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MURDER AND SUICIDE

Joe Daukshaw Shoots Doney Gsliphey, and Then Turns Weapon Upon Himself.

Were Celebrating Christmas.

Centralia is stirred again. This time it is a shooting affair. It occurred Friday night. It was the climax of a Christmas celebration, and resulted in the death of Joe Daukshaw, the perpetrator, while the victim, Doney Gsliphey, is fatally wounded.

From information we have gained and which is apparently authentic it appears that Daukshaw, and Gsliphey, were two of a party invited by George Moklogh to his house, to spend a merry evening. Intoxicants, as is usually the case, played a prominent part in the celebration. Robbed of their reason by a too free use of whiskey, the quarrel was started, and participated in by the whole number. Suddenly Daukshaw invited Gsliphey out of the house, and without any apparent provocation shot him twice in the head. Gsliphey reeled and fell to the ground, with the blood streaming from the wounds. Daukshaw, realizing the enormity of his crime, he thinking his victim dead, turned the smoking pistol on himself, and sent a bullet crashing through his left temple, killing himself instantly.

Officers were hastily summoned and were soon on the scene. Condy Langdon, Ovey Kain, and Samuel Cortright being the police squad who responded and arrested everybody in the house and took them before Squire Ryan, who dismissed the case, as it was plain that the murderer had taken his own life.

The bullets were taken from the man's head and examined and fit the revolver which was found on the spot and which fell from Daukshaw's hand after he had shot himself.

Daukshaw, who acted as interpreter in cases in which natives of his country were implicated at the September term of Court, is claimed to have been an anarchist, and to have had a very bad character. Eight or nine years ago he shot and killed his wife at Mt. Carmel and it is said that three years ago, before coming to Centralia, he killed three people in New York. He was looked upon as a desperate and dangerous character. It is also said that he had not been recognized for some time by his children, who live in Centralia, two sons and two daughters. He was a Polandier by birth, a man 50 years old, heavy built and wore a drooping moustache and had a limp in his walk.

THE CAUSE REMOVED.

Services in the Reformed Church on Sunday were dispensed with owing to an estoppage in the sewer, which overflowed the basement to the depth of several feet and extinguished the fires in the furnace.

It also added to the discomfort of numerous Third street residents, by filling up their cellars, and superintendent of streets. Neyhard was appealed to. He immediately set about to abate the nuisance, but not until he had sunk three holes into the frozen earth did he discover the cause. The trouble was all due to a silver fork, which had become lodged cross ways in the sewer pipe, and prevented the refuse from passing through.

Superintendent Neyhard has made inquiry as to the ownership of the fork, but no one appears to claim it, and just how it got into the sewer is a mystery.

WILL OCCUPY DENTLER BUILDING.

Charles M. Evans, who for two years past has conducted the shoe store in the Clark building, will shortly move into the F. D. Dentler building. The room will first be improved and modernized, with fine plate glass windows, new shelving and other fixtures which will advance in appearance the whole interior of the room. Mr. Evans has had a thorough schooling in the business, and is quite familiar with every phase of it. He has established a nice trade and with the increased space which his new quarters will afford, and a larger stock, there is every reason to believe that he will win still greater success.

HIS ESCAPE FAILED.

Bruno Vicci Attempted to Dig His Way Out of Jail, But Was Caught.

THE NOISE BETRAYED HIM.

Had it not been for the noise that reached the ears of George Lore, a prisoner in an adjoining cell, who reported the matter to the turnkey, Bruno Vicci, who is doing time for an attempt to kill his wife, and for shooting J. M. Fairchilds, would in all probability, have dug his way out of the Columbia County Jail Wednesday morning.

The stunt was not a new one, it was tried, before, and not very long ago, by a prisoner named Farver, and in fact it was with the same implement, used by Farver, a leg from an old iron cot, that Vicci sought to gain his freedom.

His plan was to get through the wall into the next cell, which he knew opened on the outside, and then when a suitable opportunity presented itself to make good his escape.

Turnkey Black, acting on information made to him by George Lore, investigated and found that Vicci had already made an opening through the wall, sufficiently large to crawl through, and was at work on the outer wall.

He was immediately removed to a cell lined with sheet iron, on the lower floor.

DEATH OF DR. STEWART MITCHELL.

