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SHOT HIS MISTRESS

A CENTRE COUNTY BOY ATTEMPTS MURDER IN OHIO.

Warner E. Barr, Formerly of Boalsburg, in Jail at Mansfield, Ohio, for Shooting a Woman Four Times.

Warner E. Barr, a young man formerly of this valley, but lately located in Ohio, last week attempted murder at Mansfield, Ohio, in shooting at a woman, named Nettie Steele, and the wounds may prove fatal.

Barr is a native of Centre county, and his parents formerly resided at Boalsburg, in which section he is quite well known. His parents now reside in Bellefonte, and Barr at one time was employed by McCalmont & Co., at Bellefonte.

From the Mansfield, Ohio News, we learn the following particulars concerning the tragedy:

About 6 o'clock Thursday evening the lower part of the city was thrown into an uproar by the shooting of a girl named Nettie Steele, an inmate of Martha Smart's resort, No. 192, North Sugar street, by W. E. Barr, a young man from Shelby. The shooting was a premeditated affair carried out with a stern resolve. The girl was shot four times and the great wonder of the authorities and physicians is that she survived for any length of time after the tragedy was enacted.

Details of the affair which was every where being discussed last night, as gathered by a News reporter, are as follows: Barr is the foreman of a department in the Shelby Steel Tube works. It is stated that his home is in Tyrone Pa. Barr has been working at the tube works for some time. He says he first visited this city last September and the origin of the tragedy which occurred last night dates back to that time.

According to his own statement, Barr came here from Shelby Wednesday night with the intention of killing the girl. He visited Idabella Gardner's place Wednesday night and while in the house he exhibited a revolver and flourished it in such a manner that all the inmates of the place fled. About 6 o'clock that evening Barr went to the Smart house and requested that the girl Nettie Steele be sent for, stating that he wished to tell her a funny story. When the girl appeared Barr drew his revolver and began firing point blank at her. He discharged four chambers of the weapon, all of the bullets taking effect. Three of the missiles went into her head and the fourth passed through the right forearm.

After the shooting Barr ran out of the house tossing the revolver to one side as he ran. People were attracted to the place by the explosions. Jesse Kneeland and Henry Crosmer followed Barr and had no trouble in catching the would-be murderer as he made little effort to get away. When asked why he had shot the girl he stated that he had contracted from her an incurable disease and could not live long and he had made up his mind to kill her also. Capt. Heiser then made his appearance and took the man to the city jail, where he was locked up on the charge of shooting with intent to kill.

When the shooting occurred the Steel girl had on a white dress and in a few moments she was bathed in blood. The three bullets which entered the head penetrated the scalp above the right temple and lodged there. Such a crowd collected in a few moments after the shooting that it was impossible to get to the house. Messengers were dispatched for physicians and Drs. Craig, Maglot, and Bushnell appeared. The girl had then recovered consciousness and was very plucky and refused to be placed under the influence of a potion while the doctors probed the wounds. After a large amount of work the doctors succeeded in extricating two of the battered leaden bullets from the girl's head. Whether or not the girl's skull is fractured is not known. The attending physicians say it will be impossible to predict the results of the shooting until three days have passed. The girl, it is stated is about twenty years of age and is a daughter of Daniel Steel who formerly kept a cooper shop on the north side. The Smart place is one of the lowest dives in the city and is under the supervision of city health authorities.

While on the way to the city prison Barr talked freely of the shooting. He asked Capt. Heiser whether there was such a thing as a lynch law in this part of the country and added that if there was he wanted to be hung to the nearest telegraph pole. Barr is about 24 years old, and was at one time a fine looking young man. He stated that he had recently returned from Hot Springs, Ark.

Barr was arraigned in police court this morning. The prisoner gave his name as Warner Ellsworth Barr, aged 23 years. Barr changed his mind this morning and decided that he didn't want to die or be hung as speedily as he thought he did last night. He claimed in court that the shooting was entirely unpremeditated and that he was sorry that he did the job. On the other hand when placed in jail last night he told the officers that he wanted to make sure that he did a good job. T. R. Robinson was requested to act as Barr's attorney and upon his advice the prisoner entered a plea of not guilty of shooting with intent to kill. He was bound over to common pleas court in the sum of \$2,000 and in default of bail was sent to await the investigation by the grand jury. Marshall Patton then removed the prisoner to the county jail. Barr was very nervous throughout the hearing. Among other things Barr stated that his parents are dead.

