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A CLOSE CALL.

Joe Fist Stabs Jesse Rambo With an Almost Fatal Result.

Bloomsgurg, or at least the central part of it was in a ferment last evening. The intense excitement was caused by a stabbing affray which occurred at a little confectionery store and dwelling combined, located on Sixth Street, between Iron and Catharine Streets. The principals were Joe Fist, an Italian, who conducts the aforesaid store, and Jesse Rambo, a day laborer, employed at Berwick. The story of the stabbing as we present it, is from the lips of Fist, but his inability to speak the English language, made it extremely difficult for us to obtain a satisfactory account of it. It appears that Rambo's wife, for some time past has been doing domestic duty for Fist. She and her husband had not been living together, owing to incompatibility of temperament. Last evening, Rambo, after allowing his convivial inclination to get the best of him, appeared at the home of Fist and asked for his wife. He was shown into the kitchen, and after a little talk together his wife agreed to accompany him to Berwick, where he claimed to have secured a farm. She informed Fist of her intentions, and started upstairs to prepare her personal effects. Her husband started to follow, but Fist objected and a fight ensued. Rambo used vile language, and picked up a chair to strike Fist, when the latter rushing out into the kitchen procured an implement of defense, either a knife or a fork, he was uncertain which, and when he re-entered the room, both to closer combat flew, and after a fierce struggle Rambo was stabbed in the left side just below the heart. The wounded man hurried from the house, and ran up the alley for a distance of two blocks, when the loss of blood weakened him and he fell. He was first discovered by E. L. Barton, who after summoning help, placed him in a carriage and conveyed him to the Central Hotel, where he was given medical attention by Dr. T. C. Harter. A careful examination of the injury showed that the weapon had penetrated the flesh to the depth of an inch, and struck a rib, to which fact he owes his life. Had it been below the rib death would have been certain. As it is he will probably recover.

Fist says he came up town to surrender himself, but not finding Squire Ringler in his office he returned home. He was later taken into custody by Chief of Police Wesley Knorr.

Mrs. Rambo, in the main, corroborates Fist's story. She says he stabbed her husband with a knife. It had a long narrow blade and was used in the manufacture of candy. What has become of the knife is a mystery. Chief of Police Knorr searched the house thoroughly but the weapon cannot be found.

Fist was arraigned before Squire Jacoby this morning. He waived a hearing and gave bail in the sum of \$600 for his appearance at court.

DEATH CLAIMS AN ESTIMABLE LADY

Mrs. Martha H. McKinney Passes Away at Her Home on Market Street.

Mrs. Martha H. McKinney, relict of the late David McKinney, died early this morning at her home on Market street, after a protracted illness. Heart disease was her greatest affliction, but the unconquerable barrier old age shares in the cause of her death. Had she lived until June she would have been eighty years of age. Mrs. McKinney was a daughter of William and Elizabeth (Willetts) McKelvy and was born June 28th, 1822. The surviving family consists of three children, Mrs. Dr. W. M. Reber and W. H. McKinney, of town, and Mrs. R. C. Drinker, of Bethlehem. She is also survived by a sister and a brother, Mrs. Harriet, wife of Rev. A. A. Marple, of Norristown and Isaiah McKelvy, of town.

Mrs. McKinney was a woman of whom much good can be said. She possessed many rare and admirable attributes, and her life was characterized by deeds of kindness and charity. And now in the fullness of years, she passes away with the respect and love of all those who knew her. She was a member of the Presbyterian church and was always faithful and devout.

At the funeral which will be held Saturday afternoon at two o'clock, a large concourse of people, will silently attest the esteem on which she was held. The services will be conducted at the house by Rev. D. J. Waller, Jr. of Indiana, Pa., and interment will be made in Rosemont Cemetery.

THE CENTENNIAL MEETING.

The meeting at the Court House last Friday evening to initiate the Centennial movement was not what was hoped for and expected. The room should have been filled with people, but there were less than a hundred present, and many of our prominent citizens were conspicuous by their absence. It there is to be a centennial, it must have the help of everybody. If the labor and expense is left to be borne by a few, the sooner the project is dropped the better.

