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Elmira Murderer.

An Ex-Convict Named William Menken the Man-Evidence Found on His Person-How the Clews Were Followed.

BROOKLYN, Jan. 11 .-- Detective Sergeant Kellaher, of Inspector Byrnes' squad, has an rivéd at police headquarters with a prisoner in charge, who was arrested by him on the charge of being the murderer of the young girl found killed in a creek under a wagon bridge near the cemetery at Elmira, N. Y., last Sunday.

The name of the suspected party is William Menken. He is about twenty-six years of age, thick set, five feet eight inches in height, dark hair, with stubby side whiskers and a small moustache. He has restless small dark eyes and a low, receding forehead. Inspector Byrnes, in giving an account of Menken's arrest, said that after a full description had been received from the Elmira police of the man last seen with the dead girl, Detective Adams, of the Central office, remembered that he arrested a man some years ago answering the prisoner's descrip-tion for committing a robbery at Gunther's pavillion in the Bowery. The man was sent to the Elmira reformatory, from which he was discharged in 1882. On Tuesday last District Attorney John B. Stanchfield, of Chemung county, sent to Inspector Byrnes a full description of the jewelry worn by the dead woman when last seen alive. In the meantime Detective Adams remembered that the man arrested for the Gunther robbery had relatives in Fiatbush, L. I.

Mr. Adams was summoned to Inspector Byrnes' sanctum and was asked: "Do you know William Menken?"

"Yes," answered the detective. "I know him as well as I know myself, and can get as close to him as my shirt is to me."

"All right," said the inspector. "Locate him and communicate with me before you touch your man."

Detective Bergeauts Adams, Crowley and Dolan started for Flatbush on the track of the suspected man. They learned that Meuken's sister resided on Clarkson street. They found her house and made preparations to watch it, in accordance with the chief's orders. A high board fence opposite served as an admirable screen to their vigils, and through a knothole in it one of the three kept up an espionage u pon the movements of the occupants of the dwelling, and soon they were satisfied that the man they were in quest of was hid in the house they were watching. Soon afterward Inspector Byrnes received a long expected dispatch that read:

"Have located man. Adams. "Arrest him. Byrnes," was flashed back.

The detectives obeyed the instructions, and suddenly burst into the house. Adams found he recognized the detective, and appeared

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LOWELL, Mass., Jan. 5 .- A short distance out of North Chelmsford, near here, lives farmer Nelson, a man possessed of considerable property and a daughter of more than usual comeliness. Last summer a handsome young Pole named Tileski came to work on usual co Nelson's farm, and between him and Miss Cynthia Nelson an intimacy sprang up which soon ripened into love. But the course of true love, as usual, ran anything but smooth. Farmer Nelson had destined his daughter for one Miles Johnson, a young farmer uear by, and Johnson was as far over his ears in love with the buxom beauty as the Pole himself. It was not long before both Johnson and the farmer were made aware of this. The girl showed in every

way her aversion for Johnson and her preference for Tileski. At last Mr. Nelson ordered Tileski off the farm.

a Farm Hand.

Tileski hovered around Chelmsford, and through notes dropped from Juliet's window at midnight he was kept informed of how matters stood, and his fertile brain soon conceived a plan by which to win his fair dul-

Friday night about 9 o'clock Miss Nelson was suddenly taken sick. Mr. Nelson drove to the village for a doctor. No sooner had he got well away than Miss Nelson recovered, and with her satchel in hand left the house and flew up the road leading, from the village. Here she found her suitor waiting with a fleet horse and sleigh. They immedi-ately set off for Lowell, where they intended getting the nuptial knot tied. They were compelled to pass through Chelmsford, and had nearly reached the village when a pin gave way in the sleigh and they were unable to proceed. A moment later the young man looked up to find Mr. Nelson upon him.

