

HORRIBLE MURDER ON NITTANY MOUNTAIN

Josiah C. Dale Murdered Monday Evening while Seated in his Buggy. Contents of a Shot Gun Enters below Left Scapula and Passes Almost Through Body.

Coroner's Inquest Tuesday Morning

The Murderer a Coward—Shoots Deaf Man From Rear—No Clue, but Suspicion Rests on Individuals.

A most horrible murder was committed on Nittany Mountain Monday evening, somewhere on the public road between Centre Hall and the farm buildings on top of the mountain. The murdered man was Josiah C. Dale, aged about sixty years.

Monday Mr. Dale spent the entire day on his farm, on top of Nittany Mountain, husking corn, and when evening came his wife became alarmed because he did not return at the usual time. Shortly after eight o'clock, Mrs. Dale solicited a neighbor, ex-Sheriff Brungart, to make an investigation. Mr. Brungart responded to her request, and securing a lantern proceeded up the alley in search of the man. On going a short distance, a buggy was noticed coming toward him, and on closer investigation it was observed that it was Mr. Dale's, and that the occupant was crouched between the dash and seat—dead.

The family and those who assisted in removing the man from the vehicle concluded that Mr. Dale had died from an affection of the heart, but when a cursory examination was made it was discovered that his clothing was soiled with blood.

A further examination by Dr. Geo. Lee, the family physician, revealed a gunshot wound immediately below and slightly to the right of the left scapula. All were horrified at the discovery, and to the sorrow of the wife was added distress.

Coroner Fisher was notified, and Tuesday morning the following jury of inquest was impaneled: Morris Runkle, S. W. Smith, G. W. Hosterman, James W. Runkle, G. W. Bushman, J. J. Arney, all of Centre Hall, except the former, who is a resident of Bellefonte.

The post mortem was conducted by Dr. M. J. Locke, of Bellefonte, and revealed the following facts:

Position of wound—edge of left scapula, 1 1/2 inches from lower border; diameter of wound 1 1/2 inches, with shot holes 1/2 inch from main wound.

Direction of wound inward and downward, 40 degrees. (This was afterward corrected, when it was found that the wound was on a straight line, some of the shot passing through between the second and third ribs, 1/2 inch on right side of sternum or breast bone.)

The main arteries of the heart were completely severed, and the left lung shredded.

None of the shot passed entirely through the body, but several were removed from the under side of the muscular tissues.

The wound caused instant death. One of the evidences being that the air had not been expelled from the lungs.

Telephone Meeting.

The directors of the Central Company of The Patrons Rural Telephone Company and a number of stock holders in Branch companies met at the Garman house, Bellefonte, Tuesday. The meeting was one of unusual interest, and resulted in a better understanding of the scope of power and benefit of the Central Company. The Pennsylvania Telephone Company was represented by S. G. Swensd, of Williamsport.

John Ross, Sr., Dead.

John Ross, a well-known resident of Harris township, died at the home of his only son, James I. Ross, Wednesday morning. Mr. Ross had been ill but a few days. His age was about eighty-one years.

Mrs. Ross died last spring and since that time Mr. Ross made his home with his son on the Ross farm near Linden Hall.

Mrs. A. L. Vogt, of Pittsburg, is at the Alexander home in Centre Hall for the first time since her marriage. After a brief visit here, Mrs. Lillie Alexander will accompany Mrs. Vogt to Pittsburg.

Who was the cowardly murderer?

It is as much a mystery today, so far as production of facts are concerned, as it was when the gunshot wound was first discovered.

There are at least two theories, but no facts to fully substantiate them. The theories will not be printed in this account.

The jury of inquest after witnessing the post mortem examination, went to the Dale farm on Nittany Mountain, and took the testimony of Mr. and Mrs. Andy Moyer, who live there.

This part of the inquest was conducted by Justice W. B. Mingle.

Briefly stated their evidence is as follows:

Mrs. Moyer claims not to have seen Mr. Dale during the entire day. She was engaged in boiling applebutter, and, although Mr. Dale was at the barn twice—in the morning and at noon—she did not observe him at any time. She stated that Mr. Moyer told her he (her husband) and Mr. Dale had had some disagreement about making cider and about potatoes. She had not talked to Dale for several months.

