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DOUBLE TRAGEDY

John Gulick Murders His Mother and Brother at Kline's Grove.

Jealousy Goads Him on to Commit the Awful Crime.

After coolly taking aim and shooting his mother to death, John Gulick, a farmer, living at Kline's Grove, midway between Danville and Sunbury, murdered his brother Philip Tuesday. Then he fled in the direction of Danville.

A posse, armed with shotguns, is in pursuit of Gulick, and if he is found it is feared he will be lynched.

Family quarrels and jealousies, growing out of the proposed gift of homes by Mr. Gulick to his sons, were the cause of the tragedy.

The Gulicks lived in a pretty farm house in Upper Augusta township. The father is rich. He had purchased a double building lot in Sunbury, and Monday night he told his sons to drive to Sunbury to see how they liked the surroundings, as he was about to build homes for them, so they could live comfortably with their wives whenever they married. John Gulick is 22 years old, while Philip was 27. So far as is known neither had a sweetheart.

John fancied his parents did not propose to treat him as kindly as they did Philip in the construction of the houses. His parents laughed at this fear. Both said they loved him just as much as they did his brother.

The brothers had a bed in a large room next to the sleeping apartments of their parents. When they retired Monday night John would not speak to Philip. At daybreak Mrs. Gulick arose and soon had breakfast ready. The brothers sat down to eat. Mr. Gulick ordered John to stay at home to plow.

"I am going to accompany Philip to Sunbury," said the father, "because I think the drive will benefit my health."

John grumbled at this, and when his father and Philip left for the stable to feed the stock and prepare for their journey he told his mother he would not stand being set aside for anybody, and that he intended to have revenge. Mrs. Gulick pleaded with him to stifle his anger. As her husband re-entered the kitchen for his hat John ran upstairs and returned with a revolver. His father was about kissing his wife good-bye, when John deliberately leveled the weapon at his mother's heart and fired. She fell dead. Mr. Gulick rushed at his son, who pointed the revolver at him and pressed the trigger. The cartridge did not explode.

Before the maddened man could shoot again his father grabbed him. Then ensued a desperate fight for possession of the weapon. Numerous times the feet of the combatants scraped against the body of the murdered mother. The pair fought until the elder Gulick began to grow weak. Then, pushing his would-be slayer away, he dashed out the door and propped himself against it from the outside.

Realizing he could not reach his father by forcing the rear door, John Gulick left the house through the front door. He met his brother Philip, who had been attracted by the shots. When Philip saw John with the revolver in his hand, he asked him what the commotion was about. John laughingly said he intended to kill all his relatives, and then, putting the weapon against Philip's breast he fired. Philip fell dead, and his slayer fled. Gulick, Sr., witnessed the death of Philip and ran to the kitchen, where he fell unconscious across the body of his wife.

The murderer then made a dash for liberty, and succeeded in getting away. He disappeared in the direction of Danville. Armed men at once started in pursuit of him. All the wooded land in the vicinity has been scoured, but he has thus far succeeded in evading the posse. Descriptions have been sent out to all the towns.

Good Friday.

To-morrow is Good Friday, the day of the Crucifixion. There will be morning service at St. Paul's church at 10.30. From 12 o'clock to 3 there will be a service of meditation and prayer, with addresses by the Rector. Those who cannot remain throughout will have an opportunity to enter or retire during the singing of hymns. It is always a solemn and impressive service.

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LAYTON RUNYON.

The death of Mr. Layton Runyon occurred at his home on Market street on Saturday morning last at eleven o'clock. His health had been feeble for some years past, and he had been confined to his bed for several weeks. His age was eighty-eight years, five months and ten days.

Mr. Runyon was born near Plainfield, New Jersey, on October 20th, 1812. In his early boyhood he went with his father's family to Steuben County, New York, where he learned the cabinet making trade. About the year 1834 he went to Illinois, then an unsettled country, and made trips down the Mississippi River, by boats and rafts, to New Orleans. Later on he went to Tyrone, New York, and while living there, on January 29, 1839, he married Henrietta F. daughter of Col. E. Thayer, of Watkins, New York, and sister of Mrs. Judge Elwell. Shortly afterwards he moved to Troy, Pa., and engaged in the mercantile trade, which he followed for some years. Subsequently he engaged extensively in farming at Troy, and followed this until he moved to Bloomsburg about 1864, where he opened the first grocery and provision store exclusively, in the town.

In 1866 he sold out, and went to Titusville, Pa., to live, and there his wife died. Returning to Bloomsburg he opened a hardware store, and subsequently married Miss Martha Brugler, and resided here the balance of his life. The last ten years or so he has led a retired life, having sold the hardware store to his son by adoption, Charles W. Runyon. The deceased had been a member of the Presbyterian Church for many years, and for a long time was one of the officers. He was a man of strong convictions, determined will, and a warm heart. He was respected for his integrity, and for his frankness in saying just what he thought of anything which did not meet with his approval.

