



MURDERED AT ALLEGHENY.

A NATIVE OF PENNS VALLEY MEETS A VIOLENT DEATH.

Samuel Sprow, formerly of Near Centre Hall, is Found Lying in a Gutter with Many Wounds and Dies Soon After.—A Drover, with Blood Stained Hands and Clothes Held for a Hearing.

Samuel Sprow, a native of Penns valley, and a brother of Jacob Sprow, of near Centre Hall, met a violent death last Saturday evening in Allegheny, and a drover named Henry Dyser, is held for the inquest to be held yesterday afternoon, Wednesday, at two o'clock.

The particulars as we have learned from the Pittsburg papers, are that Sprow's unconscious form was found in the gutter on California avenue, a few feet away from the Fulton street bridge at about 7.30 Saturday night.

While being removed to the hospital he died. Investigation by the police and detectives of the Northside points to the murder theory, and on suspicion of knowing something regarding Sprow's death Henry Dyser, a former detective for the Ft. Wayne railroad, was taken in custody by Detectives Johnston, Steel and McDonough. Dyser's hands, shoes and clothing are covered with blood, for which he could not satisfactorily account.

John Shriner, Jr., while returning home, stumbled across Sprow's body. Shriner notified the police and patrol wagon No. 3 conveyed Sprow to the Allegheny General hospital. It was the impression at first that Sprow had been struck by a trolley car. From the right side of his head a stream of blood was flowing. His face was also bruised and his trousers torn. The right side of his head was fractured and his jawbone broken. An autopsy held showed that a large blood clot had formed as a result of a severe concussion. When picked up he was breathing faintly, but when the hospital was reached Sprow was dead. An examination showed that his jawbone was broken, his skull fractured and that concussion of the brain had resulted. His body was taken to the Allegheny morgue.

Immediately following the report of the matter Superintendent Muth detailed Captain of Police Thornton to investigate. The traction company officials were next notified. Shortly afterward word was received from them to the effect that no person had been struck by any of their cars at the point where Sprow was found. Thornton's investigation led him to suspect foul play, and Detectives Johnston, Steel and McDonough were sent out. At 11 o'clock Saturday night Dyser was locked up in Central station by the officers. Then the police gave out the following statement: "Captain Thornton visited the scene of the supposed accident and questioned a number of people. In the saloon of August Schlegel, California avenue, near Sedgewick street, he learned that Dyser and Sprow had been together. They had started a quarrel in the saloon, it was learned, but were stopped by the proprietor. Both left the saloon together. The persons in the saloon next heard of Sprow's being found in the gutter. They remarked on the quarrel he and Dyser had commenced, and one Brown, a carpenter, said to Captain Thornton: "If you want to find the car which struck Sprow, find Henry Dyser."

Detectives Johnston, Steel and McDonough completed the investigation. From several persons in the neighborhood of the saloon and the foot bridge they heard that Dyser and Sprow had been seen together. One man said they started toward the foot bridge. From another we learned that a few minutes later Dyser was found alone at the other end of the bridge. He carried a basket which belonged to Sprow, and had it in his possession when arrested. After leaving the saloon Dyser was traced to several other places and finally arrested on Preble avenue near the Stock Yards hotel, where he boards. He denies having fought with Sprow and explains away the blood which was on him by stating that he fell and cut his hand. Considering that large spots of blood are on his shoes, both coat sleeves on both lapel and the shoulder of his coat, as well as on both hands, and that the cut on the knuckles of his right hand is a mere scratch, we place no credence on his explanation.

Several conflicting stories are told by Dyser. To Captain Thornton he said that he left Schlegel's saloon alone; to Detective Johnston he said that he and Sprow went out together; to Detective Steel he said that Sprow first left the saloon and then started down California avenue toward his home, and to Detective McDonough Dyser said that he and Sprow started together for the foot bridge. Upon

reaching it he said Sprow left him and started home. In explaining how he happened to have Sprow's basket Dyser said they had been together since 6 o'clock Saturday morning and they had taken turns in carrying it.

