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HELD FOR COURT.

Amandus Levan Sits Stolidly Through Hearing While Witnesses Convict Him With the Murder.

MINEAR and BOYD CONFESS.

The confession of Minear and Boyd that they were guilty of highway robbery, and that Levan had proposed and planned the crime, made before justice of the peace Jacoby in his office Monday afternoon, was the sensational climax of Levan's hearing in the Court House on the charge of murder. Now if Levan does escape the murder charge he will at least have a term in the penitentiary staring him in the face. The hearing attracted a goodly number of Centraliaites to town. They paid close attention to the proceedings and manifested a marked interest in the testimony of the various witnesses.

The COLUMBIAN reporter sat where he could hear the various opinions of the Centralia contingent. From their remarks it is evident that Levan bears a very unsavory reputation. Now and then they would speak a good word for Minear and Boyd, but with Levan it was different and there seems to be a unanimous feeling that he is guilty. It was about two o'clock when Justice Jacoby took his place in the court room. Before him slightly to the right sat Minear and Boyd. Notwithstanding the admission that they are guilty of highway robbery, it must be said that they didn't look like criminals, particularly Minear. He is only a boy not yet twenty years of age, and his general appearance ill-befitted one guilty of so gross an infraction of law and humanity. Boyd was decidedly the rougher looking of the two, but even he would not be taken for a person in whom the sense of honor is entirely dead.

Clyde C. Yetter, counsel for Minear and Boyd waived a formal hearing after which the case against Levan was taken up. The prisoner was not present at the time, and the proceedings rested until Sheriff Knorr brought him from the jail. The first witness called was Patrick McGinley the murdered man's brother in law. He testified that he had worked with McAndrews all night previous to the murder, and that he had given him his pay envelope containing something over thirty dollars. He was with him about half an hour after they quit work Monday morning. He next saw him at his house and assisted in removing him to the hospital and was present when the physicians treated him.

Dr. Gwinner of Centralia testified. He was driving from Centralia to Mid Valley when he found McAndrews behind a clump of bushes. His head and face were swollen, and blood was flowing from his nose and mouth. He appeared conscious and made an effort to talk but he couldn't articulate. "I did not think at the time" said Dr. Gwinner, "that he was so seriously injured. At the post mortem examination, in which I assisted I found that the temporal bones were both crushed; there was a fracture extending down to the base of the brain, and the brain was clotted with blood." The body had been moved from where it was first found by two other men to where it was found by Dr. Gwinner. He inspected the place where it previously laid, in a pile of rocks, and there he found a pool of blood. A few feet distant lay a club, a fresh cut sappling a foot and a half long and about an inch thick and it was with this he believes the mortal blows were struck. His first impression was that McAndrews had fallen and hit his head against the stones, but in re-direct examination he said "I changed my opinion at the post mortem examination. I cannot conceive how it could be possible for the wounds to have been self-inflicted." The testimony of Edward Honabach had considerable bearing on the case inasmuch as it showed that Levan was with McAndrews before the murder, and that he knew of the money on McAndrews' person. Mr. Honabach is a hotel keeper at Aristes. He testified that about ten o'clock in the morning of March 30th McAndrews appeared at his hotel. He

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ST. CECILIA'S DAY.

The Cantata Will be Given by Bloomsburg Choral Society.

ON MONDAY, MAY 28th.

The Bloomsburg Choral Society was organized a few months ago for the purpose of cultivating a higher musical taste, and to afford an opportunity for improvement in vocal culture to all those who desire to take advantage of it. Weekly rehearsals have been held in the Normal Auditorium, at first under the direction of Miss Comba, and for the past two weeks under Dr. D. J. J. Mason, of Wilkes-Barre, a professional director of high reputation. Rapid progress has been made, and the Society has decided to give a public entertainment in the Normal Auditorium on Thursday evening, May 28th.

The leading number on the program will be the Cantata of St. Cecilia's Day, a beautiful composition by J. B. Van Bree. The scene is laid in Frascati, a beautiful hilly country in the neighborhood of Rome, at sunset. In the foreground to the right are supposed to be youths and maidens binding wreaths to deck the marble statue of St. Cecilia. To the left, a youth leans against a broken pillar with lute in hand. Later on, huntsmen are supposed to descend from the hills, and sing the male chorus "Rise and break the chains." The composition abounds in beautiful and effective choruses. The solo parts will be taken by Miss Hettie Cope, Miss Mary Albert and Mr. R. F. Colley. Dr. Mason will lead, and the instrumental music will be played by Mrs. J. K. Miller and Mrs. R. F. Colley on two grand pianos. It will be the best drilled chorus that has ever sung in Bloomsburg. The society includes about fifty persons.

The program will contain other numbers, consisting of choruses, solos, etc., which will be announced later.

The proceeds will be devoted to the payment of the expenses and the purchase of new music, and such other items as are necessary to place the society on a permanent basis.

Coupons will be for sale by members of the society from Saturday morning on, which must be exchanged for reserve seats on the diagram at Bidleman's which will be open on Monday morning, May 25th at 9 o'clock. Tickets can also be procured at that time and later at Bidleman's, and at the door on Thursday evening.

The price of tickets including reserved seats has been placed at the very low sum of 25 cents, not because it is a "cheap show" but because it is a new venture, and it is desired that it may have the encouragement of a large audience. Remember the date, May 28th, and get your seats marked early.

BEFORE 'SQUIRE JACOBY.