Mayor John R. Townsend called the meeting to order, and was elected chairman, and Geo. E. Elwell was chosen secretary. Mr. Townsend spoke of the amount of labor that would be required to make the celebration a success, and urged that everybody should lend a helping hand. He suggested the appointment of a general committee to consider the whole scheme, decide what is best to be done, and appoint sub-committees for all necessary purposes. The following persons were appointed on the general committee:

Col. J. G. Freeze, J. P. Welsh, Louis Cohen, J. C. Brown, H. B. Clark, W. S. Moyer, Dr. Reber, G. E. Elwell, L. N. Moyer, C. C. Peacock, A. Z. Schoch, H. V. White, P. E. Wirt, W. H. Slate, W. O. Holmes, W. S. Rishton, R. E. Hartman, J. M. Staver, A. W. Duy, H. A. McKillip, F. G. Yorks, Frank Ikeler, W. P. Meigs, J. G. Wells, F. P. Pursel, Jas. Magee, William Chrisman.

After remarks by Dr. J. P. Welsh, Rev. M. E. McLinn, Rev. D. N. Kirkby and Col. Freeze, the meeting adjourned.

The members of the committee who were present remained, and agreed to meet on Thursday evening (to-night) at 8 o'clock at the Court House, at which time it is hoped there will be a full attendance.

Bloomsgurg Bottling Works Robbed.

A gang of thieves have no doubt been making Bloomsgurg their headquarters for the past several days. Not content with the booty obtained at the Ikeler house Monday morning, they continued their depredations Monday night by breaking into the Bloomsgurg Bottling Works located at the corner of Main and Lenard streets. They entered the building by prying open the side door. The safe by the use of some explosive, presumably nitro-glycerine, was blown open. Mr. Gersting, the manager of the establishment, is always very careful not to leave much money in the safe over night, so that the haul was not very rich. He thinks that they probably secured about ten or twelve dollars. From a drawer in the safe they secured the key to the beer vault. What they took from this apartment will not be known until the inventory is taken at the end of the month, but Mr. Gersting thinks that there is a barrel of beer missing. There is absolutely no clue to the robbery. In the afternoon on Monday, three men claiming to be umbrella menders, appeared in the immediate vicinity of the Bottling Works. They were very observing and not only surveyed the building from the corner but walked down along the side of it. There is no doubt but that this is the guilty party and that the afternoon visit was to determine how the raid was to be made.

DEATH FROM PARALYSIS.

Robert Roan was stricken with a stroke of paralysis Tuesday evening. He remained in an unconscious condition until about half past three yesterday afternoon, when he died. Mr. Roan was a cabinet maker by trade and was located for a number of years on Iron street. About a year ago while employed as a clerk in J. S. Bachman's liquor store, he slipped and fell, breaking his hip. He was taken to the Sunbury Hospital, but never fully recovered from the effects of the fall. His death occurred at the Giger Hotel on East street, where he had been boarding for the past year. He was about eighty years of age, and is survived by three sons and three daughters, George and Clark of town, and William of Orangeville, and Mrs. Charles Taylor, Mrs. Jane Rinker and Miss Elizabeth Roan, of Bloomsgurg. The first named son is the foreman of the COLUMBIAN office.

The body was removed to the home of Charles Taylor on East street from which place the funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon at two o'clock.

OUR BUSINESS GROWING.

We are steadily receiving new customers, and adding new accounts; so our business is constantly increasing at a very satisfactory rate. Possibly you also might be inclined to join us.

We Invite You to Come.

—THE—

Bloomsgurg National Bank

A. Z. SCHOCH, PRESIDENT.

WM. H. HIDLAY, CASHIER.

DRESS GOODS

In all the new weaves and welts. A variety of the most wanted new 1902 fabrics. Different patterns, different cloths, different widths, at your price, practically.

Extra fine grade and heavy weight, basket-weave black hopsacking 54 in. wide, made from long fibre wool, will hold its shape when made into skirts. Thoroughly shrunk and sponged, per yard \$2.00.

Granite cloth, 38 in. wide, black and colors, all wool at 50 cents a yard.

Albatross, 38 in. wide, all wool, 12 colors, equal to some 60 cents goods we have seen—our price 50 cents a yard.

SUITS

All new Spring styles. Every feature a style feature.

Every suit made from the best goods for wear, and the price is of interest to you.

Black pebble Cheviot, Jacket lined with taffeta silk, lapels faced with Peau de Soie, velvet collar. Skirt made with deep flounce, lined with a percaline drop skirt, velveteen bound, \$18.50.

