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PROBABLE MURDER.

Jacob Hite, a Horse Dealer, Shoots Mrs. Fred Krebs Jr. at Northumberland.

Affair Occurred Sunday Night.

Northumberland was all excitement Sunday night, caused by an affair that will, it is believed terminate in murder. The principals in the tragedy are Mrs. Fred Krebs Jr. of that town, and Jacob Hite, a traveling horse dealer. The victim, Mrs. Krebs, who was twice shot is now in the Mary M. Parker Hospital at Sunbury, where her life is fast ebbing away and the perpetrator is a prisoner in the Northumberland County jail.

The tragedy has considerable local interest for the reason that Hite is well known here. He conducted a stock sale on the fair grounds last Friday. The account in full as sent from Sunbury to Danville *Morning News* of Monday is as follows: More than a half dozen stories about the shooting are in circulation. All are different. The shooting happened at the home of Mrs. Fred Krebs, Sr., mother-in-law of the victim, which is next to the last house on the road leading to Danville, about a mile from the Van Kirk House. Fred Krebs Jr. lives on Duke street near the Kessler House.

The elder Mrs. Krebs when interviewed Monday morning gave the following statement: "I was down at my son's house between 4 and 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Fred was getting ready to go out on the railroad and his wife said she would come up and stay with me all night. She wasn't ready to go then, and as I wanted to attend to my fires I went. Along about 6 o'clock she came up. We had supper. Between 6 and 7 o'clock Hite came. He seemed to be in a very pleasant mood and the three of us sat and talked until about 7 o'clock, when I went upstairs, leaving them alone in the sitting room. I soon fell into a doze, but heard the clock downstairs strike eleven. Soon after—I don't believe it was half an hour—I heard three or four shots downstairs. I was startled and just as I was getting out of bed to go downstairs to see what had happened Mrs. Krebs, covered with blood, came rushing in my bedroom and cried, 'I am dying, I am shot, I am shot, for God's sake get me to my sister's where I can die in peace.' Before I could reach her she raised the side window and stepped out on the porch roof. She remained on the roof about half a minute and then came back into the room, repeating 'I am dying, I am dying, get me to my sister's.' Although badly frightened and excited by this time I tried to do what I could for her, but her pitiful pleading for her sister was more than I could stand and I said 'well, I will go get your sister, Mrs. George Atherton.' I left the house and started for Mrs. Atherton's as fast as I could run. I had gone about a square when I heard a noise behind me, and upon looking around saw Mrs. Krebs staggering after me. I waited for her and helped her to Mrs. Atherton's the best I could. The distance is about a half mile and we were both almost exhausted when we got there."

Mrs. Krebs was taken to the Mary Parker hospital where she was attended by Dr. Will Shindel. Examination showed that she was suffering from two wounds caused by bullets from a thirty-two calibre pistol. The one struck on the left side of the neck and lodged near the right side. The other struck under the left breast, shattered a rib and lodged under the right shoulder blade. Both bullets were recovered.

The elder Mrs. Krebs said that she knows of no motive for the crime. The only statement her daughter-in-law made after the shooting, she says, was that while she and Hite were talking, Hite jumped up and said, "you will never live to see the sun again," and then shot four times. One of the shots that went wild of the human target struck the brick chimney. The other went through the side of the house. The bullet was found in the side yard Monday morning by the woman's husband.

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TOWN BUSINESS.

Council Had a Busy Session. Many Matters of Importance Disposed of.

Bloomsburg--Danville Trolley.

The idea of paving Main street from Market to Center has been abandoned. This was the statement made by President of Council Townsend at the outset of the regular monthly meeting of that body held Thursday night. The matter had been hanging in the balance for some time, but has now been given up owing to the fact that some of the property owners objected to bearing their portion of the necessary expense. There was no discussion on the matter whatever, Mr. Townsend simply informed the members that the move was abandoned for the reason stated.

The ordinance granted to the Bloomsburg and Danville Electric Railway Company some time ago, was, because of the Company's failure to fulfill the requirements, repealed, and a similar one was granted to the Danville and Bloomsburg Electric Railway Company.

Among the other business passed upon by Council, was the report of Mr. Reimard, in which he stated that all the fire Companies with the exception of the Friendship, have about one thousand feet of hose. The Friendship has but seven hundred feet. It was decided to purchase three hundred feet for the Friendships.

The request for an arc light on Seventh street, was not recommended by the committee on Light, because in their opinion it was too isolated, and would not accommodate a sufficient number of people.

In regard to the incessant trouble which interference of the wires of the Irondale Electric Light Company with that of the fire alarm system has caused, inspector Wilbur Fisher stated that it could be remedied by putting in higher poles, or else by transferring the alarm wire to the Irondale poles. James C. Brown, secretary of the latter company said that there would be no objection to placing the wire on their poles. It was therefore decided that the Light Committee and a representative of the Irondale Company make a tour of inspection of the alarm system with a view to relieving the trouble.

C. W. Miller, informed Council that it was the purpose of the Citizens Land Improvement Company to drain the ditch between Espy and Bloomsburg, now being done by means of a culvert, with a large drain to the river. He made a request that the Town engineer be instructed to make an inspection and pass upon the practicability of the plan. The request was granted.