The deluded father at once saw the trap into which he had fallen, and sprang upon Tileski with murder in his eye. The young Pole was too much for him, however, and in a trice had the farmer down and bound with the reins taken from Tileski's horse. After comfortabip wrapping up the old gentleman in buffalo robes the unfilial daughter and her adorer coolly took possession of Nelson's sleigh and continued their journey. At Chelmsford Tileski ran across Johnson, and told him that his hoped for father in law was waiting to see him on urgent business a half mile kown the road. Then the truants drove chuckling away and went straight to Lowell, where a good natured parson was routed up and the knot

tied upon the spot. Papa Nelson was released too late for the wedding.

Tileski told his story with a good deal of self satisfaction, and said he supposed it would be war to the knife now with Nelson, but that he had won his bride as fairly as the old man would let him, and he proposed to keep her. Mrs. Tileski blushingly corroborated her husband's story, and seemed per fectly contented with the step she had taken.

PENNSYLVANIA REPUBLICANS. The Election of Delegates to the Na-

tional Convention.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 2 .- While there are as yet few signs of presidential activity among the republicans of Pennsylvania to Meaken sitting in a chair. He arose when form any distinct conclusions as to the course which their delegates will take at Chicago in June, the matter is beginning to be

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ercome with apprehension. "What you want ?" he gasped.

"Oh, nothing, only you," replied Adams, as he began a search of his prisoner. As he plunged his hands in his trousers pockets, Adams felt a chain. When he pulled it out he recognized it as the one described by the Elmira witnesses. The peculiar memorial ring and bracelets were found next, together with a woman's pocketbook containing \$160. Then the officers found an enamelled gold watch with a chain and seal, the drop ear ring which had been torn from the dead girl's ear, and a silver watch and chain, which the witnesses had also described. As each piece of jewelry, the possession of which helped to convict him of the crime, was discovered, Menken shivered in spite of his efforts to conceal the dread which overwheimed him. He donned his overcoat, the same one described by the witnesses as having been worn by the murdered girl's companion. A dispatch announcing the arrest was sent

to Chief of Police Little, of Elmira, and a reply .was returned that the chief was on his way to New York with a warrant for the prisoner. Menken was taken to the Essex Market court and remanded to await the action of the Elmira authorities.

The name of the murdered girl is Katie Bradchoff, a servant in the family of Mrs. Lisson, of Eighty ninth street, New York. The girl is said to have saved some money, and Menken was a frequent visitor at the house. Two days before New Years the girl and Menken left for the purpo e, as was supposed, of getting married. Mrs. Lisson called at police hendquarters and identified the jewelry as that worn by Katie Brad-choff while in her employ. The prisoner acknowledges that he knew the deceased.

The girl, who was about twenty years old, a blonde, and from he appearance of her hands, a working girl, was found in the ice by some boys, who crossed the bridge near the cemetery last Sunday. She proved to be an entire stranger in the neighborhood. The police found on Wednesday that she had arrived in Elmira on a wildcat train on the the Erie railroad with a German companion with whom she visited two restaurants in the town. Both said that they had come from New York. When the girl's body was identified by the proprietors of the restaurants inspector Burns was notified by telegraph and took the case in hand without delay. It was supposed that the murderer after getting rid of the girl returned to New York and this surmise has proved correct.

The conductor on the wildcat train who brought the couple to Elmira has been found, and will be produced as a witness by the police.

Scott's Diagnosis of Payne's Success,

CINCINNATI, Jan. 11 .-- Dr. Scott, author of the Scott liquor law, was asked what he thought would be the result of the nomina tion of Payne by the democrats as United States senator.

"It means a republican victory in Ohio this fall," said he. "It shows that the dem-ocratic party is open to corruption, or at least those whom it elected to make its laws, and if this sale and purchase is the beginning only, where will the ending under pers petuation be? I think Payne's election was settled six months ago; that Standard Oil money placed in office men who would pledge themselves to support him for the United States senate. The votes cast for Pendleton and Ward were cast only to make a decent showing to that portion of the constituency who were not to be fooled with. Outside of what money may have been used at Columbus, I think the bargain was made at last fail's campaign; that in consequence of the election of Payne the Standard Oil company would expend money to bring about the election of a democratic president this year, but such flagrant purchase and sale will be rebuked by the people at the polls. They will see the necessity of check ing corruption, which, if permitted to go unrebuked, will destroy the party quicker than will any unwise public policy."