Marriage Licenses.
The following marriage licenses have been granted the past week:
John H. Bridge, of Clearfield, and Katie R. Lingle, of Farmers Mills.
Geo. Beezer and Minnie A. Tate, of Bellefonte.
Lender Rumbarger, of Milesburg, and Rosy C. Smith, of Snow Shoe Interfection.
John H. McSuley and Elizabeth Howard, of Bellefonte.
John Rowley, Snow Shoe, and Minnie Gentzel, of Curwensville.
John H. Wood, of Boalsburg, and Jennie Parker, of Potter twp.
A. M. Watson and Rebecca J. Little, of Snow Shoe.
Walter L. Metcalf, of Marlboro, N. H. and Rozella J. Haupt, of Bellefonte.
Louis J. Grauer and Matilda Lyon, of Bellefonte.
Patrick Hogan and Minnie Cole, of Phillipsburg.
F. C. Neese, of Auburn, N. Y. and Emma E. Breon, of Rebersburg.

One Letter Wrought the Havoc.
A certain Bachelor editor of a northern Iowa town is in a predicament, so an exchange avers, as the result of a careless proof reader. Having occasion to apologize to his readers for a delay in issuing his paper, wrote: "We beg the indulgence of our readers for being a day late this week. Our failure to get out on time was on account of the physical demoralization of the editor, caused by sleeping too close to the boarding-house window." The cussed compositor set the last word "widow," and the proof reader failed to discover the omission of the "n."

Seriously Ill.
Hon. Wm. A. Wallace, once the acknowledged leader of the Democracy of Pennsylvania, and one of only two Democrats elected to the United States Senate from this State during the last forty years, recently suffered a paralytic stroke in New York, where he has been most of his time during the last year or two attending to important business matters. His condition is regarded as critical. He was removed to his home in Clearfield in a special car several days ago. His recovery is possible, but grave apprehensions are felt by those who are best advised as to his condition.

End of School.
The schools will end this week on Friday, having then completed their eight months term. It is not likely that there will be any summer school taught. There seems to be a sentiment among some of the directors to lengthen the term to nine months. This would be a creditable move. The scholars have four months vacation, and this seems too long. It would require a very light additional tax to meet this extra expense, and few would kick.

One Way Only.
In the case of Andrew Dodson vs. Bedford county, which involved the question as to the mileage a constable is entitled to, Judge Longenecker has decided that constables are entitled to but 10 cents per mile one way. Dodson is constable of Hopewell borough, and claimed that he was entitled to 10 cents a mile circular, or 10 cents both ways.

Even Noah Advertised.
Noah was the first man to advertise. He advertised the flood and came through it all right. The fellows who laughed at advertising were drowned and it served them right. Ever since Noah's time the advertiser has been prospering and the other fellow is being swallowed up in the flood of disaster. Moral: Don't get swallowed.

The Axe Glanced.
Last Thursday morning Milt. Snyder got up early to cut some wood. While whacking away at a piece, the axe struck a knot, glanced off, and finished the stroke in Milt's right foot. His little toe was cut off and a big gash in the foot is what the injuries summed up, and he is laid off in consequence.

Cut His Foot.
On Tuesday last, while chopping wood in a tract near Stone mill, Mr. Samuel Shutt accidentally cut an ugly gash on the inside of his left foot, the axe going to the bone, which will disable Mr. Shutt from active work for a time.

Locomotives Made at Altoona.
The semi-centennial celebration of Blair county will be held June 11 and 12. One of the features of the celebration will be the exhibition of a locomotive which will round up a total of 2,000 engines made at Altoona.

Shook Stock.
Shook Bros., of Spring Mills, Pa., offer some very fine O. I. Chesterwhite males for sale at reasonable prices, that are ready for service.

LIBELISTS SETTLE

A RETRACTION AND PAY EXPENSES OF PROSECUTION.

Defendants Seek a Settlement in the Kurtz-Focht-Miller Libel Suit. Defendants Had Six Attorneys from Three Counties.

In the issue of March 21st ult., A. D. Miller, of Lewisburg, in an article published in the Lewisburg Saturday News, made a statement over his signature that a fraudulent (straw) judgment for \$1,200 had been confessed by Fred Kurtz, of Centre Hall, in favor of his son. A warrant was at once sworn out charging the editor of the News and Miller with libel, and they were promptly arrested, giving \$1000 bail for their appearance at the Centre county April session of court.

The case against the defendants was to have been tried this week at Bellefonte, but a settlement agreeable to the prosecution was effected on Tuesday afternoon by Focht and Miller making a retraction and paying the expenses of the prosecution.

