are on too small a scale to be useful, and besides that, it does not give us a correct and full idea of ourselves and our surroundings. The great big world beyond and about us may be left to take care of itself, as it will do, calling on us once in a while for help. But our beautiful little *heart shaped territory* is the true heart of the world, and we should have a map at the least four feet by five, showing the farms, the Fishingcreek, the North Branch Canal, and the Susquehanna River, with the bridges spanning the various waterways.

It would not be expensive, and I am quite sure if a competent person would undertake it a subscription list could be secured that would not only defray the expense but leave a handsome balance to the good. Hundreds of copies could be sold. All the business places, all the manufacturing establishments, all the public school houses, all the meeting places of boards of directors, banks, offices and hotels; not to mention all that great body of public spirited citizens who are proud of their Town, and always ready to do something for its embellishment, its progress and its prosperity. And in this way, for a very small sum, its shape and size and beauty, its expanse of river and creek and fertile farming lands could be shown and seen at a glance, in their perfection.

Is it not well to have something more than we have at present, to show to our posterity what we were in size, and what we are wont to call modern improvements, in the year 1901? I submit these considerations in the most earnest hope that persons here among us will undertake the work, and give us a correct and spacious map of our most delightful Town of Bloomsburg. X. Y. Z.

NEW RULES FOR ARGUMENT COURT.

At the suggestion of a number of members of the Bar, the Court has adopted the following rules in order to overcome the great delay and inconvenience heretofore experienced in the disposition of causes on the argument list:

"That hereafter, when any motion, rule, citation, demurrer, exceptions to any report of viewers, auditors, masters, commissioners, or any other officer to whose report exceptions may be filed, or whenever any petition, application, motion for a new trial, or other cause whatsoever, shall be ripe for argument, in any of the Courts, the attorney or attorneys representing either side of the matter, may at any time enter the same for argument on the argument rule book; and if the said entry is made two weeks before the first Monday of the next succeeding month, the cause shall be called for argument on the said Monday, and no further delay shall be granted except for cause shown; provided that in all cases the attorney placing the cause upon the argument rule book shall give ten days personal notice to the opposing attorney of record that the said entry has been made.

"And provided further that no cases shall be entered as aforesaid during the months of June and July. The Prothonotary shall make up a list of cases for argument two weeks before each Argument Court, and post the same in his office.

"That whenever under this rule causes would be called for argument on the first Monday of September, December, February or May, the same shall be heard on the first Saturday after the first Monday aforesaid."

DANIEL McHENRY DEAD.

As we go to press the death of Daniel McHenry, of Stillwater, is announced. He was taken sick on Tuesday evening, but was not considered dangerously ill. Only a half hour before his death he walked across the room. At half past six on Wednesday evening he died, at the age of seventy-two years. Two children survive, Orvis D. and Miss May, both residing at home. A more extended notice will be printed next week.

Married.

RUCKLE—HEINIE.—At the M. E. parsonage Espy, Pa., Feb. 12, 1901 by W. H. Hartman. Mr. Leroy Ruckle and Miss Laura Heinie, both of Berwick, Pa.

MERITED SUCCESS.

H. O. Rodgers Made General Manager of Atlantic Refining Company with Headquarters at Reading.

The Hazleton *Sentinel* of last Monday contained the following article on the promotion of Mr. H. O. Rodgers. He is the brother-in-law of C. W. Funston and Paul E. Wirt, Esq., and is well-known here. The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Rodgers will be pleased to learn of his well-merited success. The *Sentinel* says:

"H. O. Rodgers, who for 16 years has been manager of the Atlantic Refining Co's business here has been tendered the general management of all branches in Eastern Pennsylvania with headquarters in Reading. The offer is a tempting one as it brings with it not only a material increase in a remunerative way but centers in the nominee a confidence that only men of exceptional merit commands, and will be accepted by Mr. Rodgers.

It is a pleasure at all times to note the advancement of our neighbors and especially so where it is known that such promotion is the reward of zeal and devotion. Certainly in this case the distinction it confers has been merited and in his new field of labor Mr. Rodgers will take with him the warmest wishes of all for continued success.

By his removal to the shire town of Berks county, Reading gains at the expense of Hazleton for Mr. Rodgers has never been so absorbed in commercial duties as to neglect the obligations which citizenship imposes. He has always been active in affairs, giving his time and influence to advance local interests that others might benefit. In Board of Trade work he was a conspicuous figure doing all possible to make that body a success. In charitable enterprises while less conspicuous his efforts were none the less diligent and effective. As president of the First National Bank his enterprising spirit at all times figured in behalf of the community as well as the institution with which he was allied and his exertion brought relief to the city in a material way.

He has done much for Hazleton and it is natural that much regret will be expressed upon his departure, but it is regret that does not blind gratitude and to his new home he carries the best wishes of the people of Hazleton."

The newly decorated chancel in St. Paul's Church is a very great improvement over the former decorations. The work was designed by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hawley, Jr. Blue is the predominating color, of darker hue at the bottom and growing lighter as it approaches the ceiling, which is very light blue. Upon the side walls are stencillings of white palm leaf, and on either side of the central window is a cross in gold-leaf, with the interlacing circles symbolic of the four gospels. The fleur de lis, symbol of the Virgin Mary, is also present. It is all exquisitely designed, and the work has been skillfully executed by P. K. Vannatta. The chancel is much better lighted than before by a row of electric lamps extending around the arch, so placed so as to be invisible to the congregation, and at the same time casting a bright light throughout the chancel.

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Carpets and Furniture.

Rather early to talk of Carpets and Furniture—months before housecleaning—but our new goods are coming in, and they are beauties. You will think you are walking on rosebuds when you see them. The line of wool velvets, which we have been selling,

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is larger in variety than ever before. They are equal to any velvet sold in the market for \$1.15. Durable? They are as much so as the velvets for which you will pay \$1.25 per yard. Give us an early call and we will store the carpets until you need them.

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