d, and especially with reference to the party's formal procedure under the new national rules and under those also agreed to at Harrisburg last July. The two sots do not conflict, but they considerably curtailas was the intention-the range of discre tionary power heretofore possessed by the state committee. Practically it amounted to this, that the earliest date at which the state convention can be held this year in order to choose delegates to Chicago will be the 4th of April, that being "not more than sixty days before the national convention." But as by the state rules sixty days' notice of the state convention must be given in order to have time for choosing delegates to it, it will require that the state committee should meet opportunity of calling the state convention, if it desired to do so, at the earliest date. Mr. Cooper, the chairman of the committee, will therefore convene it some time in February, and near the beginning of the month, and it may be expected that the state con-vention will ce called for the latter part of April or the beginning of May.

Gold Hunting Extraordinary.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 4 .- The Chronicle this afternoon says a syndicate of wealthy St. Louis men are interested in a scheme to acquire fabulously rich gold mines between latitudes 27 and 29 degrees in the Mexican peninsula. In 1876 there was a population of 1,000 in the area named, but nothing was heard from them for years. Early in 1883 the Mexican government sent an expedition under Senor Blanca to explore the country and report. They traveled from San Diego and the Pacific coast of the Gulf of California, and returned in four months almost skeletons. For 250 miles they saw no living thing except an old Indian and his squaw. The pack animals died of hunger and thirst. At two places they passed deserted mission churches built of stone. In these were gold and silver vessels on the altars, and in the vestries hung priestly vestments covered with dust and dropping to pieces with age. Dried and bleeched bones were found, but not a bird, animal or reptile; not a drop of water and no indication of rain for years. A few days later they found rich deposits of gold ore, both place and ledge, of which they brought back specimens. These specimens are in the hands of the agent of the St. Louis syndicate and have been assayed by government experts. The placer pecimens show \$240 to the pound and the ledge specimens show from \$60,000 to \$200,-000 to the ton. To reach these deposits pipe lines and artesian wells will be tried and caches constructed for food. The country is the abode of desolation, and many lives will be sacrificed before it can be made habitable for the gold hunters.

Two Important Measures.

WASHINGTON, Jan, 3 .- Holidays and the enomenally bad weather have caused a lull in politics. Beyond the talk about the Pacific land grants, which will bring the biggest railroad lobby over in Washington here, and the prospect of a final fight over the Fitz John Porter case, there has been a dead calm in politics all week. It is said that this is Porter's last effort, that he has spent all his money and worn him-self out in the struggle, and that if the Forty eighth congress does not give him what he wants, he will give up the fight. His prospects, however, are certainly good, and Senator Logan will hardly get the attention of the senate for another week's speech on the subject, as he did last year. The house committee on military affairs agreed to report last year's bill for his relief with but two dissenting votes, and there are hopes of

reporting the bill unan mously. The postmaster general is trying to exeute a flank movement on the Louisiana lottery. He wants a bill framed prohibiting papers from publishing lottery advertisements. The postmaster general is thought to undertake too much when he attempts to come between newspapers and their patrona

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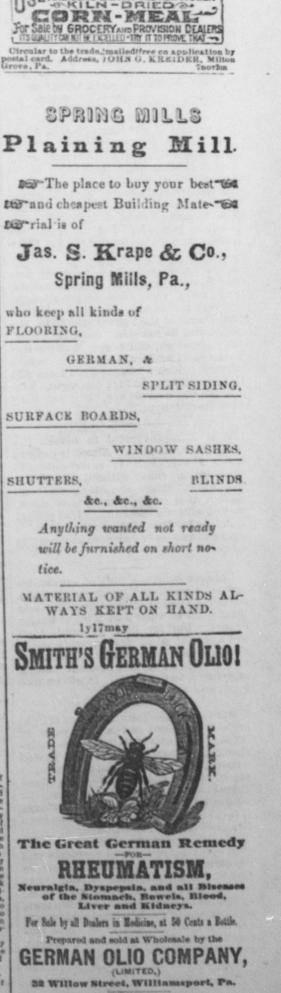
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