On Monday evening, Rev. M'Gann, of Lewisburg, in behalf of the elder Miller, called upon Mr. Fred Kurtz, and informed him that he desired an interview with Mr. Kurtz with a view to bringing about a settlement and avoid a trial, as he, Miller, was anxious to have his son get out of the difficulty without the case going into court. Mr. Kurtz informed Mr. M'Gann he would be pleased to meet Mr. Miller and agree to what was honorable in the matter, and that Mr. Miller could meet the prosecutor in the Centre Democrat office. Rev. M'Gann returned to the Bush House, informed Mr. Miller of the result of his errand, and in course of half an hour Rev. M'Gann and Mr. Miller appeared at the Democrat office and the matter was at once opened. Mr. Miller was convinced that the charges against Mr. Kurtz were false and that he was wronged, and that his son, A. D. Miller, had evidently been imposed upon by some one in making the libelous charge in the Saturday News, that a (straw) fraudulent judgment, had been entered by Mr. Kurtz.

Mr. Miller was informed by Mr. Kurtz, that if a full and complete retraction was signed by the libelers, Focht and Miller, and expenses paid, he, Kurtz, would agree to withdraw the suit. This ended the interview, which was pleasant throughout.

Tuesday the attorneys of Focht and Miller intimated their wish to the attorneys for prosecution, to avoid a trial by reaching a settlement of the case, and with this object in view, attorney Scarlet, of Danville, on Focht's side, had a regular "walking match" on Tuesday to the offices of Hewes and Furst, attorneys for the prosecutor, in order to bring about the settlement of the case as desired by his clients, Focht and Miller. Mr. Scarlet's "walking match" was caused by his clients and their side counsel shifting from one proposition to another whenever he had the matter fixed up as he supposed, and disgusted he felt like abandoning the case and going home to Danville.

The final end, just at the moment the indictment was to go before the grand jury, was the following retraction of the libelous charge:

FOCHT-MILLER RETRACTION.
And now to wit, April 25, 1896: B. K. Focht and A. D. Miller, the defendants in the above entitled causes say that the article in question alleged to have libeled Frederick Kurtz, Sr., was not directed at him, nor in manner intended to reflect upon his personal character. That we had no acquaintance with Frederick Kurtz, Sr., and know nothing in derogation to his character. That as to judgment referred to we are satisfied that it was not fraudulent, and we never intended to convey the idea that it was.
All of which was stated in the issue of the Lewisburg Saturday News, March 21st, ult. wherein it is stated, that he was never thought of when the article was produced, and it was not intended to make a malicious assault upon him.

Very Sick.
U. D. Osman, west of town, has been confined to his bed the last week or so, with an attack of kidney trouble.

THE WAR SCARE

THE VENEZUELAN QUESTION TO THE FRONT AGAIN.

It is Represented that the Negotiations With Great Britain are in a Ticklish Condition.—The Dupont Contest.

WASHINGTON, April 27.—Secretary Olney is at a loss to understand the reason for the efforts which are being made both in this country and England to bring on another war scare in connection with the Venezuelan boundary question, by representing the negotiations to be in a ticklish condition. There is absolutely no ground for any uneasiness about the matter, and it is probable that some big stock-jobbing scheme is at the bottom of recent publications on the subject in England and in this country. Somebody hopes to profit by a war scare, and regardless of the harm it might do to others has been trying systematically to bring one to the front. It is gratifying to note that the attempt has so far been a flat failure.

The Democratic Senators have agreed that no bill over which there is controversy shall be taken up in the Senate until after the appropriation bills have all been disposed of. It is not the present purpose of the Democrats to throw any obstacles in the way of early adjournment, but they have served notice on the Republicans that no adjournment will be allowed until the Dupont case has been disposed of. The Republican managers have been afraid to take a vote on the resolution declaring Dupont to be entitled to a seat in the Senate, and their scheme was to let it go over to the next session in the hope that something might occur in the meantime that would enable them to get the votes needed to adopt the resolution. This scheme the Democrats are determined to prevent by compelling a vote before adjournment. It is probable that the Democrats will object to the adoption of the Allen resolution to investigate the Alabama state-election.

The McKinley Republicans are getting badly frightened at the determined fight the A. P. A. is making against his nomination, but there are plenty of people who believe it to be about the most fortunate thing that ever happened for McKinley and that it has made his nomination much more likely than it was before. I don't know what power the A. P. A. will have in the St. Louis convention, but there is no doubt of its having controlled at will the Republican majority of the present House.