Thomas Metherell Jr., Bernhard Girton and John Brobst were arraigned before 'Squire Jacoby Tuesday morning on the charge of assault and battery, committed upon Hiram Long. The assault was made, Long asserted, in the basement of the Central Hotel, Saturday night. His face and head still bare evidence of it. Several disinterested persons were called to give testimony all of which tended to substantiate Metherell's claim that he struck the blows in self defense, and he was accordingly discharged. Long made no charge against the other two and they were also discharged.

Long was apparently out hunting trouble, which is not an unusual thing for him, and the boys had no desire to quarrel with him, in fact they treated him several times thinking that it would pacify him but he persisted in making himself obnoxious, until he started the fight in which he deservedly got the worst of it.

Telephone Officials Change.

G. B. Wright Superintendent of the United Telephone and Telegraph Company for this district, has accepted the position of General Superintendent for the York State Telephone Company with headquarters at Binghamton. H. N. Daniels will succeed Mr. Wright at Sunbury. The changes went into effect May 18th.

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AN EARLY ATTEMPT.

An attempt to rob the safe in the Ikeler & Fleckenstine flouring mill was made early Sunday morning. The exact time as registered by a clock which stopped by the explosion was 3:17. Dynamite was employed. The outer door of the safe was torn off by the burglars and lay several feet away. The would be robbers however, had apparently made no attempt to open the second or inner door, they in all probability fearing that the explosion had been heard, and fled to avoid capture. But strangely the noise was heard by only one person. Prof. J. H. Dennis who lives on East Fifth street just north of the mill was up at the time, and he heard a rumbling sound, but it was not sufficient violence to alarm him and he paid little attention to it.

Even Henry Ludlow, the night watchman at the Hawley-Slate Furniture Factory, whose duty it is to be up and about the plant at frequent intervals during the night, did not hear any thing unusual when he made his last round, which was about a half hour before the explosion. He heard a wagon pass, going in the direction of Oak Grove and the supposition is that it belonged to the guilty party, they thinking that it would afford a better and quicker method of escape in case of detection.

The burglars had, to all appearances but little trouble in effecting an entrance to the mill. A pane of glass had been removed from one of the windows, which enabled them to reach the lock.

Had they succeeded in opening the inner door of the safe their reward would have been small, as it contained only a few dollars and a lot of unendorsed checks.

An examination of the safe shows the work of professionals. All the crevices had been carefully soaped which served to hold the nitroglycerine and enable it to perform its work more effectively.

TOO MUCH FOR THE MONEY.

It has been said many times that the fifteen cent suppers served by the churches of our town are too good for the price. At any hotel or restaurant the same bill of fare would cost from twenty-five to fifty cents. If one takes into consideration the cost of the articles given, and puts upon the services of all those who assist a fair value, there is little doubt but what money is lost on every such supper. It has been suggested that all the churches unite in an agreement not to serve any more meals at the price of fifteen cents. People would just as willingly pay twenty or twenty-five cents, and at the former figure the additional five cents would nearly pay all the cash expenses of the supper.

This is a question that is worthy of consideration, and it would be well for the proper authorities of each church to appoint a representative to consider the matter, at a joint meeting to be held for the purpose. There is no little labor connected with giving such a supper, and it is to be presumed that the main object is to procure funds for the church, and not merely for the sake of giving away a good meal at less than cost.

MANY FRIENDS MANIFEST RESPECT.

The remains of Jay M. Brown arrived here from Denver, Colorado on Saturday and were taken in charge by Undertaker G. G. Baker. The funeral occurred on Sunday, and was largely attended. The remains were taken to Light Street for burial. When the procession arrived at the cemetery the Light Street Band of which the deceased had been a member and through whose energy it was organized, rendered a selection. The choir of the Light Street Methodist Episcopal church and a quartette sang beautifully and impressively. After a prayer by Rev. Whitney, the body was lowered to its resting place.

Albert Girton of Jerseytown, met with an accident on Sunday, in which his nose was broken. He and his two sons were returning home from church, when the two front wheels pulled out and all three were precipitated head first to the ground. The horse took fright and ran away. Neither of the boys were hurt.



Men's Flannel Suits

Such as you will wear until the latter part of September. They will serve you well this Summer, next Summer, and maybe the Summer after that.

These swell, Striped Flannel Suits are neat, dressy and cool. They've already outgrown the fad; they're here to stay.

The Tailoring and Fit are Excellent, just such as you would expect from your best tailor.

Pants are made extra long to allow turning up, and are, of course, finished with belt straps. The Flannel Suit is the swell thing for Summer—there's no doubt about it. All prices.

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White Shirt Waists.

For years we have been known as headquarters for shirt waists that are made differently from those shown by other stores. It may be said, that a

SHIRT WAIST IS A SHIRT WAIST,

But certain manufacturers possess the artistic touch which makes all the difference in the appearance of the articles. We have handled the same line for 3 years.

This line is admitted the most Artistic Garment Shown,

The lawn is very sheer and dainty and the styles include those most wanted this season. Some of the fronts have tucks and all-over embroidery. Others have four rows of lace insertion, and cluster of tucks. Others are of tucks, lace insertions and medallions. Newest plaited back, Full Bishop Sleeve, Price—\$1.00, to \$3.75.

The Leader Department Store, 4th and Market Streets, Bloomsburg, Pa.

Silk Gingham 39 cents per yard, were 50 cents.

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These Suits are Exceptionally well Cut and Particularly well Made.

They are of lawn, striped, polka dot, in black and white, Navy blue and white. Cotton Voiles in Gray, Blue and Ecrú. Suisettes in Black and Blue.

In all these goods the skirts are 7 gores with box plaits, tucks and circular flounces.

Prices—3.00, 4.50, 5.75, and 6.50.

The Leader Department Store, 4th and Market Streets, BLOOMSBURG, PA.