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# GUILTY!

## HOPKINS THE MURDERER THUS AJUDGED.

### THE PLEA OF INSANITY

#### The Jury Deliberated One Hour and Ten Minutes and Rendered Their Verdict of Murder in First De- gree.

Court met on Monday. President Judge Furst and Associates Munson and Rhoads on the bench. The grand jury was sworn Monday forenoon, and at noon Tuesday it got through with business, as the list of Commonwealth cases was small and petty.

David Rhule for illegal selling of liquor. No evidence found against Mr. Rhule and not prosecuted.

The grand jury ignored the bill against Annie Kriner, the girl who was arrested on the charge of infanticide.

The indictment against Abs. Harter for violation of the liquor laws, was ignored by the grand jury for want of witnesses.

THE MURDER TRIAL.  
Tuesday morning the Hopkins murder case was taken up, and at noon a jury was obtained and sworn. The court house was crowded with people to hear the trial. Some few months ago the defendant shot his wife and mother-in-law at Philipsburg, this county, and then attempted to shoot himself, but was not successful.

We condense from the Daily News report.

Mr. Hopkins was brought into court and was ordered to stand up, where the clerk of the court read the indictment which he plead "not guilty," and wished to be tried by his God and country. The clerk responded, "And may God make you a safe deliverance."

SELECTING A JURY.

M. P. Holter was the first jurymen called. Live in Howard borough. Have not formed any opinion in regard to the guilt of the defendant; have no conscientious scruples against capital punishment. Accepted.

George Eckle. Have no scruples against capital punishment; have not formed any opinion as to guilt or innocence of the prisoner. Challenged by defendant.

James Tobin. Have no scruples in regard to capital punishment. Challenged by defendant.

Abelino Stine. Have no scruples against capital punishment. Set aside by Commonwealth.

Henry Yang. Has difficulty in hearing; have no bias against prisoner. Set aside by Commonwealth.

Frank B. Stover. Have no scruples against capital punishment as long as it is law; have formed an opinion as to guilt of prisoner, but not so fixed as but it would yield according to evidence in case. Challenged by defendant.

George Geutzel. Was not opposed to capital punishment. Juror accepted by defendant.

James Turner. Have no bias against him; have no scruples against hanging if it is deserving. Accepted.

Andrew Glenn. Have formed no opinion in regard to guilt of prisoner; have no bias. Challenged by defendant.

Levi Stump. Have formed no opinion as to guilt of prisoner; have no bias against him. Challenged by defendant.

W. C. Farner. Have formed no opinion as to guilt of prisoner; have no bias against him. Set aside by Commonwealth.

Cornelius Houtz. Had formed no opinion as to guilt or innocence of prisoner. Accepted.

Mark Mooney. Am not opposed to hanging. Set aside by Commonwealth.

John Gussallus. Have formed no opinion. Accepted.

Henry Ellenberger. Have formed no opinion. Set aside by Commonwealth.

Wm. Harter. Formed no opinion. Challenged.

George Ocker. Have formed no opinion; have no scruples against hanging. Challenged.

Simon Neyhart. Have no bias against him. Challenged.

Edward Moore. Am not opposed to hanging. Challenged.

S. E. Royer. Have no opinion as to guilt or innocence of prisoner. Accepted.

Elmer Campbell. Have formed no opinion as to guilt or innocence of prisoner. Challenged by defence.

The rest of the jurors all answered the questions in about the same way, viz had no bias against the prisoner, and had all read the accounts of the murder in the newspapers, but could make up their own minds according to the testimony. No Philipsburg juror was accepted.

Following are the names of the men who were selected to serve on the jury: M. P. Holter, George Geutzel, James Turner, Cornelius Houtz, John Gussallus, S. E. Royer, Joseph Apt, G. B. Quick, John Conner, Mark Mooney, Simon Neyhart and Jonathan Packer.

The number of witnesses is said to be about one hundred, none of whom saw the deed committed, and we do not think their testimony worth printing. Hopkins admitted at the time that he committed the murder. The defense will go to the hopeless task of trying to prove Hopkins insane, which will be uphill work; he does not look like it, and scarce any will have such an idea.