"We learn that the two men met early in the morning; that they were together during the entire day, and that they visited several saloons in company. At several places on Federal and South Diamond streets they purchased liquor, and Sprow is reported to have had about \$50. Only \$9 was found in his pockets. When arrested Dyser was intoxicated."

Other witnesses the police claim, state that the two men had an altercation at the bridge. Sprow is reported to have said: "Go to—; I'll go home by myself." This was the only part of the dispute that was heard.

Sunday Dyser was told that Sprow was dead. The news did not seem to affect him especially. He says that after he and Sprow left Schlegel's place, Sprow announced his intention of going back and whipping Schlegel for some fancied insult, and that he wanted him, Dyser, to go back with him. Dyser refused and crossed over the Fulton street bridge alone.

Schlegel stated that Sprow and Dyser were drunk when they entered his place, and that he refused to sell them anything. Dyser says they had several drinks in the place. Schlegel says the two men grew noisy, wanted to fight, and that he made them go out. Shortly before they entered Schlegel's place both had been put off a Woods Run car of the Manchester line at the Fulton street bridge, because Sprow persisted in trying to pick a fight with the conductor. After they had been put off, Dyser says Sprow suggested that they go to Schlegel's as he had a grievance there he wanted to adjust. It was while going up on the Fulton street bridge, to go to Schlegel's, that Dyser fell and skinned his knuckles.

Sprow was a son of Jacob Sprow deceased, and was aged about 45 years. He was married to Miss Lillie Tresher, daughter of Mrs. Sarah Tresher, then living at the upper end of town near the reservoir. He leaves a wife and three children. He has been employed for at least fifteen years on the railroad, and for several years has been a brakeman on the Pittsburg and Western railroad.

The remains of Sprow were to be brought to Centre Hall from Allegheny yesterday afternoon, but owing to the coroner's inquest held yesterday they did not arrive. Arrangements were made for the funeral this afternoon, interment to be made in the cemetery here.

A Deserved Tribute.
Hon. Henry Houck, Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction said in course of his remarks at the Institute at Bellefonte, last week:

"I am now looking into the face of the best and most wide-awake school director in the State of Pennsylvania." These highly complimentary remarks were directed to David F. Fortney, Esq., who, for years, has been the efficient President of the Bellefonte school board. Coming from such a reliable source, Mr. Fortney can be justly proud of the record he has made. The citizens of Bellefonte are entitled to credit for retaining Mr. Fortney as a director from term to term. In some localities it is the opposite, the more efficient and useful one proves to be, the more are jealousies aroused against him.

Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses were issued during the past week:
George W. Condo and Minnie M. Durst, both of Centre Hall.
Wm. Struble, Bellefonte, and Bessie B. Gerbrick, Jacksonville.
L. Ray Morgan, State College, and Emma N. Kuhn, Centre Hall.
Charles E. Casher, Sandy Ridge, and Agnes J. Haddock, Snow Shoe.
Phil McGinley, Loraine, Ohio, and Laura Caldwell, Milesburg.
Nicholas Lucas and Lulu B. Miller, both of Boggs township.
John W. Bryan and Laura B. Barger, both of Boggs township.
W. F. Musser and Della B. Bartges, both of Penn Hall.

A Family Dies Off.

The male members of the Donaldson family, of Homestead, have all been wiped out by being crushed by cars. George Donaldson, son of Ann Donaldson, was the last victim, being killed at the Homestead Steel Works, on 18, while coupling cars. His father, two brothers and a brother-in-law met similar deaths within the past few years.

—If in need of a stylish and dressy suit, it is wise to consult Lewis, Bellefonte, and have him fit you out.

Pocket Books, Cards, Cases, &c., at Kurtz Bro's, Bellefonte, opposite Brockerhoff.

