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PHYSICIANS HOPEFUL

Mrs. Krebs is Steadily Improving, and is Expected to Recover.

HITE GIVEN A HEARING.

The last few days have been barren of any new developments in the Northumberland shooting sensation. Even the hearing brought out nothing other than was known. It was held before Squire Fertig, at Northumberland Monday afternoon, and resulted in Hite being remanded to jail without bail for court on the charge of aggravated assault and battery with intent to kill and murder. On the charges of carrying concealed deadly weapons and breaking and entering with intent to commit a felony bail was accepted in the sum of five hundred dollars. Chas. A. Conrad, of Sunbury, was accepted as bondman. Nothing new developed. Counsel for the prisoner offered evidence in his behalf and the commonwealth rested after making out a prima facie case.

Fred Krebs and his mother arrived first. Hite handcuffed to Officer Whalen, accompanied by Constable Jones, of Northumberland, County Detective Geise and his wife arrived a half hour later. As soon as the handcuffs were removed from his wrist Hite took a seat alongside of his counsel, Col. Clement and J. F. Schaffer. During the entire proceeding he sat silent, nervously chewing a toothpick and handling his handkerchief. He looked pale and care-worn, but seemed to take great interest in the examination of witnesses. His wife sat at the other end of the room, and it was only by the greatest effort that she kept the lump from rising in her throat and tears from flowing. Krebs for the most of the time sat gazing at Hite, who avoided looking in that direction.

It was nearly three o'clock before District Attorney Cummings and Walter Shipman, his associate, arrived. The formality of reading the indictments was dispensed with.

Dr. Will L. Shindel testified as to the woman's condition since her admission to the Mary M. Parker Hospital. The body wound, he said, was the most dangerous and that a piece of ribbon had been carried in the neck wound by the bullet. The wound below the left breast appeared to be made at a close range and was distinctly burned and powder marked, an indication that the body had not been protected with much clothing. He considered the woman's chance of recovery very good, but admitted the possibility of a reverse, but said it was not probable. Dr. P. H. Reun testified along the same line and also stated that he believed the woman would recover.

The prisoner's counsel asked to have the first two charges dismissed, claiming the evidence was insufficient, but the Justice ruled adversely and fixed the bail. The Justice also refused to accept bail on the higher charge and remanded Hite back to jail. Application will be made in Court next Monday to have the prisoner released on bail, and if Mrs. Krebs continues to improve the application will likely be successful.

SALTZER'S MUSIC ROOM.

Others may come and go, but J. Saltzer stays right here. He has been in the music business, selling pianos, organs, sewing machines and wash machines for many years and his reputation for honesty and fair dealing is thoroughly established. His ware rooms, Main Street, below Market Square, contain a full line of musical instruments of the best makes and he and his son Blaine are always ready to wait on their customers. Blaine, by the way, is a fine performer on the piano, as well as a good singer, and is competent to show the merits of their instruments. It is a good place to select a nice Christmas present.

James Thomas, who about twenty years ago, resided in Bloomsburg, during which time he served one term as Constable, was killed on a railroad crossing near Bangor, a few days ago. The accident in which he lost his life was a collision between a train and a trolley car. He was a passenger on the latter. C. S. Thomas, of town, a cousin, attended the funeral.

MUST STAND TRIAL.

Bruno Vicci, who Shot J. M. Fairchilds, of Berwick, Held for Court.

Attempted to Kill His Wife.

There are two charges against Bruno Vicci of Berwick. One for attempting to kill his wife and the other for shooting J. M. Fairchilds. He was given a hearing before Squire Jacoby Monday afternoon, at which evidence sufficient to fasten both crimes upon him was produced. On the first charge, that of felonious shooting with intent to kill, he was held under \$1000 bail, and on the charge of carrying concealed weapons, under \$200 bail. District Attorney Duy was assisted in the case by C. C. Evans of Berwick. Vicci had no counsel.