The Commonwealth is ably represented by District Attorney J. Calvin Meyer, assisted by Col. Spangler, Wilber F. Reeder, of Hastings and Reeder, is the counsel for defence.

The testimony of the state against the prisoner was mainly as regards threats he had often made that he would shoot his wife and mother-in-law, and that it was a common thing to hear quarrels in the family, that Hopkins had choked and frequently abused his mother-in-law, Mrs. Wigaman. Other testimony related to his attempt to shoot himself at Alport's livery stable, after he had committed the double murder.

Mrs. Jennie Wigaman sworn. Reside near Houtzdale, visited Mr. and Mrs. Hopkins and Esther Wigaman on May last. Hopkins was in their yard when he told me that he couldn't bear Mrs. Wigaman as she was mean and stingy. Nothing said in house at the time; was back again in July; Mrs. Wigaman told me her trouble in presence of prisoner, that prisoner was not treating them right, that he swore at them. Substance

was that they were being abused. Hopkins said to Mrs. Wigaman, you don't old b—h you have told your story; he grabbed her by the neck. She said you now see how he abuses me and it is not the first time; Maggie showed me her lip when she had hit her. Prisoner went out and came back got poker and ran after Mrs. Wigaman and Maggie went between them; prisoner put his hand on his pocket and said he would blow her brains out; said Mrs. Wigaman was mean, dirty and stingy, that she cut butter with knife she was eating with, that he was not used to eating with hogg; he did appear to be mad at Maggie; I was afraid of him. \* \* \*

B. J. Laport, Justice of the Peace, testified saw Hopkins on Sunday at Alport's livery stable, saw him in public building same day. Hopkins then told me he had shot Maggie and her mother; said he did not do it to get satisfaction, told Dr. Dunwiddie and others at same time that they would find his shoes in Mrs. Wigaman's house; said that was his overcoat when it was brought to him. This is the conversation in substance that I heard and was voluntary on prisoner's part.

John M. Clink. Was at public building Sunday, Sept. 22; witness had written down a statement Hopkins made to him at that time; he was lying on bunk in public building; he stated he left Houtzdale at 11 o'clock p. m.; went to cellar of house of Wigaman's and staid all night; took off my shoes so that I would make no noise; when I went up stairs put my hands around her and she told me to get out for a— of a b—h. I shot her twice, then went up stairs and shot Mrs. Wigaman twice; I did not break lock off door when I shot Mrs. Wigaman, I broke lock off door some time before to get Maggie to come and sleep with me.

At 35 minutes past two p. m. W. F. Reeder, counsel for the prisoner, opened the case in his defence. He said that all persons charged with crime come into the court with a presumption of innocence which remains until that presumption is broken down by impeachable evidence, and you a true deliverance make.

The defence says that at time of committing the crime the prisoner was not of a sound mind, and that he was insane. He has a sister now in an insane asylum. We will show you that at the time of committing this crime the prisoner was not of a sound mind and then shall ask of you to render a verdict of a lower degree if not acquitted insane. His address was eloquent earnest and interesting.

Several witnesses then testified they had seen the prisoner act very queer at times before the murder, and had a wild appearance.

A brother testified as to insanity in the Hopkins connection, an aunt of the prisoner being in an asylum.

Hopkins, the prisoner, being sworn, said, am 29 years old, was born at Springport, York state, worked at carpentering; was married 2 years ago to Magri Wigaman; went to keeping house with Mrs. Wigaman; was at home on Sunday three weeks before the tragedy when I was arrested; after I was released I went home and was under ball to appear before the squire on Monday; no person appeared against me; on Tuesday, on Tuesday following I brought home some meat to cook and my wife threw it out of doors and we had a quarrel; after quarrel was over Dorsey Myers came in and choked me; prisoner then mentioned half dozen different towns he went to; Mrs. Wigaman was always picking at me; don't recollect what she said to me at that time; don't believe I ever took Mrs. Wigaman by the throat; often called her mean, and she was real mean; I said the rent before living in Wigaman's house; don't think I quarrelled with my wife about paying for the milk; don't think I ever put Mrs. Wigaman out of the house, I broke a chair one day but had no quarrel at that time. Was in Fairport about ten days, did no work there as wages were only \$4 per week. Yes, that looks as though it was my letter, I think I wrote the letter.