William Chrisman, Esq., stated that the exonerations on tax duplicate of J. K. Bittenbender in 1896, amounting to \$151.09 had been approved by the Finance Committee, and that he would settle balance, about \$51, at the next meeting of the meeting following the next. Council approved exonerations.

Council decided to give the tax duplicate to L. M. Sleppy for collection upon his furnishing the necessary bonds and their approval by the Solicitor.

Property owners are notified by Street Commissioner that pavements are in bad condition on east side of West street on corner of West and First streets. Also most of the pavements on south side of First street. Ditch passing through property of Ice plant reported in bad condition but no action taken.

Orders were drawn for bills presented and the meeting adjourned.

J. R. Townsend has hit upon a novel advertising scheme. In his show window there is displayed a very pretty golden finished case, containing twenty bright new silver dollars. Alongside the case there is a big bunch of keys, but only three of them will open the lock on the case. One of these keys is given to every purchaser of a dollar's worth or more of merchandise. On December 28, the person who presents the first key that will unlock the case, will be given ten dollars, the second six dollars and the third four dollars. The idea is a unique one and is already attracting considerable interest.

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DEATH IN AN INSTANT

Frank Magill, Aged Thirteen Years, Jumped on Moving Train—Falls and is Killed.

BODY CUT IN TWO.

Death came in an instant to thirteen year old Frank Magill Friday morning. The sad affair occurred on the D. L. & W. Railroad near the Catharine street crossing at about half past eight o'clock. The boy was on his way to school from his home on Eighth street. When he reached the crossing a long freight train blocked the way. With that reckless disregard of danger so characteristic of the period of youth, he began jumping on and off the cars, and finally climbed to the top of one of the cars, when he presumably lost his balance and fell. He landed on the rail and several cars passed over him almost completely severing his body and cutting one of his arms off. O. W. Drake who was standing near at hand, was made an unwilling witness of the shocking accident immediately flagged the train and hastened to the unfortunate boy's side, but life had deserted the little earthly tenement, death having been instantaneous.

The remains were removed to the home of his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Magill. The mother when she was made acquainted with what had happened was completely overcome with grief, and the scene as the inanimate form of her little son was carried into the home beggars description.

The father, who was at his work in the power house of the American Electric Light Company reached the scene of the accident just as the body was being lifted from the railroad.

It appears that the boy had been in the habit of jumping on and off the train and that only a day or two previous had been admonished about it.

The funeral took place on Sunday. Services were conducted at the Methodist Mission by Rev. Shambach, pastor of the Evangelical church, and was largely attended. The children of the Fifth Street School where he attended were present in a body. The pall bearers, six in number, chosen from his classmates, walked beside the hearse bearing floral tributes. The spectacle was very impressive and as the cortege moved along every heart was touched with pity. Interment was made in Rosemont Cemetery.

MRS. SUSAN FAIRMAN.

Mrs. Susan Fairman died at her home, corner of Main and Center Street at twenty minutes past four o'clock this morning, after an illness of several weeks. Death was due to a complication of diseases. Mrs. Fairman came to Bloomsburg about two years ago, since which time she has conducted the White House Restaurant. She was sixty one years of age and is survived by the following children: Mary and Thomas living at home, Catharine who resides near Almedia, Thomas of Mifflinville, James of Berwick and William living a short distance above Orangeville. The funeral will take place Saturday afternoon at one o'clock. Interment will be made in the family plot in the Almedia Cemetery.

A charter with a capital stock of \$25,000 was on Thursday granted by the State Department to the Buttonless Suspender Company of Bloomsburg.

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ROUTE OF TROLLEY

The Town Council Passes Ordinance Granting Right of Way to New Company

Will Go Up Fifth Street.

The ordinance formerly passed by the Town Council granting to the Bloomsburg & Danville Electric Railway Company the right to enter town and to construct its line over certain streets, was at Thursday night's meeting of Council, repealed owing to the failure of the company to fulfill the requirements, and another ordinance granted to the Danville & Bloomsburg Electric Railway Company. The new company is composed largely of local people. The proposed route of the road will cross Fishingcreek at Evans rock, near Boone's dam, and will go over the tracks of the Columbia and Montour Electric railway by overhead crossing, running through the Boone and Webb farms, coming out a little south of the Columbia county fair grounds and will extend up fifth street to the Scott township line, at which point it will ultimately connect with the Bloomsburg & Benton Electric Railway the franchise of which is controlled by the same people, thus avoiding the Light Street hill.

As has been already stated in these columns, the right of way has, at least, been secured, and we have every reason to look for an early start in the construction work. From Fifth street up to Main the new company will run its cars over the tracks of the Columbia & Montour company, which according to Solicitor Fred Ikeler can be done under the act of 1901.

John W. Vogel's big minstrels delighted a packed house last night. The performance from start to finish was par excellence. Two of the particularly clever features were the Indian club manipulator and the Melrose troupe of acrobats. A notable feature about Vogel's minstrels is that they not only make friends but hold them, and an annual visit to this big show is a matter of course with our people.



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