Head quarters for holiday goods, C. P. Long, Spring Mills.

CALIFORNIA.

Personally-Conducted Tour via Pennsylvania Railroad.

America is a great country. In variety and grandeur of natural scenery it is unrivaled. Its wooded heights, its fertile valleys, its boundless plains, its rugged and rocky mountains, its great lakes, its balmy slopes are the admiration of all mankind. To traverse this great country, to behold its diversities and its wonders, is a liberal education, a revelation to the immured metropolitan citizen. The Personally-Conducted Tour to California under the direction of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company which leaves New York on January 8, 1898, affords a most excellent opportunity to view the vast variety and boundless beauty of this marvelous land. The party will travel westward in special Pullman cars in charge of a Tourist Agent and Chaperon, stopping en route at Omaha, Denver, Colorado Springs, Manitou, Garden of the Gods, Glenwood Springs, and Salt Lake City. In California visits will be made to Monterey and the famous Hotel Del Monte, Santa Cruz, San Jose, Los Angeles, San Diego, Riverside, San Bernardino, Redlands, and Pasadena. The party will return on the "Golden Gate Special," the finest train that crosses the Continent, leaving Los Angeles February 2, and stopping at Tucson, El Paso, and St. Louis. Eighteen days will be spent in California. Round-trip rate, including all necessary expense during entire trip, \$335 from all points on the Pennsylvania Railroad System east of Pittsburg; \$330 from Pittsburg. For itinerary and full information apply to ticket agents, or address Geo. W. Boyd, Assistant General Passenger Agent, Broad Street Station, Philadelphia. dec-9-3t

SOCIETY FIGHT FOR FOOD

Bad Manners in Washington as Well as at a Centre County Sale.

The ladies of the Cabinet, says reporter, are severely in earnest in their decision not to serve refreshments at their public receptions on account of the gluttony of the guests.

There is a set in Washington that is bound to appear at any place where free food and free drinks are offered. It is made up in part of disappointed office seekers and the hangers-on who play so important a part in Washington's floating population. And those who hold official positions are often not backward in taking disgraceful advantage of the public's expectations, and indeed, the more exclusive ones.

The experience of the Chinese Minister a few years ago illustrates the spirit of the Washington spongers. He gave a big evening reception and everybody came. When supper was announced there was a scramble. Men fought to get to the tables, and when the jam became great they stood about the tables four deep. Enterprising gentlemen stowed bottles of champagne in the pockets of their tail coats and carried them away.

The Minister ordered a great quantity of red pepper scattered about the room. This drove the gluttons away.

Mrs. John Sherman said, in discussing the abandonment of refreshments: "I knew of a Western Congressman once, who, having received an invitation to a reception, went and took nine friends with him. Of course, no invitations are issued for Cabinet receptions. They are open to the public. From experiences of ladies of former Cabinets, we are led to suppose that the crowds will be much less numerous if no refreshments are provided."

"You have doubtless heard stories of instances where guests, after disposing of the contents of one plate, would hide it under a curtain or chair and receive another. I think that more than one lady of the last Cabinet had queer experiences of this kind. I have been told of receptions in Washington where refreshments were served, and men put salted almonds and candies into their pockets. There was one case where a woman was seen to slip a piece of cake adroitly into her pocket handkerchief, and on perceiving that her action had been noticed, she dropped it on the floor.

We have some of these Washington performances at some of the feeds at Centre county public sales.

I had the rheumatism so badly that I could not get my hand to my head. I tried the doctor's medicine without the least benefit. At last I thought of Chamberlain's Pain Balm; the first bottle relieved all of the pain, and one half of the second bottle effected a complete cure.—W. J. HOLLAND, Holland, Va. Chamberlain's Pain Balm is equally good for sprains, swellings, and lameness, as well as burns, cuts, and bruises, for sale by J. H. Ross, Linden Hall, S. M. Swartz, Tusseyville, F. A. Carson, Spring Mills, and H. F. Rossman, Potter Mills.