The surviving members of the family are his wife, his daughter, Mrs. R. Frank Colley, and his adopted son, Charles W. Runyon.

The funeral was held at the house on Tuesday afternoon, the services being conducted by Rev. Dr. Hemminger. Several appropriate selections were well sung by the Y. M. C. A. male choir. The remains of one of Bloomsburg's oldest residents were then laid to rest in Rosemont Cemetery.

A FIENDISH CRIME.

Dr. R. Erskine Johnston, Murdered at the Danville Hospital.

A brutal murder was committed at the Danville Hospital for the insane last night. The victim is Dr. R. Erskine Johnston, one of the institution's physicians. He had just entered a room occupied by an Italian named Caprio, for the purpose of taking the man's temperature. Hardly had he gotten inside, when he was attacked and stabbed four times. An attendant who was engaged near by was attracted by the noise and hurried to the scene just in time to see the doctor breathe his last. He feebly uttered: "I have no pain" and expired.

This is the second fiendish crime which the Italian Caprio has committed in his life, he having been thought insane and placed in that institution quite a time ago. A peculiar part of the tragedy is that the weapon has not been found.

The doctor leaves a wife, who was Miss Augusta Sweisfort, a prominent young society lady of Danville, they having been married but a few months.

Williams-Barkley Nuptials.

An unusually quiet event, was the wedding of Miss May Barkley to Mr. Fred C. Williams, which was performed by the Rev. D. N. Kirkby of St. Paul's Episcopal church, at the residence of the bride's mother, corner of Market and Fourth streets Tuesday afternoon. The guests were few in number, only immediate relatives of the parties being in attendance. The bride is a daughter of the late C. G. Barkley, deceased, and the groom is a son of E. P. Williams. After the ceremony the couple departed for a wedding trip. Mr. Williams is engaged in business in Scranton, and that will be their future home. The bride was the recipient of numerous beautiful presents.

The men's meeting next Sunday afternoon at the Y. M. C. A. building will be addressed by Dr. A. K. Aldinger. There will be special singing. All men are invited to be present.

EASTER SERVICES.

St. Paul's P. E. Church.

Special sermons, beautiful flowers, and fine music will be the features of the Easter services at St. Paul's church on Sunday: The following musical program will be rendered:

6:45 A. M.
 Processional Carol, "Let the Merry Church Bells Ring,".....Howard
 Easter Anthem, Christ, Our Passover.....
 Gloria Patri.....Ouseley
 Gloria in Excelsis.....Danks
 Te Deum in D.....Ellwanger
 Jubilate in F.....Knight
 Nicene Creed.....Allen
 Hymn 115.....Tours
 Offertory "Awake, Thou That Sleepest".....Calkin
 "Old Hundred".....Simpser
 Amen.....Gower
 Recessional, Hymn 109.....Sullivan
 10:30 A. M.
 Processional, Hymn 111.....Rimbault
 Kyrie Eleison.....Garret
 Gloria in Excelsis.....Zenner
 Hymn 115.....Martin
 Offertory "O Death, Where is Thy Sting".....Spinney
 "Old Hundred".....
 Sanctus.....Stainer
 Agnus Dei.....Garret
 Gloria in Excelsis.....Zenner
 Nunc Dimittis.....Vincent
 Amen.....Gower
 Recessional, Hymn 125.....Dykes
 7:30 P. M.
 Processional, Hymn 118.....Elvey
 Gloria Patri.....Anon
 Gloria in Excelsis.....Ellwanger
 Magnificat.....Smart
 Nunc Dimittis.....Clare
 Hymn 121.....
 Anthem, "Hallelujah, Christ is Risen," Clare
 Recessional, Hymn 116.....Roper

The Holy Communion will be celebrated at 6 o'clock and 10.30 in the morning. The first service of music, the most elaborate of the day, will be held at 6.45. The Rector will preach at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. The music will be rendered by a vested choir of twenty mixed voices, under the direction of Geo. E. Elwell Esq. choirmaster, with DeForest Hummer at the organ. There is always a large attendance at the early service, and ushers will be present to show strangers to seats. Pew holders are requested to be in their seats early, as it is impossible to reserve pews when the congregation is so large.

LUTHERAN CHURCH.
 Early morning service, 6:15 a. m.
 Anthem, "He Rose and Left the Grave,"
Danks
By the Choir.
 Holy Communion and Confirmation, 10:15 a. m.
 Solo.....By Miss Mary Albert
 Evening Service and Communion, continued, 7:30 p. m.
 Anthem, "Christ, Our Passover," Sheppard
 Anthem, "The Shout of Victory," Ashford
 Mr. A. J. Williams, Chorister.
 Mrs. John Brooks, Organist.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT.