Andy Moyer testified that he last saw Mr. Dale alive when he (Moyer) was on his way to the barn with a load of corn. This was in the farm lane. They talked about dividing the corn. He took the corn to Dale's barn in Centre Hall; returned home, reaching there about five o'clock; unhitched his team, stabled them; turned the cows out of the pasture lot; went to the house and assisted his wife to lift a kettle of apple-butter; returned to barn to do the chores; went to mow-dow to bring in a calf; returned with calf and stabled it; went to house; took supper, and remained in house.

Mr. Moyer stated that it was dark when he went for calf, and that Mr. Dale's buggy and horse were at the barn when he went for the calf and were gone when he returned.

Mr. Dale was aged about fifty-eight years and was a resident of Centre Hall for most of the time since his marriage to Miss Kate Hoffer, about thirty years ago. He was a member of the Presbyterian church and the Masonic Order. He is survived by a wife and one son, Hoffer Dale, a student in the medical department of Pennsylvania University, at Philadelphia.

The funeral will take place this (Thursday) morning at Centre Hall. Interment in the Centre Hall cemetery.

The jury of inquest at this writing has not made a formal report.

LOCALS.

Rev. G. W. McIlroy goes to Altoona on Saturday to be absent for a few days only.

Mrs. J. P. Grove, of near Spring Mills, accompanied by her daughter, Miss Grace, and grandson, Russell Brungart, of Rebersburg, were callers at the Reporter office Wednesday.

Teacher's institute at Bellefonte is being largely attended this week by teachers as well as others. The instructors have been present at the times appointed, and gave helpful ideas. A lively interest is manifested.

SHORT SERMONS.

We find our first real satisfaction when we are sincerely seeking service.

If you dare not face a head-wind you need never look for a harbor.

No man can live right with men when he is out of right relationship with God.

It is the man who does nothing in the church who is sure that nothing can be done.

The individual who plants thorns in the lives of others is not likely to reap roses in his own pathway.

A QUEER EXCAVATION.

The "Ear of Dionysius" and its Peculiar Use.

The most remarkable artificial cavern or excavation ever made was that which has been recorded in history as the "Ear of Dionysius." This queer excavation, which was adjoining the palace near Syracuse, Sicily, was constructed by the slaves of the monarch by whose name it is known. In reality it was an exact model of a gigantic human ear, 250 feet long by 20 high, and was so scientifically constructed that the interior of the grotto became the finest "whispering gallery" the world has ever known. In a cave adjoining this acoustic wonder the prisoners of the tyrant were kept, and every word they uttered came through an orifice to the "internal ear," where Dionysius passed whole days listening to the plots that were being laid by the enemies of his government. The prisoners were, of course, chained in that portion of the underground dungeon most favorable for reflection of all sounds to the secret chamber. By this admirable system of espionage Dionysius managed to thwart every conspiracy against his government which rose during his thirty-nine years' reign. The "ear," the prison dungeons and even the staples of iron in the floors to which prisoners were chained may still be seen. It is said that the tyrant put to death the architect of the "ear" and the slaves who excavated it in order that its purpose might never be known.

CUNNING OF THE FOX.

Its Skill When Running For Life From the Hounds.

No other still hunter can travel so quietly as a fox, and mighty few men are as crafty as the four legged hunter when it comes to a matter of getting meat. Foxes have been seen in England slipping from bush to bush, crawling and creeping after a feeding hare, for all the world like a man stalking a deer. The fox cannot catch a rabbit in a fair chase, but its food is mostly rabbits in spite of their fleetness. But at no time does it display its skill so well as when running for life with a pack of hounds on its trail.

Olaus Magnus, archbishop of Upsala, wrote a book called "Historia de Gentibus Septentrionalibus," of which an English translation exists. This book tells of a fox that leaped from back to back of a herd of goats. As the dogs could not follow, the fox escaped.

A curious trick of English foxes is to jump as high as possible, grasping a tree branch with their teeth, hold on till the hounds have gone on and then, dropping to the ground, escape. This is similar to the trick of the American fox which jumps into a tree and rests on a branch, but American dogs are not such fools as English dogs. They gather around the tree and howl till the hunter comes.

The Tumbleweed.

Tumbleweeds spread themselves in a wholesale fashion. Instead of sending the separate seeds out into the world with wings or hairs to carry them, the whole plant breaks off near the root, when these are ripe, and goes rolling along the ground before the wind. The bare, sun scorched deserts of the great west produce several tumbleweeds, and there are some in the prairie region. It is natural that they should be most abundant where there are no hills or trees to stop them in their course. But we have one tumbleweed in the east—the old wild grass, so called, maybe, because it rides the wind like an old beldame. In September this grass spreads its head or panicle, with hairlike, purple branches, in every sandy field. When the seeds are ripe the plants are blown across the field, often piling up in masses along fences and hedgerows. As might be expected, the hair grass, which has so effective a way of spreading itself, is found throughout the United States from ocean to ocean.