I got to Oseola on Friday; don't know how I got to Houtzdale; don't know how I got to Houtzdale; don't know how I came to Philipsburg; don't know where I went in Philipsburg; don't know as I got into the cellar that night; more than what I hear; don't remember of seeing my wife in the cellar; don't know as I went out of cellar into house; don't recollect of shooting Maggie or Mrs. Wigaman; don't remember of telling parties in jail that I had killed them.

At 7 on Thursday evening Judge Furst charged the jury. The jury, after being out an hour and ten minutes, rendered a verdict, "guilty of murder in the first degree."

Both sides were conducted with skill and ability—Meyers and Spangler for the Commonwealth and Reeder for the prisoner.

Hopkins heard the verdict with seeming indifference.

Another Murder.

On Thursday morning the murdered body of a young girl named Clara B. Pierce was found two miles this side of Karthaus bridge in Centre county. It is believed that the murder was committed about 9 o'clock, as the girl had been seen in that neighborhood about that time. A tall slim man wearing a light suit of clothes, and a Derby hat had been seen with her a short time before and he is believed to be the murderer. A man has been arrested at Vanderbelt, on the Beech Creek road who answers that description. His name is not known at present. The girl had three bullet holes in her body, on right through the heart.

An inquest was held and it was found the girl had been criminally dealt with and then murdered.

A Bible Opening.

D. E. Bible is now in the eastern markets selecting for his new store at Spring Mills, one of the finest stocks of goods ever displayed in Centre co. His opening day will be December, 31. When he will be pleased to see all his old friends as well as others who want to buy best goods for the lowest prices. Will sell for cash and cash prices—while all kinds of country produce will be taken in exchange. Business will be done on Bible principles.

Two Men Killed.

This morning by a rockslide in the Morris lime quarries near Bellefonte, two men were killed, Frank Galia her and Joe Matze. The one having his neck cut off, the other his skull crushed, and their bodies otherwise badly mangled.

### Death of Mrs. Emerick.

Mrs. Emerick, widow of Wm. Emerick, of near this place, died on last Sunday morning, after an illness of several months. Her husband preceded her to the other shore, several years ago. Mrs. Emerick was a devoted wife and affectionate mother, and leaves four children—Mrs. James Alexander, Caroline, Mrs. C. C. Brumgart, and a son George—to mourn her loss.

She was a Christian woman and a devoted member of the Lutheran church. Her remains were buried at Centre Hall, on Wednesday last, followed to their last resting place by a large number of friends and relatives. Her maiden name was Stover, a sister of Wm. Daniel, George and Samuel Stover. Her age was 69 years, 3 months and 16 days.

Rev. W. E. Fischer officiated at the funeral and preached an impressive sermon. Previous to her death she selected as her pall-bearers, Wm. Wolf, J. D. Murray, Frederick Kurtz, and D. J. Meyer.

### Pres't Dr. Harvey L. Byrd On Wine.

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—Dried fruit wanted at C. P. Long's, Spring Mills.

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—Woodland and all kinds of soft and hard coal at the Centre Hall mills.

—New lot of robes and 5-A horse blankets very cheap at Boozer's.

—Bartholomew's is the only place in town you can buy the Snag-Proof Rubber boot.

—The engine killed a cow for Daniel Hosterman, of Penn which had strayed on the track.

—Simon Leeb's new clothing store, opposite the Conrad house, is the place for bargains in men and boys suits.

—The Millhenn band will hold a musical convention the first of the season commencing Dec 16, and to close following Saturday.

