

THE COLUMBIAN.

BLOOMSBURG, PA.

THURSDAY, JUNE 29, 1905.

HELD FOR MURDER.

John Sees, Charged with Having Caused the Death of His Twelve Day Old Infant.

If the charge against John Sees, of Limestone township, Montour County, as preferred by his nineteen year old wife as she lay on her death bed, can be sustained, and her allegations are apparently substantially supported, he is guilty of one of the most cruel, most heinous crimes on record, and by the commission of which he has placed himself far beyond the reach of mercy, and should be dealt with only as stern justice demands.

The horrible facts were disclosed at the hearing held before Justice of the Peace Oglesby, at Danville Monday afternoon, and at which the defendant plead not guilty.

The first witness examined was Dr. O. L. Muffly of Turbotville, who rendered surgical assistance in the family in the autumn of 1903, when the child was born whose death the young husband is held accountable for. It was a male child, healthy and well developed, the physician testified, and was thriving finely until the tenth or eleventh day, when after his visits had practically discontinued he was informed that convulsions had set in. He was positive that there was nothing connected with the birth of the child that could result in its death.

Dr. G. R. Rothrock of Milton, who has been attending the wife in her present illness, was the next witness. He is a well-known physician of twenty years practice. He has been attending Mrs. Sees off and on for several years. The family were poor, he said, but he had given them the same attention that he would have given a millionaire. Of the young wife he spoke in terms of highest praise and said that she was as bright and sweet a woman as lives in the township.

On May 26 he was called and found her in an exceedingly bad condition as a result of a criminal operation, which happens to have nothing to do with this case. He did for her what was possible, but the case was beset with unfavorable conditions and she gradually grew worse. She is still living, but there are no hopes for her recovery and she is near her end.

Last week he informed her of the gravity of her case. Learning that she had to die she told her physician that there was something that worried her very much; she proceeded to tell of her little boy, born in 1903, accusing her husband of causing its death.

The child, she said, was strong and well nourished. On October 31, 1903, when the baby was nine days old, her husband compelled her to take some salt to a neighbors house, which had been borrowed. When she left the child was well and when she returned it was vomiting long strings of saliva. Her mother was called and they worked with the child two hours, when it seemed to improve.

She says her husband was rough and brutal to herself and children. He said he did not want the baby to get well and once threatened to kill it with a poker. On the night of the day of its mysterious illness he would not permit the mother to leave the child in bed with her. Monday his cruel treatment continued. On that day he picked up the baby and threw it several feet into a lounge, causing it to lose its breath. When the mother flew to its rescue he forbid her to pick it up. Later he took the mother and child and forced them into a room where there was no fire nor light and compelled them to remain there an hour. Again he took the child between his knees and with his hands pressed on its skull. The next day the baby died and after death the finger marks were visible on the back of the child's head.

John M. Reber of Milton, attorney, who was called to take the ante mortem statement on Saturday last, was the next witness. He said that he fully explained to the woman the awful import of the statement she was about to make and apprised her fully of the effect it would have upon her husband. Notwithstanding she voluntarily made the statement and in full consciousness that she has but a few days to live.

In her statement, which was read before the Justice, the woman says that her name is Eva May Sees and that she is nineteen years old. All the facts narrated coincide with the verbal statement made to Dr. Rothrock.

Mrs. Golder of Limestone township was sworn. It was she who laid the little child out after death. Blood oozed out of its mouth, she said, and the back of its head was

Impaired Digestion

May not be all that is meant by dyspepsia now, but it will be if neglected.

The uneasiness after eating, fits of nervous headache, sourness of the stomach, and disagreeable belching may not be very bad now, but they will be if the stomach is suffered to grow weaker.

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soft and discolored. The mother, she said, told her the story of the defendant's abuse. Mrs. Golder swore there were no marks on the child when born.

At this point the District Attorney, who had the hearing in charge rested, declaring that there was a prima facie case.

The defendant was held for court and as the offense is not a bailable one he was committed to jail.

Race Program Fine

A free for all race for all Columbia County horses, with no restriction in the matter of time, will be an additional and popular feature of the always excellent race program of the Columbia County fair this fall. This event will afford to every man residing and owning a horse within the county limits possessing any speed, an opportunity to enter and capture a nice \$200 purse.

This additional race is the result of the constant, untiring endeavor of the executive committee of the Association to make each exhibition better and more attractive than the one that preceded it.

The other races for horses in the county, namely the 2:30 class was changed to a 2:40 trot or pace and the purse fixed at \$200.

Other matters considered at Saturday afternoon's meeting was the privilege of the large dining hall, which was awarded to the Evangelical congregation of Berwick, and the premium list. The latter was revised to cover every entry for the county fair and plans were formed to give it the greatest publicity possible.

The revised program of the races is as follows:

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11.

No. 1, 2:18 Class, pacing, purse \$500; No. 2, 2:37 class, trotting, purse \$400; No. 3, 2:40 class, trot or pace, horses owned in the county 60 days, \$200.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12.

