



JOHN GULICK.
WHO MURDERED HIS MOTHER AND BROTHER.

GULICK CAPTURED.

And Now Behind Prison Bars at Sunbury.

Murderer John Gulick will now have sufficient time to ponder over and repent for his terrible crime, the killing of his mother and brother, at the family home near Kline's Grove, Tuesday morning of last week. But penitence will not suffice; the law demands more. His life, according to the appointed rules of the land, must pay the penalty.

His capture occurred Sunday morning, in a small workhouse, near his home by Butler Surgeon, a man employed by Mr. Gulick on his farm.

Gulick was drying his clothes near a little stove, in which he had built a fire, when Surgeon entered the place. Trembling with fear Gulick arose and advanced toward Surgeon, holding out his hand. He inquired, "How is Pap?" Surgeon replied, "He's well, I'll call him."

"No, no, I don't want to see him. The torture I have endured the past few days has made me mad."

Noticing through the window the approach of a little party of country men on the way to church, Gulick became alarmed and fled to the woodhouse. The party was called, and after relieving the prisoner of his loaded revolver, the weapon with which he had slain mother and brother, they took him to his father's home and allowed him to eat breakfast and change his clothes.

As the prisoner entered the house, Samuel Gulick, his father, advanced to meet him. Tears streamed down the parent's face as he shook hands, but the matricide was not moved.

Gulick was brought to Sunbury in a covered wagon and put in jail. Describing his whereabouts since the crime, Gulick said:

"I struck to the hills after the shooting and remained there until night, when I went to Eckman's barn. Before daylight Wednesday I returned to the hills and hid under a pile of underbrush. Wednesday night I slept

at the same place, but Thursday and Friday night Van Kirk's barn sheltered me. I had very little to eat, and Friday night I went to Northumberland, as I was nearly starved. While I was in the hotel there, the proprietor recognized me, and I started for Danville. I was there all morning Saturday.

"Friday I watched the funerals of mother and my brother from the hills near home. I never saw a newspaper and didn't know anybody was after me.

I am very sorry, but things were getting too warm for me. It was about three o'clock when I went into the workshop. It rained hard last night, and my clothes were soaked. I intended coming to the jail tomorrow morning and giving myself up to the warden.

"During the day I was in constant fear of some one finding me, and at night the scene of the shooting was always before my eyes."

The prisoner was pale and careworn, but seemed to breathe easier after being placed behind the prison bars. On the way to the jail, he heard some one along the country road shout, "Get a rope!" This remark made him crouch behind the constable, and cover his eyes with his hands.

Old Mr. Gulick is all unnerved, more so in fact than any time since the commission of the deed. He says that he will leave the law take its course.

Murderer Gulick was taken from his cell into the jail office Monday morning, and arranged before Justice of the Peace Shipman, on two charges of murder. When the question "guilty or not guilty" was put to him, he was speechless. His counsel, J. Simpson Kline, answered "not guilty" for his client. The prisoner was indifferent to all the proceedings, and displayed not a semblance of emotion or nervousness. It is understood that his plea will be insanity.

CHRISTIAN F. KNAPP.

Death Removes a Highly Esteemed Resident of Bloomsburg.

The announcement of the death of Christian F. Knapp was received this Thursday morning, not with surprise, for his condition was such that his death would not have been a surprise at any time for several months past, but when it came it was received with profound regret by this community. He was born in Germany in 1822 and came to this country in 1831, and had resided here for many years. He was one of the most prominent Masons in this country. The survivors of his family are three daughters, Mrs. Caroline Bodine of Bloomsburg, Mrs. Harvey Long of California, and Mrs. Geo. S. Robbins of New York. An extended biographical sketch of the deceased will be printed in our next issue, as we go to press too soon for it this week. The time for the funeral has not yet been decided.

Vestrymen Elected.

The annual election of officers of St. Paul's P. E. Church was held on Monday evening. The following gentlemen were elected Vestrymen: Col. J. G. Freeze, John R. Townsend, Geo. E. Elwell, Paul E. Wirt, J. L. Dillon, J. G. Wells and Geo. S. Robbins. Col. Freeze was appointed Rector's Warden by the Rector, and J. R. Townsend was elected Accounting Warden, Paul E. Wirt was elected Secretary and A. H. Bloom, Treasurer.

A vote of thanks was tendered to all those who assisted in arranging beautiful decorations of the church on Easter, and to the choir for their excellent music. The appointment of committees was postponed until next meeting, which will be held next Tuesday evening. The time for the regular meetings of the vestry was changed to the second Monday of each month.

THE NEW COUNCIL

Organizes and Makes Appointments—Fred Ikeler, Esq., Retained as Solicitor.

E. F. Carpenter Re-Elected Treasurer—John T. Tracey Chosen as Secretary.

The first meeting of the new Town Council was held Thursday evening last. As the business of the initial session is always given to the organization and the filling of the various offices, there was quite a good attendance. The majority of the onlookers was composed of those whose friends had filed applications for the various offices in the gift of the Council.