—Ladies' gold pen, in fine plush box \$2.50, at—Bushmans.

CENTRE COUNTY SCHOOLS.

THE FIRST INSTITUTE AND WHEN HELD.

This County the First in the State to ask for the Appointment of a Superintendent.

This being the season in which all the public school teachers of the several counties come together at some well appointed place throughout every district of this commonwealth, and hold their annual Teachers' Institute under the direction and supervision of the County Superintendent. These Institutes have become a most essential feature in the work of the prosperous and successful school teacher. Here the instructors of our children, who in the future must necessarily rule and govern this land, come together and are enlightened in their views, and become broader men and women both from a moral and educational point of view. Our school teachers should all realize and appreciate the great responsibility, which their position as instructors and tutors of the young naturally imposes upon them. Having established the worth and popularity of these teachers' conventions and institutes, the thought and question naturally arises, when, where and how was the beginning of this grand movement made? We shall confine ourselves to Centre county, and attention is called by Dr. G. W. Hosterman, to some of the following facts of Centre County History in reference to Teachers' Institutes and County Superintendents.

In the year 1850, the State Convention in session on January 16 and 17, recommended the formation and organization of such institutes throughout the several counties of this commonwealth. In pursuance of this recommendation, W. G. Waring published a call addressed to all those interested in the matter of education, to meet at the April term of court. The meeting convened on April 22 and was presided over by the Rev. James Linn. Very little business was transacted, but the following committee was appointed: George Livingstone, Andrew Gregg, and J. P. Packer. The work of this committee was to make the preliminary arrangements for the first teachers' institute of Centre county. The citizens of the Oak Hall school district extended an invitation that the first meeting should be held there, and this was accepted. Accordingly on Monday, September 30, 1850, the first Teachers' Institute of Centre County was held at Oak Hall. The attendance was small, but on the following afternoon, October 1st, the meeting was organized, and Reuben Hunter was elected Chairman, and John H. Hahn, Secretary. A constitution was adopted and the officers for the ensuing year were elected by ballot as follows: John H. Rankin, Esq., President; George W. Haines and Robert Waring, Vice-Presidents; Jas. M. Blair, Corresponding Secretary; Wm. G. Waring, Recording secretary; J. M. McMinn, Librarian, and John Hahn, Treasurer.

On the evening of this day a spirited and most enthusiastic meeting was held, and addresses were made by the President and Messrs. Holohan, McMinn, Rote, Blair, Haines, and Heckendorff. These were followed by several other citizens and immediately thereafter a meeting of the citizens was held, and on motion of Joseph Baker, Esq., seconded by Christian Dale, the following resolution was adopted and incorporated in the proceedings of the Institute:

RESOLVED, That the Teachers' Institute formed in this place meets our approbation; and believing that it is calculated to do much good we highly recommend it to the citizens of the county, as worthy of their attention and encouragement.

A resolution was also passed recommending the formation of district associations and to hold monthly meetings. A vote of thanks was then given the citizens of Oak Hall, in appreciation of the polite and hospitable attention the members received. The Institute then adjourned to meet at Earleysburg, (now Earlestown) school house, near the Old Fort, on the first Monday of October, 1851.

The Howard (District) Institute was the first auxiliary institute formed and it was organized at Howard, January 18th, 1851, with Orin T. Noble, President, and Ezekiel Pletcher, Secretary. The annual sessions of the Institute had now been held at Oak Hall, Earleysburg, and the third was called to meet at Millheim, Oct. 4th, which perhaps on account of the great election excitement was not held. The meeting was now called for Dec. 27, 1852, at Mechanicsville (now Mount Eagle) by the secretaries, W. G. Waring, and J. D. Wingate. This meeting was held and it was a grand success in every way. The generosity of the people of that place was unbounded, as an incen-

tive and a sign of progress the directors resolved to add one dollar per month to the wages of the teachers attending Institutes.