No. 4, 2:15 class, pacing, purse \$500; No. 5, 2:17 class, trotting, purse \$500; No. 6, 2:21 class, pacing, purse \$400; No. 7, free for all for horses 60 days in the county, purse \$200.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13.

No. 8, 2:10 trot or pace, purse \$500; No. 9, 2:22 class, trotting, purse \$400; No. 10, 2:25 class, pacing, purse \$400.

Aged Lady Succumbed to Paralytic Stroke

At her home in Light Street, Friday night, Mrs. Joseph Clossen, a highly respected old lady, seventy-four years of age, succumbed to a stroke of paralysis, with which she was visited a day or two previous.

Beside her husband, she is survived by the following children: P. N. Clossen, near Light Street; Mrs. John A. Smethers, of Berwick and Miss Dora Clossen, at home. The following sisters also survive: Mrs. Frederick Noss of Wilkes-Barre; Mrs. Joseph Echman, of Espy; Mrs. Wm. Bahme, of Newlin; Mrs. M. C. Johnson, of Berwick.

The funeral took place from the house on Monday. Interment was made at Berwick.

Will Not Leave Williamsport

Speaking of the call recently extended to Rev. William H. Butts, formerly at the head of the music department of the Normal school here, the Gazette and Bulletin, of Williamsport, Monday's issue says: "Although the Rev. William H. Butts did not make an announcement to his congregation on Sunday regarding the call he received to become the rector of an Episcopal church at Shamokin, he has informed a representative of this paper that he will remain in this city as rector of All Saints' church. This piece of news will be undoubtedly appreciated by the people of Williamsport especially the members of the Episcopalian parish in the West End.

Judge Stewart's Successor

Ex-Judge D. Watson Rowe, of Chambersburg, was on Friday appointed by Governor Pennypacker, president judge of the 39th district, composed of Franklin county to succeed Judge John Stewart, who resigned to become justice of the state supreme court. Judge Rowe's commission runs until the first Monday of next January.

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTS TEACHERS

The meeting of the Bloomsburg School Board called for Friday evening could not be held, owing to the illness and the consequent inability to attend, of W. E. Rinker, one of the members. Monday evening the directors met at Mr. Rinker's residence and elected all the teachers for the ensuing year with the exception of one at the High School and one at the Third Street building. These will be elected at another meeting to be held tomorrow evening, at which time a janitor for the High School will also be selected.

There are two changes in the teaching force for the coming year, namely, Thos. F. Shambach, a graduate of this year's Normal class who will teach in the A Grammar Grade at the High School, and Miss Laura Redeker, elected for the C Primary Grade at Fifth Street.

There will be several increases in salary. Principal L. P. Sterner will receive \$1300, instead of \$1200, Assistant Principal W. C. Mauser, will receive \$1000, all the A Grammar Grade teachers' salaries were raised from \$40 to \$45, and \$5 a month was added to the salary of S. J. Johnston, principal of the Fifth Street School, making it \$65. The schools will open on Sept. 4 and continue for nine months.

The teachers: HIGH SCHOOL. Principal—L. P. Sterner. Assistant Principal, W. C. Mauser.

Third Assistant, Mary Knapp. Music, O. H. Yetter. Elocution, Anabelle Swartz. Drawing, Grace Conner.

A Grammar, Boys, T. F. Shambach. A Grammar, Girls, Elmira A. Wilson.

B Grammar, Ella Allen. THIRD STREET. Principal, John Watson.

C Grammar, Minnie Terwilliger. A Intermediate, Gertrude Rinker.

B Intermediate, Minnie Penman. B Intermediate, Helen Vander-slice.

A Primary, Edith Maize. A Primary, Mary Kline. B Primary, Mabel Moyer. B Primary, Mary Adams. C Primary, Helen Carpenter. C Primary, Clara Furman. Janitor, John Farver; sweeper, Hannah Edwards.

FIFTH STREET. Principal, S. J. Johnson.

A Intermediate, Emma Cadman. B Intermediate, Katharine Cadow.

A Primary, Mary Sheep. B Primary, Louise Robbins. B Primary, Annie Fox. C Primary, Annie Snyder. C Primary, Laura Redeker. Substitute, Katharine Gorrey. Janitor and Truant officer, C. F. Deiterick.

Fell From Train and Was Killed

Seized with an attack of dizziness while riding on a freight train, Joseph Lewis, of Roaring Creek, fell between the cars and was so badly injured that he died at the Mary M. Packer Hospital, Sunbury, about three hours afterward.

The sad accident occurred below South Danville shortly before four o'clock Monday afternoon. Lewis had left his home early in the day to go to Lebanon to visit a brother. He reached Danville and being acquainted with the crew in charge of the freight train, he decided to board it and ride to Sunbury. Seated with him on the side of a car was one of the trainmen. The two chatted for a time, until the latter remarking that he felt drowsy, laid back and fell asleep. When he awoke Lewis was missing. Not until the train had passed the spot where he had fallen, was it known what had happened, and then flagman Stul who was standing on the rear platform of the caboose, saw him lying beside the tracks.