The evidence against Vicci for the shooting of Fairchilds was uncontroversial. It was furnished by Joe Borrella, and corroborated by his wife. On the night of the shooting Vicci was seen to run past their house with a gun in his hand. The next night he appeared at their house and admitted that he had shot a farmer, but claimed that the farmer had attempted to take the gun away from him. He had warned them not to tell anyone about it, threatening to burn their house if they did so, and it was for this reason that they had not appeared against him at the former hearing. Chief of Police Adam Clayberger, of Berwick, testified that on the fifth of November he had taken a concealed weapon away from Vicci. It was this evidence that substantiated the second charge.

Throughout the hearing, Vicci sat quietly, and listened to every word of the confrontation without any apparent emotion. He would fix his gaze upon a witness, and would only transfer his scrutiny, when another would take the chair to testify against him.

REV. A. HOUTZ MARRIED.

A wedding of considerable interest, particularly to the people of Orangeville, and other places where the groom is so well known and where his labors during the many years that have passed have been so successful, is that of Rev. A. Houtz, of Orangeville and Miss Sarah Agnes Neyhard of Brooklyn, N. Y. The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride Wednesday morning by Rev. W. T. E. Adams, of Edgewood Reformed Church, Brooklyn. That he is beloved by his people was fully demonstrated last evening, when upon his arrival home, upwards of sixty-five members of the church, representing several different towns gathered and tendered him and his bride a warm and cordial reception.

ROYAL ARCANUM.

Meets First and Third Friday of each Month.

OPEN MEETING.

The Royal Arcanum will hold an open meeting tomorrow evening, commencing at eight. This social event is always one of pleasure and profit and the members anticipate the usual good time.

Since its institution Centre council, Royal Arcanum, of Philipsburg, has paid \$57,000 in death benefits to people of that community. The last one was \$3,000 to Mrs. A. J. Graham and it is noteworthy that in just two weeks after her husband's death she was handed a check for the full amount of his benefit.

Representative Fred T. Ikeler, of Columbia county, the minority leader of the House of Representatives at the last session, was in Harrisburg to-day on legal business. Mr. Ikeler is serving his second term and unless he changes his mind he will not again be a candidate for the Assembly or any other office. His colleague, "Farmer" Creasy, who is serving his fifth term, has already announced his candidacy for renomination at the primaries next spring.—Harrisburg Telegraph.

The Normal School will build an ice house, and harvest and store a supply for next season's use.

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The Bloomsburg National Bank

A. Z. SCHOCH, PRESIDENT.

WM. H. HIDLAY, CASHIER.

EPIDEMIC FEARED.

The Small Pox Situation at Centralia is Daily Growing More Alarming.

Five New Cases on Tuesday.

The residents of Centralia have cause for alarm. Scarcely a day passes that the disease does not gain in extent. A new case was discovered on Monday, and on the following day five more were found to be afflicted with the terrible malady. The exact number of cases at the present time is not known, but there are at least twenty afflicted ones. The Board of Health has done everything in its power to prevent the spread of the disease, and have exercised every known precaution, but their efforts appear to be unavailing.

What makes the danger of a still greater spread more imminent, is the fact that a number of cases, diagnosed as chicken pox, the victims having been allowed their freedom, have now developed into small pox of aggravated form. Ten families have been quarantined, included among them being that of President of the Centralia Borough Council James Farrell, two of his children being ill.

The hospital is doing a great work, though its accommodations are limited. The staff consists of one doctor, two nurses, ward nurse, a cook and a hostler.

The effects of the disease will be felt at the coming sessions of the Teachers' Institute, as well as at the December term of Court. None of the teachers will be allowed to attend the institute, and the cases on the December calendar, criminal and otherwise, in which people from that section are interested, will be continued.

ORGAN RECITAL.