The fourth annual session of the County Institute, Orin T. Noble, President, continuing four days, was held at Pine Grove Mills, commencing Dec. 28, 1853. Messrs. E. Blakely, Abner Dale, A. B., were the Vice presidents; J. D. Wingate, secretary, and the delegates elected to the State teachers' association were, Orin T. Noble, J. D. Wingate and John H. Orvis. The officers elected for 1854, were Wm. G. Waring, Pres., Miss Nancy M. Campbell and Wm. Allen, Vice Presidents; Abner Dale, Secretary; Geo. Livingstone, Cor. Secretary; Miss A. Armor, Treasurer; J. D. Wingate, and Messrs. M. V. Harris, E. Blakely, C. R. Hunter, and Dr. G. M. Swartz, managers. One of the resolutions of the meeting at Pine Grove is noteworthy:

RESOLVED, That we cannot hope to see universal and equal improvement through all the common schools of the County, until we are put under the care of one responsible and efficient superintendent.

In accordance with the resolution in 1854, Dr. W. J. Gibson was elected and served one term as Superintendent, at a salary of \$600. In 1857, J. I. Burrell, was elected at a salary of \$800. Thos. Holohan was elected in 1860 and served two terms at an increased salary. The succeeding Superintendents in order were, R. M. Magee, H. Meyer, Rev. D. M. Wolf, E. O. Etters, and C. L. Granley, the latter of whom at present is serving his second term as Superintendent of the schools of Centre County.

The Wheat Supply.

W. T. Baker, president of the Chicago Board of Trade, says with reference to the unusual conditions in wheat:

"Cash wheat is at a premium over future delivery here and in all parts of the world, because more of it has been sold than can be delivered. Wheat is scarce all over the world. Not enough was grown last year to supply the demand. America now has the opportunity to make its own price for wheat. It has been in the past considered by many to be a blessing for us to supply the world with cheap wheat, even though our own farmers hardly could make both ends meet on the cost of production. Now, perhaps, in view of the prosperity which has come to this nation from higher prices, there will be less sympathy for those operating to depress grain values below the values normally adjusted by demand and supply.

"In the past, unlimited quantities of wheat have been sold on the market and resold with no demand for its delivery. Now, however, the wheat is wanted so badly by consumers that contracts calling for delivery can stand for no 'wind' wheat. We shall probably see the same tight conditions in May wheat when May comes as we now see in December wheat. I think that this country already has exported much wheat which it will soon need for its own consumption and that the full security is not by any means yet appreciated."

The New York Bicycle Contest.

All accounts of the six days' bicycle contest agree in declaring it to be a very repulsive spectacle. The riders are anything but agreeable subjects for contemplation, being haggard, bedraggled, webbed creatures, many of them out of their heads through exhaustion and loss of sleep, one of them forced by the police to retire because he had gone raving crazy, and all of them looking more like lost souls doing penance in an inferno than human beings. The place itself, with its clouds of tobacco smoke and reeking odors, is indeed not unlike an inferno.

As tests of endurance these contests have ceased to have any real value, if, indeed, they ever possessed much of that quality. The people of Chicago were so disgusted with one which took place in that city last January, that they had a bill passed by the Legislature forbidding all six-day bicycle races within the state.—Evening Post.

The Trouble Over.

A prominent man in town said the other day: "My wife has been wearing out her life from the effects of Dyspepsia, Liver Complaint and Indigestion. Her case baffled the skill of our best physicians. After using three packages of Bacon's Celery King for the Nerves she is almost entirely well." Keep your blood in a healthy condition by the use of this great vegetable compound. Call at G. H. Longs, Spring Mills, sole agent, and get a trial package free. Large size 50c. and 25c.

—The new Fall styles of dress suits have been received at the Phillad. Branch, Bellefonte, and a more complete stock you will not find. If you need a new dress suit, hat or any furnishing goods, see their stock. Many sales and small profits is the way the firm has built up their large patronage.