Cubans in this country cannot be too careful about the correctness of the information they give out concerning affairs in Cuba. Every time anything they give out as true turns out to be false the cause of Cuba is materially weakened in Congress. Last week Representative Sulzer, of N. Y., received from Cubans in his district the positive information that Walter Dygert, a young American arrested upon the charge of rendering aid to the Revolutionists, had been secretly executed by the Spanish authorities. Mr. Sulzer aroused considerable indignation among his colleagues by telling the story as it was told to him. Secretary Olney said he thought Mr. Sulzer's informants were wrong because he had the official promise of the Spanish authorities that young Dygert should be released and allowed to return to the United States. Mr. Sulzer insisted that his informants were thoroughly trustworthy, but before the week closed he was convinced to the contrary by the official notification of Dygert's release. This sort of thing is calculated to cause everything which comes from Cubans in this country to be doubted.

There is something significant in the statement of Chairman Powers of the House Pacific Railroads Committee, that Speaker Reed had promised him that the bill, which has already been christened the "Huntington-Powers bill" should be considered by the House whenever he (Powers) was ready. The significance arises from the fact that up to the day that C. P. Huntington returned to Washington, it had been understood that this bill would not be considered at this session, because it was not thought it could be passed by the Senate. Perhaps Mr. Huntington has changed his mind about the Senate, or it may be that he wishes to show how easily he can, with the aid of Speaker Reed, get the bill through the House.

According to Senator Tillman, who has just returned from his western trip, every state west of the Mississippi river, with the possible exception of Minnesota and Iowa, will send silver delegations to the Chicago convention. Senator Tillman says he is absolutely certain that a majority of the Chicago convention will be for silver. He expects to make another speaking tour in the near future, taking in parts of the

states of Georgia, Alabama, Florida, Mississippi, Texas and Arkansas. Senator Brice is equally confident that a majority of the Chicago convention will not be silver men and that the convention will adopt a platform upon which all Democrats can stand. The first general appropriation bill that ever became a law without the President's signature was the Agricultural appropriation bill passed by the present Congress. The bill became a law at 12 o'clock Saturday night. President Cleveland didn't sign the bill because he thought it contained unjust reflections upon Secretary Morton.

Ettlinger's Body Re-interred.
The body of William Ettlinger, the outlaw, murderer of Constable Barner, and suicide, was raised from its lonely grave in the mountain side near Woodward a few days ago, and given a decent burial in the cemetery of Woodward. The raising and transferring of the body was witnessed by a large crowd. It will be remembered that the body was buried only an hour or two after he fired a ball into his head, without any funeral ceremonies whatever.

A Model Shop.
Jerre Miller made several improvements in his barber shop this week. Two large new mirrors are placed on the stand, and a new mug case put up. Jerre has one of the finest shops in this country, fine chairs, and marble fittings about the shop, and everything up to date. Centre Hall is not behind the times when it comes to a modern barber shop.

Started His Shops.
Wheel maker Boob got in his new wheel machines last week. There are twelve machines that he has placed in the new building, and are used on the different parts of a wheel. He started the machines on Monday and has been busily engaged in filling orders which piled up on him, including several to Germany and Norway.

Mad Dog.
A large dog of Alex McCoy, of Potters Mills, showed symptoms of being mad on Monday, and on Tuesday the evidence of rabies became clear, the dog snapping at every object near him. The dog was driven into the wagonshed where he kept up his performance, and when a safe and favorable opportunity presented itself, Mr. McCoy sank a stone hammer into the brain of the dog.

The Discovery Saved His Life.
Mr. G. Caillouette, Druggist, Beaversville, Ill., says: "To Dr. King's New Discovery I owe my life. Was taken with La Grippe and tried all the physicians for miles about, but of no avail, and was given up and told I could not live. Having Dr. King's New Discovery in my store I sent for a bottle and began its use and from the first dose began to get better, and after using three bottles was up and about again. It is worth its weight in gold. We won't keep store or house without it." Get a free trial at J. D. Murray's Drug Store.

During the winter of 1893, F. M. Martin, of Long Reach, West Va., contracted a severe cold which left him with a cough. In speaking of how he cured it he says: "I used several kinds of cough syrup but found no relief until I bought a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, which relieved me almost instantly, and in a short time brought about a complete cure." When troubled with a cough or cold use this remedy and you will not find it necessary to try several kinds before you get relief. It has been in the market for over twenty years and constantly grows in favor and popularity. For sale at 25 and 50 cents per bottle by Wm. Pealer, Spring Mills; S. M. Swartz, Tusseyville; R. E. Bartholomew, Centre Hall.