An Unfortunate Termination of a Sunday Afternoon Pleasure Ride.

Mrs. H. A. McKillip, accompanied by Clayton and George, two sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Rutter, Jr., left town Sunday afternoon for a carriage ride, going in the direction of Light-street. They had driven to the summit of the hill, when they decided to change their course. The road at this point was quite narrow, and in turning the vehicle became cramped and the occupants were thrown out, the carriage being completely capsized. As might be expected, the animal became frightened and started to run away, but it had covered only a short distance when the tangled harness entered, and the lines, winding about its feet, threw it.

Notwithstanding her injuries, Mrs. McKillip went to the horse and attempted to hold its head down to prevent it from arising and running off. The horse struggled, and in some way threw her under its head and neck, and she was thus pinned down until Charles Shaffer came along and rescued her. Clark Hippensteel also happened along, and brought Mrs. McKillip and the boys home, and Shaffer brought in the horse and buggy. Mrs. McKillip certainly exhibited wonderful pluck in preventing the horse from running off.

An examination of Mrs. McKillip's injuries showed that her right arm had been broken, while her face and body contained several bruises. The boys escaped without any apparent injury.

The horse bears evidence of the unfortunate occurrence, its hind legs, the right one especially, being cut and torn. The buggy was slightly damaged.

Charles Mace, who has been serving a sentence in the Eastern Penitentiary was recommended for pardon last week. He was convicted, it will be remembered, last February for shooting, from the second story window, a man, who he thought was trying to rob the post office at Aristes, this county.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COURT.

Court convened Monday at half past nine o'clock, with Hon. R. R. Little presiding. Associates Fox and Kurtz were also on the bench.

Estate of Nathaniel Seward. Order of sale granted.

Isaiah Bower vs. H. S. Stoker et al. Certiorari to Justice of Peace. Opinion and order of Court filed. First exception sustained and proceedings before the Justice vacated.

L. E. Waller et al vs. Magee Carpet Works. Petition to amend Sheriff's return. Order of court filed.

Estate of D. H. Miller. Petition for discharge of C. B. Jackson, dec'd, late executor, and his estate from future liability. Granted.

Petition of Jno. G. McHenry, guardian of Carl McHenry, for private sale of land by guardian. Order of sale granted.

Susan W. Heller vs. J. S. Heller. Petition for Sheriff to make deed.

Arthur Lewis appointed guardian of S. Burton Lewis and Margaret Lewis, minor children of Kittie E. Lewis. Petition of guardian to join in sale of wards' interest in real estate filed. Order of sale granted. Deed by Arthur Lewis acknowledged in open court.

Petition of Parvin T. Groh for adoption of Dale Spencer, minor child of Frank and Cora M. Spencer. Granted.

Bond of T. J. Vanderslice, trustee of Jacob Moyer's estate, approved. Estate of Jacob Moyer. Additional exceptions filed by leave of court.

C. L. Sands appointed guardian of Amelia C. and Grace Coleman, minor children of George Coleman.

Ella V. Furman vs. Hervey Furman Libel in divorce. Subpena awarded.

In re division of Briarcreek township. Papers in hands of Court. Report of commissioners vacated and set aside, and W. T. Creasy, J. C. Brown and Amos Nephart appointed Commissioners on said petition.

Wm. S. Utt appointed guardian of James G. and Sarah H. Utt, minor children of G. W. Utt.

Ralph G. Phillips appointed committee of Frederick D. Gross. Bond approved.

Wm. Berninger vs. Penna. R. R. Co. Motion to strike off non suit. Papers in hands of Court. Continued.

Road in Millville Boro and Greenwood township. Exceptions to the report of viewers. Exceptions discharged and report confirmed absolutely.

A. C. Schon vs. P. B. Ervin. Appeal by defendant. Exceptions to filing same. Argument. Papers in hands of Court.

Robbins Lumber Co. vs. Union Tanning Co. Motion to strike off return of Sheriff. Rule absolute and service set aside.

Evan Buckalew appointed guardian of Harriet and Inez Buckalew. Bond approved.

Estate of W. N. A. Rogers. Petition to pay legacy. Rule absolute.

J. H. Maize vs. J. H. Kester. Exceptions to opinion and order of Court. Exceptions overruled.

C. M. Creveling and D. J. Waller vs. Magee Carpet Works. Petition of bond holders to proceed with sale under writ of Levavi Facias and premises to be advertised and sold, filed.

Ida Welliver vs. Pennsylvania Can-

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