—Lewins can sell you a late style suit or take your measure and make it to order on short notice, and at a saving to you of from \$3 to \$8. Try him on this.

—The elegant new shoe store, of Mr. Gilliam, in the Crider Block, Bellefonte should be visited to see his stock and variety of boots and shoes for all ages and sexes.

—Now is your time to get a cheap overcoat, and Lewins has 'em cheap, good, warm, lasting goods. Give the Philad. Branch a call and see for yourself and save \$5 to boot.

—Two horses making a Brown wagon for Mrs. Jones, made in Cleveland, a standard, and the best in the U. S., warranted, magnificent finish, inquire at the mill; price \$70, the highest class. Same wagon with tubular axle, \$73.

—Lewins is putting out new suits like hot cakes. Everybody wants them because they are so cheap and well made out of the best goods. He takes your measure and will make a suit to order if desired.

—The medical association held its quarterly meeting in Bellefonte, Tuesday. Next the undertakers will assemble, followed by the marble yard men, and then the editorial profession to write the eulogies. That's the way the world runs.

—Now is the time to leave your order for a suit and overcoat. Prices to suit the times. Perfect satisfaction in everything fully guaranteed.

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—The Rev. W. A. Trostle, of Boalsburg, will preach at Farmers Mills, Sunday next, at 10 a. m., and at Georges Valley 2.30 p. m. Communion services at Farmers Mills will not be held until further notice. The regular pastor will be absent over Sabbath on a short visit to Berio, where he expects to attend the fiftieth anniversary of his father-in-law's wedding.

—McFarlanes request us to say that they have received another invoice of rosters from New York which they are selling at \$1.00 and \$1.50. These goods are first class and to us it seems foolish for the people of this vicinity to pay almost double the above price for these goods to other parties. Call at McFarlanes for anything you need in the hardware and stove line.

—Michael Harper, of Aaronsburg, dec'd, has willed \$1,000 to the Reformed church, of that town, and the residue of his property to his brother, John Harper, of Wisconsin, who is appointed executor in the will. Mr. John Harper is in from the west to attend to his duties as ex-ecutor. The \$1,000 willed to the Reformed church, it is stipulated in the will, shall be permanently invested and the interest go to the congregation.

### Farmers Mills.

Rev. S. Smith of Union co. failed to fill the Evangelical pulpit here last Sunday, which was caused by the flood last week.

Lutheran communion services here in the Union church next Sunday at 10 a. m.

Several weeks ago while Geo. Ream's boy was returning home from school his keen eye discovered a bee in a pine tree, and Mr. Ream and a friend went and cut the tree, and found it to be a rich find, for the bee had stored a big lot of honey in the tree.

Last week our neighbor Robert Smith butchered a hog that weighed 370 pounds, and then John Auman took a notion to beat that and butchered one that weighed 433 pounds, and by all indications the Eq. up the road is trying to beat all in vicinity.

If you want to see good marksmanship, ask John Rishel to "drop" you a beef and he'll surprise you.

Several of our dads here have discovered that somebody has been taking their horses out of the stables at night, and drop them shamefully.

Butcherings and drop sausages are trump now. Ezra Auman who is teaching in Penn twp., comes home to spend his Saturdays and Sundays under the parental roof.

### "VENI, VIDI, VICI"

The Exposition is closed until October next. We saw it; it was great, being in its infancy, but we saw enough to convince ourselves of the fact that enterprise, such as displayed there, should not be passed by without some comment. But we still wonder why it was that only one whole sale liquor house was so boldly represented.

You could see its pyramid of bottles from any part of the great building. It was the prettiest display there. Max Klein has proved to the public that he wants to be seen. His "Silver Age" whisky has now such a well earned reputation that he is proud of it and he is everybody to see it. His goods are pure and reliable. You can have his Silver Age at \$1.50 per full quart. His Guckenhelm, Finch, Overholt or Gibson at \$1.00 per quart, or 6 quarts for \$5.00. Send for his price list and mention this paper. His address is Max Klein, 82 Federal St., Allegheny.