GOOD FARM LAND FOR SALE.
A tract of 35 acres in excellent state of cultivation with fruit trees thereon, 1/2 mile east of Centre Hall station, is offered for sale in any quantities to suit purchasers. A dwelling house, stable, 2 acres of ground with orchard, adjoining the above, known as the Michael Condo property, is also offered for sale. Apply to Fred Kurtz, Centre Hall.

Autograph Letters Testifying to Cures.
The autograph letters testifying to cures made by Ayer's Sarsaparilla and other preparations are kept on file at the J. C. Ayer Co's office, Lowell, Mass. They are from all over the world and are cheerfully shown to any one desirous of seeing them.

Spring Suits.
When you purchase a spring suit you want the latest style and most popular goods. The Philadelphia Branch, Bellefonte, will give you just hat you want.

Items Picked Up

House-cleaning, gardening, plowing, harrowing, white-washing, cleaning up about the premises, and the like, is what folks are at just now, male and female—everybody can find something to do.

An unmentioned name in the history of our town, is that of Yony Deininger, who has shown no little spirit of enterprise in improvements, and encouraging others who evinced a similar spirit. Those are the real men who deserve credit and are of use to a town.

Buds, blossoms, grass, vegetation in general, has made rapid strides forward, under the favorable weather, within the last ten days. Dempster L. Meek, in Patton township, has the finest looking wheat field in this county—an exception to all others.

Samuel Snyder has his new house up at the upper end of town. Mr. Lose has the wall for his new house, this side of the station nearly ready, and will soon be in shape for a raising.

Must be Labeled.
The department of agriculture has issued the order that all vegetables colored by any process must be distinctly labeled. "Artificially Colored," or the person offering or selling them will be liable for the full penalties of the pure food law. This decision has been erroneously published as applying to French vegetables only; in this case it may get innocent persons into trouble. The decision relates to any and all vegetables thus colored and the department has not singled out French vegetables as a class for the application of the law.

Surprise Party.
A surprise party was given Mr. D. C. Grove, at his home in Benner township, on the evening of the 21st, by a party of his friends, male and female, to the number of about forty. Mrs. Grove alone was in the secret, and prepared delicacies for the occasion while her husband was at work in the field. A very pleasant time was spent by all present, and refreshments of the first order were served, and Mrs. Grove knows just how to meet such occasion, and make all happy. The evening was spent in social merriment, and be long remembered by all participants.

All Have Their Fun.
Everything in nature indulges in amusement of some kind. The lightnings play, the winds whistle, the thunders roll, the snow flies, the rills and cascades sing and dance, the waves leap, the fields smile, the vines creep and run, and the buds shoot. But some of them have their seasons of melancholy. The tempests moan, the zephyrs sigh, the brooks murmur, and the mountains look blue.

Death at State College.
Mrs. John Osmond, aged about fifty years, died at her late home at State College, on Tuesday evening, after an illness dating back about five weeks. The deceased was a highly respected lady and her death will be keenly felt in the community in which she lived. A husband and one child are left to mourn the loss of a devoted wife and a kind and loving mother. The funeral will be held on Friday.

Will be Presented at Court.
The petition signed by nearly all the tax-payers in the borough praying the court to vacate and condemn that portion of the turnpike lying within the limits, will be presented next Monday by the solicitor W. F. Reeder, Esq. A set of viewers will be appointed to assess the damages.

Got a Bad Fall.
Last Sunday a young man named Larimer, from Bellefonte, was coming down the mountain on his bicycle. The wheel struck a gutter, Larimer flew, and the front wheel of the bike busted. The wheel looked like a bunch of entangled hair. He carried his bike down town and walked home. Only a few bad bruises was the result.

Took to the Mountains.
The weather was so pleasant and nice Sunday that about half the town jumped services in the churches in the afternoon and took to the mountains. Arbutus parties were plenty, and they slid out of town in every direction.

Work on the Church.
The slaters put the finishing touches to the roof of the new Reformed church this week. The exterior is nearly finished, while the carpenters and plasterers are at work on the interior.

Directors Meet.
Next Tuesday, May 6th, the school directors of Centre county, meet at Bellefonte to elect a county superintendent for the next three years. There are but two candidates in the field.