He was still conscious, and able to talk. His right leg was cut off above the knee, his hand was cut, and he was injured internally. He was 25 years of age and unmarried. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Lewis, two brothers, George and Frank, and a sister, Miss Celia, who live on a farm at Roaring Creek.

Examination Dates Changed.

Because of County Superintendent Evans' attending the National Educational Association meeting at Asbury Park he has found it necessary to change the dates of several of the examinations in the county for provisional certificates. The list of places and dates now fixed is: Orangeville, Saturday July 1; Millville, Monday July 3; Centralia, Tuesday July 11; Roaring Creek, Wednesday July 12; Berwick, Friday July 14; Millville, Saturday July 15; Catawissa, Monday July 17.

THE STATE AT A GLANCE

—Doylestown Borough Council has decided to adopt a dog law, requiring all canines in the town to be registered and tagged, and the owners to be subject to a fine of \$10 if the dogs are not registered within ten days.

—The electric railway connecting Sunbury and Shamokin, is declared to be advanced to a point where all that remains necessary is the securing of a few rights of way before the work of construction may be started. Five hundred men will be put to work within several weeks, is the statement given out from Shamokin.

—George H. Troutman, Wilkes-Barre, was last Thursday appointed by the Dauphin County Court temporary receiver of the Anthracite Real Estate Company, of Wilkes-Barre, on petition of Attorney General Carson.

—A contest has been started in the courts at Easton over the will of Mrs. Sarah Hall, of Bethlehem, who left an estate estimated at \$80,000 to Miss Eliza Weight, her nurse, and Herbert Kettell, a lawyer of New York. Mrs. Emma Baxter, sister of the deceased, of London, England, has begun the contest, and alleges that undue influence was used with the testator and that Mrs. Hall was not of sound mind when the will was executed.

—The directors of the Reading Railway Co. yesterday declared a semi-annual dividend of two per cent. on the common stock. This is an increase of one-half per cent over the last dividend and is at the rate of 3 1/2 per cent. The regular semi-annual dividend of two per cent. on the company's first preferred stock was also declared.

—J. M. Waterbury started in to beat his record of twenty-six hours of continuous playing in Lock Haven. He became deathly sick and was attacked by violent vomiting, causing him to give up after sixteen hours of continuous playing. Waterbury says he was forced to yawn, and in so doing he swallowed a fly which sickened him.

Judge Staples Presided.

Judge Staples presided at a short session of court held Saturday morning. Scarcely an hour was required in disposing of the various matters, all of which were of minor importance.

Paul Camp was awarded a subpoena in divorce against his wife, Laura B. Camp, on the grounds of desertion.

Estate of Adam Miller, deceased. Petition for sale of real estate granted. Bond in the sum of \$3,000 with sureties, to be approved by the court.

Petition for appointment of a guardian for William S. Neal, of Bloomsburg. Same was ordered filed. Guardian to be appointed at a later date.

William T. Smith and son vs Magee Carpet Company. Judgment entered in favor of defendant and against the plaintiff.

Clinton Ellis vs James Long. Petition to strike off an award of arbitration. Rule granted to show cause why petition as prayed for should not be granted returnable at next term of civil court.

Estate of Prescilla Polk, deceased. Petition for approval of distribution. Same was approved by the court.

Estate of Emma H. Neal, Petition for a rule on the trustee to file his account as trustee. Rule granted, the trustee to accept service.

Jacob Dinkalacher died at his home in Butler Valley Friday morning from complication, aged 78. He is survived by his wife, five sons and four daughters. Among the latter are Mrs. Christopher Sigmond, of Catawissa.

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Elwood Garman Thwarts Justice Convicted of Murder in First Degree, He Kills Himself in His Cell.

Elwood Garman, who was last week convicted of murder in the first degree for shooting William A. Murray, on the street in Millintown, on December 23rd of last year, committed suicide in his cell in jail Sunday night.

He was found dead in bed Monday morning and a small vial at his side containing carbolic acid indicated how he met his death. A coroner's inquest failed to disclose how he secured the poison. His cell was at the back part of the jail, and no one was permitted to go near him. The Sheriff is at a loss to account for it and a rigid investigation is under way.

Garman, who was a prominent citizen of Millintown, was convicted on June 17th of murder in the first degree. He was a brother of John M. Garman, a leading Democratic politician of Luzerne county. The crime for which Garman was convicted was prompted by jealousy. Murray, a railroad clerk, met Garman on the streets of Millintown and accused him of being unduly intimate with Murray's wife. A quarrel followed and Garman drew a revolver and shot Murray. Garman contended that he fired in self defense, that Murray had thrown stones at him and was about to repeat the attack when he used his revolver.

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