A death, the announcement of which carries sorrow to the hearts of all those who knew him well, was that of Rev. Stewart Mitchell, D. D. which occurred at the Presbyterian Manse, at Mt. Carmel, at half-past one o'clock yesterday afternoon. He had long been in poor health, and his death is attributed to old age and general debility.

Many of our townspeople will recall with pleasure the Doctor's pastorate in Bloomsburg, and will remember his earnest and tireless efforts for the upbuilding of the Church. Just how long he was here, we are unable to say. He succeeded Rev. D. J. Waller as pastor of the Presbyterian church and remained several years. He left here about fifteen years ago.

Dr. Mitchell was a native of Philadelphia, and was educated at the Penna. University. He prepared for the ministry at the Princeton Theological Seminary. He was the master of eight languages, and spoke each of them fluently.

A wife and one daughter survives. The funeral will occur on Saturday, and the remains taken to Muncy for burial.

At last evening's prayer meeting, a committee, composed of Dr. Hemingway, H. V. White, Chas. Moyer, Mrs. I. K. Miller, and Miss Powell was appointed to form suitable resolutions and have them sent to the family.

CHRISTMAS DANCE.

The Christmas dance held at the Exchange Hotel on Monday evening was a brilliant social affair, there being about fifty couples present. Excellent music was furnished by Oppenheim's orchestra of Wilkes-barre. To an old stager who has attended these dances for many years past it seemed like going away from home, as more than half of those present were strangers. Berwick was largely represented, and there were guests from Sunbury, Lewisburg, Wilkes-barre, Catawissa, New York, Philadelphia, and various other points.

FORMER RESIDENT DEAD.

A. Worley Monroe died in Carthage, Mo. on Dec. 24th of paralysis aged 65 years 7 months and 27 days.

He formerly resided in Bloomsburg and was a painter by trade and leader of the band. He was down town in the forenoon and while eating his dinner at home he had a stroke of paralysis and died in ten hours afterwards. His wife died twelve years ago. He leaves a family of four sons and one daughter, all grown up, and two brothers, John J. Monroe of Penn'a. C. C. Montoe of Carthage, Mo.

A little daughter has been born to Rev. and Mrs. W. M. Tinker.

Character of Our Investments.

WE LIMIT Our Investments to Securities of the most Substantial Kind; such Securities as are of Acknowledged Value, and easily Converted into Cash.

The Bloomsburg National Bank

A. Z. SCHOCH, PRESIDENT.

WM. H. HIDLAY, CASHIER.

D. F. Hower, of Mt Pleasant Had Key No. 1

There was scarcely room to breathe in Townsend's store Monday afternoon. It was the day set apart for the determining of the fortunate ones in the key contest. Half past one o'clock was to be the time of starting, but their store was completely congested with people nearly an hour before that time. When Harry Townsend lifted the golden case from its position in the window to the counter in the centre of the store in order to give each key holder an opportunity to try his own keys, there was a rush for the treasure box, each desirous to reach there and have the first chance at the box. Not until the supply of five persons had been exhausted was there found a key that would spring the lock, and that was in the possession of D. F. Hower, of Mt. Pleasant township. The look of pleasure and satisfaction that illuminated his countenance as the lid was lifted and he was told to reach in and help himself to ten of the shining dollars would be hard to describe. Some idea of his elation can be gathered from the fact that he had fourteen keys, but when he struck the one that unlocked the box he never stopped to try the rest, but shoved the lucre into the recesses of his overalls and elbowed his way out the side door.

The second key to open the lock was produced by Marvin Young of Bloomsburg, and he helped himself to six of the remaining ten dollars. There is an amusing incident in connection with Mr. Young's good fortune. His keys nine in number were bought from Calvin Girton, of town for fifty cents. Just before the affair started Mr. Girton had been in the store for some little time, but grew impatient and offered to sell out. Hurley Mordan proposed to Young that they each put in a quarter and buy him out. They did and one of the keys unlocked the box. This is an instance where it didn't pay to be in a hurry.

Mrs. James Lawler, of Bloomsburg, held key No. 3, and she was given the remaining four dollars. The three clocks, all handsome ones, were captured by Bessie Jacoby of Bloomsburg, Harry Longenburger of Catawissa and Alonzo Ward of Bloomsburg.

It was probably one of the best advertising schemes that has ever been hit upon. There were about 3,000 keys out, and 2,250 turned in.