Black Venetian Cloth, Eton Jacket, lined with guaranteed satin, cuffs and lapels made of satin, stitched all over, skirt percaline lined and trimmed with five bands of black satin, stitched many times, \$12.50.

Other colors and grades, \$5.00 to \$22.00.

R. E. Hartman, SUCCESSOR TO I. W. Hartman & Son, BLOOMSBURG, PA.

[READ MY AD ON 5TH PAGE.]

WHAT SHE WANTS

One of these pretty lockets which are displayed in my window

AS THEY ARE SO POPULAR NOW.

Plain round lockets different sizes.
Ornamented round lockets.
Plain Heart shape lockets.
Ornamented Heart shape lockets.
Raised chaising in rose gold.
In fact everything that is new and pretty. Come in and Price Them.

J. Lee Martin, Jeweler and Optician.

Telephone 1842

The Stroup Fund.

There is no shortage in the Stroup fund except by bad investment. By the wills of David and Esther Stroup four thousand dollars were left, the income of which was to supply destitute widows with light and fuel. The state tax of 5 per cent. for collateral inheritance was deducted from this leaving the principal only \$3800. We are informed that the auditors have examined this account, and that hereafter it will be included in the town statement. The investment on which the loss occurs was not made by W. O. Holmes during his incumbency as President of Council.

I Have Moved

Into my own yellow front building, formerly occupied by Ben Gidding's clothing store, and am receiving the following

SPRING GOODS:

Washing Machines \$3.75.

Get prices on Poultry Wire, and Fence Wire.

J. G. WELLS, GENERAL HARDWARE.

Death of Mrs. E. S. Stocker.

The announcement of the death of Mrs. Elias S. Stocker which occurred at her home above Forks Tuesday morning, will be received with sorrow by all who knew her. She had been a long and patient sufferer from erysipelas, having been afflicted with that disease for several years. The end was hastened by a severe paralytic stroke Sunday evening. Mrs. Stocker was about fifty-four years of age and is survived by a husband and one son, Stanley.

The funeral takes place to-day at two o'clock. Burial will be made in the Christian Cemetery near Stillwater.

TALL TIM

Tim is tall, very tall, and very slender. He is 5 feet 11 inches high, and measures only 36 inches around the chest, has narrow shoulders and long arms. Tim tried several clothing stores, but none could even approach a fit. He finally struck our store, considerably disheartened. He came in with a dejected look, hope all gone. But he went away perfectly happy. We fitted him to a dot with a \$10.00 Suit. He insisted on paying extra, but we said "No, a \$10.00 suit is a \$10.00 suit here every time, and it's always as good as a \$12.00 suit elsewhere." Tim said: "You're the only," and out he went. We fit Tall and Slim, Short and Stout.

BEN GIDDING,

The Clothier,

Bloomsgurg, Pa.

Come in and see us, we'll treat you right.

The Leader Dep't Store.

Dry Goods.—Have you been in our store since we changed the interior of it? It was a very pleasant store to shop in before. The change makes it much more pleasant. Daylight everywhere and every opportunity to examine the goods. Never before have our lines been so complete and varied. The reason for this, that we make our selections from six more houses than we did before. This naturally gave us more variety. No one house possesses the ability and judgment to select the choice things, so we had a dozen large stocks to choose from and the result is a very carefully selected stock, the pick and the best of them all. We want your verdict on the stock. While we would like to have your approval, we will be as grateful for a fair disapproval for we learn by our mistakes.

While the weather is cold and Spring backward the warm days are coming. We are prepared for them.

Shirt Waists.—We are handling the same line of these goods that we have had for three years. The patterns and styles are private to us, and can be seen in no other store in Bloomsgurg. We have them at all prices. Look them over before buying.

Carpets.—In this line we are always first. No other store corners the line of Patterns nor variety of qualities that we do. If you want your dollar to go further than at any other place, look over our Carpet Department. We can give you a carpet for 25c a yard and we can show you a fine line at \$1.50 per yard. Our half wool carpet at 50c per yard is the best value shown. It is heavy and good and made specially for us. Bring the measure of your room with you, we often have remnants that may just suit the size wanted and at low figures.

Furniture.—We are carrying the largest stock we have ever had. We have a number of special pieces which would add beauty to your room. If you want to SAVE MONEY, call and get OUR PRICES. Even if you do not buy, you will have a better idea as to how to buy elsewhere.

THE LEADER DEP'T STORE, 4th and Market Streets. Bloomsgurg, Pa.