Before any nominations were made or considered, Mr. Dieffenbach moved that an open ballot be used. A vote on the question showed a difference of opinion. A second ballot was taken and the secret ballot agreed upon.

To give the Councilmen an opportunity to discuss the qualifications of the applicants and for the private consideration of other matters relating thereto the applicants as well as the visitors were requested to vacate the room until the election was over.

F. B. Hartman was elected secretary pro tem. and Messrs. Webb and Kashner were appointed tellers to receive and count the vote.

The Solicitorship was the first taken up. There was no opposition to Fred Ikeler, Esq., and the secretary was instructed to cast the ballot.

For Secretary there were three applicants: Freeze Quick, who had served in that capacity for three years, John Tracy and R. H. Ringler. Tracy was a winner on the first ballot, he receiving four votes. The other two votes went to Ringler. Mr. Tracy was declared elected.

E. F. Carpenter the present Town Treasurer, was re-elected, he having secured four votes. The remuneration was made the same as the preceding year, viz., one per cent. on all moneys handled by him. The other applicants for the position were J. H. Mercer, O. T. Wilson, A. N. Yost, John S. Gerstong and Jacob Millard, Messrs. Yost and Wilson receiving one vote each.

For Chief of Police there were two applicants, Wesley Knorr, incumbent and Arlington Shultz. The vote resulted: Knorr 5; Shultz, 1. Knorr having received five votes was declared elected. Salary was fixed same as last year, \$40.00 per month and an allowance of \$40.00 for clothing.

C. F. Neyhard and David Fisher were applicants for the office of Commissioner of Highways. Mr. Neyhard received the total vote cast was declared elected. Compensation remains the same as last year, \$1.75 per day.

For High Constable Miles Betz and John W. Gibbs were the applicants. Mr. Betz received five votes and was declared elected. Salary remains the same, \$50.00 per year.

For Town Engineer the only name presented was that of J. C. Brown. His election was made unanimous. Compensation to be derived from amount of work done.

For Vice President the only name presented to the Council was that of F. B. Hartman and he was unanimously chosen for that position in the body.

For Building Inspector Samuel Shaffer was unanimously chosen.

On motion duly seconded the time for assembling of Council was fixed at 7:30 p. m., lasting until 10 p. m., and that all regular business before the body be transacted before petitions are acted upon.

The following committees were appointed by president Ikeler, the first named on each committee to act as chairman:

Committee on Highways—Kashner, Webb and Hartman.

Committee on fire and water—Cronin, Webb and Kashner.

Committee on Light—Hartman, Webb and Cronin.

Finance Committee—Webb, Hartman and Rabb.

Sanitary Committee—Rabb, Dieffenbach and Cronin.

Mr. Tracy at this juncture was notified of his election as secretary and at once entered upon his duties of his office.

Minutes of last regular meeting read

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USED KNIFE BLADE

Caprio's Deadly Weapon Was a Small Pocket Knife.

Found Hidden in the Settee in the Hall of the Hospital.

An inquest over Dr. R. Erskine Johnson's remains, the victim of the Italian Caprio, was conducted by Justice of the Peace, J. P. Bare, Thursday afternoon. The jury was composed of J. C. Petterson, E. C. Votis, John R. Wallize, D. C. Williams, J. C. Mencemoyer and Theodore Hoffman. Several witnesses testified among whom was Dr. Meredith, superintendent of the Hospital. At the time of the murder he was in a distant part of the building, and his testimony was in relation to the condition of the patient who committed the crime.

Caprio's condition, Dr. Meredith explained, is stationary and admits of but little hope of recovery. His mania is marked by delusions of persecutions. He is fault finding and he frequently has trouble with other patients. The history of his case shows that he was insane when a boy. He had already been afflicted one year and was under sentence for commitment of crime when adjudged insane and sent to the Hospital. Dr. Meredith gave it as his opinion that Caprio was insane at the time of the murder.

Roy Rishel, whose home is at White Hall, Montour county, who is attendant in Caprio's ward and who assisted Dr. Johnston, was sworn. The physician was sitting on the side of the bed with his left side next to the patient. When resisted Rishel took his left hand, the patient keeping his right hand concealed under the covers. This hand Dr. Johnston was trying to get hold of, but before he could accomplish it the patient quickly withdrew it and dealt the doctor a stunning blow on the left jaw. The doctor arose, but not until as proven by the wounds on his body he received three other blows from the murderous patient. As to the latter attendant, who confessed that he was very much excited, was able to give little information. Indeed, so far as his knowledge went there might have been but one blow struck. He saw nothing in the patient's hand resembling a weapon of any sort.

Rishel struggled with Caprio, but was unable to subdue him until additional help arrived in the person of Harry Huntingdon, another attendant. The patient was finally overpowered, and the two immediately turned their attention to Dr. Johnston. He said he didn't think his wounds were serious. The blood was flowing freely however, and but a few minutes elapsed until he was unconscious. He was removed to a room further down the hall where his life ebbed away.

At this juncture a knife blade, stained with blood was produced. It

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