Turned the Tables.

Alexandre Dumas one day found in his mail a letter from a French count suggesting collaboration in the writing of a drama, Dumas to get the pecuniary benefits and the count to share in the glory. The author sent the following answer: "Sir, I am not in the habit of harnessing a horse and an ass to my carriage. I regret, therefore, that I cannot accept your amiable proposition." The count, in his turn, wrote: "Sir, your note refusing to join me in literary work is at hand. Of course you are at perfect liberty to refuse so advantageous an offer, but I forbid your calling me a horse in the future."

A Toothpick Town.

Only one characteristic distinguishes the little village of Strong, Me., from the thousands of others that are scattered all over New England. That is the peculiar industry which serves to support the entire community. Strong is famous for nothing but toothpicks, but it is known in the trade as the place from which come the majority of the toothpicks that are used in the United States.

Counting Worry.

"My wife was rather worried when I left her this morning."
"What was the matter?"
"Well, she had been worrying about something or other yesterday evening, and this morning she couldn't remember what it was."

Food For Reflection Only.

I am in a hideous pickle. Here I've got nothing to eat, and the only thing I've got to pawn are my false teeth, and if I pawn them and buy something to eat, then I can't eat it. I never was in such an awful fix in all my life.—Boston Globe.

Tablets, all sizes, at the Reporter office.

That Centre Hall Communication.

It is amusing to note the shaming of an evidently rock-ribbed Republican in a communication to the Keystone Gazette. The best intent of the "Voter," in his article from Centre Hall, is to excuse himself for having voted the ticket of the gangsters. A man who cannot vote without offering an apology for his deed ought to have some one coach him before the election. At any rate, a moralist of high or low degree, who does not use better judgment than to preach his sermon in a political communication and use the Keystone Gazette as the vehicle through which to reach an audience, is worthy of little consideration. One fact is proven, the writer of the article is not posted on local conditions, else he would not have placed his moral standard on a pile of vomit.

Marriage Licenses.

Chas. H. Lucas, Spring Mills.
Jennie A. Sweetwood, Spring Mills.
F. A. Crosthwaite, State College.
Mary Grey Goheen, State College.
Irvin M. Bierly, Mill Hall.
Margaret Bell Hoy, Hublersburg.
David E. Caster, Bellefonte.
Sadie E. Riter, Bellefonte.
James A. Holter, Howard.
Gertrude O. Miller, Howard.
Daniel P. O'Leary, Bellwood.
Alice E. Stover, Bellefonte.
George W. Brown, Bellefonte.
Mary Fry, Bellefonte.

Diphtheria in Millheim.

Robert, aged about five years, son of Prof. and Mrs. C. R. Neff, of Millheim, is ill of diphtheria, but his condition at present is very favorable for recovery. The child was treated with anti-toxine. The Neff home is quarantined, but Prof. Neff, who is principal of the Millheim schools, has taken other quarters so that his school work may not be interfered with. Lizzie Keen, another diphtheria patient in the same town, is also improving.

Colyer.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Fredericks, of Apollo, Armstrong county, are visiting friends and relatives here.

George Miller and son Forest, of Illinois, are paying a visit to relatives. Harry Fleisher and Messrs. Smith and Carlson, all of Yegertown, spent a week here hunting and had good success.

Among the sick are Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Jordan and John Boal. All are improving at this writing.

Miss Ida Klinefelter is spending the winter at the home of Rev. Daniel Gress, in Centre Hall.

B. F. Rickert moved his household goods to the Allen farm last week.

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J. H. [&] S. [&] E. [&] Weber

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6:07	12:37	8:37	Morris	6:38	10:23
6:03	12:33	8:33	Stevens	6:43	10:27
6:00	12:31	8:31	Hunters	6:46	10:30
5:55	12:28	8:28	Fillmore	6:50	10:34
5:50	12:24	8:24	Harris	6:55	10:40
5:45	12:20	8:20	Waddles	7:00	10:45
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FOR BELLEFONTE Tyrone, and intermediate stations, 8:16 a. m., 3:36 p. m. week-days.
FOR ALTOONA and Pittsburg, 3:36 p. m. week-days.
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