### MARKETS.

CORRECTED WEEKLY BY WOLF & SON.

Butter	22 Eggs	22
Onions	50 Lard	20
Hams	14 Shoulders	9
Sides	9 Tallow	4

### EXECUTOR'S NOTICE—LETTERS TESTAMENTARY

of the estate of Catherine Gentzel, dec'd., late of Gregg township, having been granted to the undersigned, he requests all persons knowing themselves indebted to the estate to make immediate payment, and those having claims against the same to present them duly substantiated for settlement.

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### LOCAL ITEMS.

—Rain again on Monday. Mud, of course has been trump for 15 days.

—C. D. Runkle, of Philadelphia, formerly of this place, was in town the beginning of this week.

—Rev. A. A. Black, of Boalsburg, will preach in the Reformed church in this place on Sunday evening next, at 7 o'clock.

—George Bushman was unfortunate enough to tramp on a nail, which penetrated his foot about an inch, causing him much inconvenience.

—Rev. Eisenberg has accepted the call of the Reformed church of Centre Hall, and will shortly make his home here. He is a one-armed man, and an able minister.

—Snyder's shoemaker shop has been removed to the building in the rear of the bank. Repairing and new work done in style, and short notice and at reasonable charges.

—Tuesday was bright, and many folks hit it for a buttering day. The porkers have to take it right and left from cold steel and lead, and the squeal that is heard is indicative of coming sausage-s.

—Blessed is the man the female inmates of whose family are both able and willing to save him from the vexations of "hired help" in the administration of the domestic economy, says the *Atlanta Tri-Weekly*. Write out your experience Bro. Dern.

—Mark King, who kicked his wife to death at Hazleton, Pa., was sentenced to six years' imprisonment. Probably he wouldn't have had any more fun if he had gone to New York, knocked down a man and robbed him of 75 cents, but he would have got at least four more years' imprisonment.

—An old well on the old Alexander farm, now owned by F. Kurtz, 2 miles west of this place, which was abandoned and filled up about 40 years ago, is now being reopened and cleaned out, by Reuben Page, and thus far the walls circling the well has been found in good condition, and the old stream will be reached in a few days.

—Merchant C. P. Long, of Spring Mills, with all his success in business, has been made happy by Mrs. Long presenting him with twin daughters, combined weight, 15 lbs. Guess he's as proud now as a prince, and we hope the little sisters will be a continued joy in Charley's household. Next.

—Two more bodies have been found in the Conemaugh river. One is that of a boy and is unidentified. The other is that of a man, supposed to be John R. Day, of Prospect, Maryland, who, with his daughter, was lost from day express at East Conemaugh. The daughter's body was found some time ago.

—A Farmers' Institute is to be held under the auspices of the State Board of Agriculture, at State College, on January 7 and 8. It is the intention of the Committee on Entertainment to arrange for an extra train from Bellefonte if there is prospect of sufficient attendance to warrant it. This committee requests that all who would patronize such a train communicate at once with the Secretary of the Committee, Henry Hartswick, State College.

—The complete program of the National Christian Conference to be held under the auspices and direction of the Evangelical Alliance, December 4th to 6th, has been published and from it we see that our esteemed friend, Dr. Wolf, has a place upon it. The program for Friday, December 6, announces, "Our Debt and Duty to the Immigrant Population," by Prof. Edmund J. Wolf, D. D., Gettysburg, Pa.

—On Thursday night the large bank barn on the farm of the late Wm. Kieffer, dec'd., in White Deer twp., farmed by his son Martin, was discovered to be in flames. It was entirely destroyed, together with all its contents, including two cows, one calf, a two-year old colt, all of his crops of this year, and much of the grain of last year, harness, etc. The wagon shed, corn crib, hog pen and all his vehicles and farming implements were also burned. There was, we are informed, insurance on the barn in the Buffalo Valley Farmers' Co., but none on the rest of the property. Mr. Martin Kieffer, therefore, loses heavily. It is thought to be the work of an incendiary.

—Mifflinburg Telegraph.