LOCAL ITEMS.

Callings of More than Ordinary Interest from Everywhere.

"Banish gloom and sadness, Banish grief and care; Bid bright joy and gladness Welcome ev'ry where. Ev'ry burden lighten, Sorrow must depart; Christmas joys should brighten Ev'ry Christian's heart."

"Christmas, happy Christmas! Herald of good will, Come with gladness still, Bright with gladness still, Peace and hope may brighten, Patient love may glow; Christmas bells are ringing, As in years ago."

"Christmas bells are ringing, Calling us to raise, High in tuneful singing, Thankful hymns of praise. All, both high and lowly, Should alike rejoice; And in service holy, Join with heart and voice."

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

Eli Perkin's lecture disappointed many.

Nathaniel Bierly, of Milesburg, has been granted a pension, \$5.

Tylersville has the measles very badly, 30 cases reported.

The widow of Hiram Stine died in Union twp., on 11, aged 75 years.

Nebraska had a snow storm on Monday, with snow to the depth of 20 to 30 inches.

The State Convention of school teachers will be held at Bellefonte, July 7th and 8th, 1898.

Mrs. Samuel Harpster, of Gatesburg, died from the effects of a paralytic stroke a short time ago.

Don't forget the poor on Christmas in the distribution of gifts, for they are Christ's needy ones.

Captain Harry Simler, of Philipsburg, has been appointed Mercantile appraiser for Centre County.

Don't fail to make at least one person happy on Christmas and as many more as circumstances permit.

Don't forget the aged on Christmas, they are as easily made happy on Christmas as the little ones.

A large fire brick plant is to be erected at Millhall next summer, which will give that place a boom.

The chances are for a white Christmas; but, white or green, may it be a bright and happy one for all.

Don't forget the little ones on Christmas. Be your gift never so small, it will make the dear little hearts happy.

Thomas H. Mills died in Boggs twp. on 12, from a wound received during the war, aged 70 years and 5 months.

Dr. George F. Harris, of Bellefonte, and a son-in-law of the late Gov. Curtin, has been lying quite ill from rheumatism of the heart.

Have you given it thought, reader, whether you will be here Christmas '98, to say, My Christmas gift, or, I wish you a merry Christmas?

Don't let your label on Reporter, if years back, remain so until after the New Year—have it changed by all means, which will be a most acceptable Christmas gift for us.

A man from the hills wrote to a college professor wanting to know if his son could also be taught "readin, writin and spellin along with football" if he sent him to his college.

Harlow Spencer, of Fort Spring, Ky., now 76 years of age, vowed 53 years ago that he would never again vote, because of the defeat of Henry Clay, and he has kept his vow, in spite of the appeals of his friends.

The Lock Haven Democrat says: Diphtheria has bereft Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Stedman of all their children within a week. Johnnie died Monday, Ray expired Wednesday night, and Thursday night the remaining daughter, 6 years old, died.

The roads are frozen hard and in some places it is icy, and is just exactly the kind of weather that makes it lively around a blacksmith shop. Our smithies have been busy this week shoeing horses, and Charley Shearer, at the station tells us on Monday he alone drove 76 shoes.

Farmer George Glace, west of town, is a man of resource, and will not allow any little thing to disturb the calm tenor of his ways. A day or two ago, he was butchering four hogs. When it came to killing the porkers, he had a gun but not a cartridge could he find about the place. Those hogs were on the bill to die that morning, and if they could not be shot he would try another method. A good sound club was handy, which Mr. Glace armed himself with and stepped into the pen. Getting his bearings he swatted each of the porkers back of the ear and they dropped like logs. The club was as effective as a 30-pounder, and the butchering went on.

Books, neatly bound in cloth, at 14c per volume, at Kurtz Bro's, opposite Brockerhoff, Bellefonte.

—Gold and silver bracelets at—Bushmans.