The organ recital to be given in St. Paul's Episcopal church this evening will be one which every lover of music should hear. The program is well selected, and includes music which any one can understand and appreciate. Mr. William Powell Twaddell, organist of Christ Church, Rye, N. Y. is a performer of unusual ability. Mrs. J. K. Miller will give two numbers on the violin, and she never fails to please. No admission fee will be charged, but a collection will be taken up for the purpose of defraying expenses, and for the purchase of music, books, etc. for the choir. It is hoped there will be a large attendance, and that each one will contribute a reasonable compensation for the character of the entertainment.

To Protect Hunting Dogs.

The very latest proposition of the sportsmen is the organization of a club for the protection of hunting dogs. Valuable dogs have been poisoned and stolen out of face during the past four weeks and since game and all other human fixtures have been protected they are now determined to stem the tide of dog stealing and punish the thieves to the fullest extent of the law. The most effective way in which to accomplish this is the formation of a club for the protection of the canines.

Thieves paid F. D. Dentler's refrigerator a visit Saturday night and removed therefrom a nine pound roast of beef, which he had purchased for a Sunday dinner, and some sausage.

Sharp Points

A cut in the price of Scissors will not improve their cutting.

Clauss Shears

and scissors are not "cheap." They are made in such a way that they cannot be turned out at low figures, and cannot be had for a "song." You will never find

CLAUSS

goods in any but the stores where dealers consider that a pleased customer brings the best profit, in time.

FOR SALE BY

J. G. Wells,

General Hardware,

BLOOMSBURG, PA.

GUS DISGUSTED.

The well known minstrel man, Gus Sun, was in town this week. He jumped all the way here from Kansas City for the express purpose of closing the Uncle Tom show which appeared at the Opera House Monday. Gus said the venture was a bad one. He invested \$1600 and every cent of it was lost. He offered the entire outfit consisting of pony, two blood hounds, scenery, costumes, trunks and paper sufficient to last for several weeks, for \$200, but the proposition went begging. He had never witnessed the performance, notwithstanding that he was the owner, and before the curtain was rung up he was at a loss to know why the people didn't turn out in larger numbers. But he found out. He was standing just inside the door, in the last act when little Eva died and as Uncle Tom, commiserating with her "dear papa", said "it's all over now massa," he was overheard to remark, "yes and so is the d— show."

In conversation with the writer after the performance he said "that's the poorest Tom show I ever saw. If Harriet Beecher Stowe had been here tonight and seen the maltreatment of her grand old story, she'd murder me." He was cogitative for a moment and then concluded by saying, "Well if the people of Bloomsburg will forgive me this time, I will promise never to perpetrate such a fake on them again."

He had reason to be disgusted. It was positively the rankest that ever happened.

Prospecting.

The prospecting for coal on the Cunnings tract near Aristes, which was temporarily abandoned during the wet weather last July, has been started again under the direction of H. S. Gay, a mining expert. A small force is at work. Surface indications alone are being sought, no sinking having been done.

C. C. Sebold, of Sunbury, has leased the Hendershott building, formerly occupied by Gomer Thomas, and stocked the same with a fine line of high grade pianos, organs and musical merchandise. He is having his opening to-day and to-morrow.

Men's Haberdashery



Whatever is new and correct, somehow gets into this store first. It's the way we have of doing things. The best dressers in town look to us for the new things in Toggery and they get it.

DROP IN FOR A LOOK

at the new Fall and Winter things—Splendid display just now. Prices you will like.

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Corner Main and Center Sts.

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

THE Leader Dep't Store.

Are You a Guesser? Here's Your Chance!! We're Paying For Guesses And Paying Liberally.

A white keg is in our Market Street window. Into it we have hammered a lot of tacks. How many are in its hide?

CONTEST CLOSES

Thursday, December 24, 1903, AT EIGHT O'CLOCK P. M.

There will be Five Prizes Given to the five who guess nearest the number of tacks hammered into the keg. Keg and tacks in full Sight.

For Every Dollar's Worth of Goods You Buy You Can Make a Guess. Gladly have you guess 100 times. Full particulars by mail.

4th and Market Streets, Bloomsburg, Pa.