THE STUDENTS' LECTURE COURSE FOR 1903-04

The Committee in charge of The Students' Lecture Course of the Normal School is now ready to announce the course of entertainments for the school year.

The course, as a whole, is conceded by all, to be the very best ever offered by the committee.

The numbers and the dates are as follows:

Capt. Richmond Pearson Hobson, Subject: "United States as a Great World Power."

Tuesday, Jan. 5.
Prof. Angelo Heilprin, Subject: "Mount Pelee and the Tragedy of Martinique."

Monday, Jan. 11.
Wm. R. George, Subject: "The George Junior Republic."

Monday, Jan. 18.
Rev. I. L. Lansing, Subject: "The Revival of Generosity."

Monday, February 1.
Concert—The Boston Sextette.

Monday, February 15.
The diagram opens Thursday, Dec. 31, at Bidleman's Book Store. Course tickets \$1.25.

Useful Christmas Presents

(Here's a few of them.)

Mrs. Potts' Irons, Dover Irons, Bissell Sweepers, Wringers, Nickleware, Carving Sets, Enamel Ware, Pocket Knives and Shears.

Mechanical Toys, Skates, Sleds and Tool Chests.

FOR SALE BY

J. G. Wells,
General Hardware,
BLOOMSBURG, PA.

Union Social and Watch Meeting.

An interesting program for the New Year's Eve, prepared by the Young People's Societies of Bloomsburg. Services will be held in the Methodist Church, on New Year's Eve, from nine to twelve o'clock. During the first hour a social will be held in the large and cheerful rooms in the basement, for which an amusing and entertaining program has been prepared by the local committee. From ten to eleven o'clock the following program has been prepared and will be rendered in the main audience room of the church:

Selection.....Orchestra
Selection.....Male Quartette
Reading.....Miss Gunton
Violin Solo.....Miss Webster
Vocal Solo.....Mrs. Barton
Reading.....Miss Richardson
Vocal Solo.....Miss Coombs
Selection.....Male Quartette
Selection.....Orchestra

Then will come an hour for consecration and watching the in coming of the New Year. Though arranged largely by the Young People's Societies, these three sessions are for all persons, old and young, who may enjoy and profit by them. It is hoped that the citizens will fill the large audience room to show their appreciation of the efforts made by the committee and the generosity of those who appear on the program.

High School students have started a movement to secure a piano for the building. Stock in the instrument will be sold among students, the alumni and friends of the school, until the required amount is secured. There is \$113 in the treasury now, and it is hoped to add \$400 more to the amount. The work has been placed in charge of the Franklin and Lincoln Societies of the school.

Postmaster Jas. C. Brown and his efficient force including the clerks and carriers are to be complimented for the admirable and highly satisfactory manner in which they handled the heavy holiday mails. The holiday season is a very trying time at the post office, but they acquitted themselves in a manner that has called forth many expressions of appreciation.

"Lonely" Overcoat Sale.



DON'T LET THESE BARGAINS GET AWAY FROM YOU.

Next Saturday morning we will offer one hundred new Overcoats branded 15.00, 20.00 and 25.00, to the first comers at 12.00, 15.00 and 20.00. Just because they are "Lonelies"—last of lots, singles, stay-behinds—Overcoats which were bashful about putting themselves forward or sent in late from the manufacturer.

Remember the date. Sit on our doorsteps all night rather than fail to be in time on Saturday. Our loss, your gain.

BEN GIDDING

Corner Main and Center Sts.

Bloomsburg, Penn'a.,

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

INVENTORY TALK.

In a few days we will start taking account of our stock. A tedious affair but a very necessary one. We would much rather count dollars than count yards of cloth or carpet. We would rather do this even though the dollars were without any profit. Here is your chance to obtain goods at close prices in every department.

Short Lengths of Carpet

just enough for a room.

WE CLOSE OUT AT COST.

Then in the quick selling during the holiday season some goods get mussed. Some do not take for some reason or another. All of these we are willing to let go at cost before Inventory.

We thank our many friends who have helped make our successful business during 1903. We want more of it during 1904 and it will not be our fault if we do not get it. Wishing all of our patrons a

HAPPY NEW YEAR.

We are yours for more business,

THE LEADER DEPT. STORE,

4th and Market Streets,
BLOOMSBURG, PENN'A.