

KILLED WITH A BEER BOTTLE.

George W. Rishel, a Mifflinburg Resident, Struck to Death by P. Oliver Strickler—Both Drunk.

Two drunken men, George W. Rishel and P. Oliver Strickler, both of Mifflinburg, became engaged in a mouth battle at the Commercial Hotel, Mifflinburg, Tuesday night of last week, when Strickler struck Rishel with a beer bottle, felled him to the floor, and followed up with blows with his fist. Death followed within ten minutes, the blow with the bottle having fractured the skull.

Both men were in the habit of drinking, and chancing to meet at the hotel named, together with companions who had also gone there to drink, soon became engaged in a conflict of words, in which Harold Barber was also interested. Barber and Strickler made some expressions that enraged Rishel, who picked up a plate from the bar counter and threw it at Strickler. Then followed the assault that ended in Rishel's death.

The unfortunate man was about sixty-five years of age. Besides his heart broken wife, he leaves two daughters—Mrs. Joseph Zieber, of Lewisburg and Mrs. S. J. Rote, of Mifflinburg; also two sisters—Mrs. H. E. Gutelius and Mrs. H. Michael Getz, of Lewisburg.

Strickler was placed under arrest and lodged in jail.

LOCALS.

Mrs. George Gates, of Nittany, was granted a pension of twelve dollars a month.

Esther Bitner, the young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Bitner, of Tusseyville, was a guest at the home of the Misses Geiss over Sunday.

The Lutheran missionary conference held at Millheim, last week, was attended by a goodly number of persons from Centre Hall and surrounding points.

The Reporter is pleased to state that Mrs. William Bressler returned from the Bellefonte hospital Saturday evening, and that her condition is very much improved, she having been able to make the return trip in a vehicle. She had been at the hospital for five or six weeks.

Monday morning Mr. and Mrs. George L. Goodhart, and Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Geiss and family went to Lewistown, where they were the guests of James M. Goodhart, one of Lewistown's prominent and substantial citizens.

After an illness of several months, during much of which time her condition was quite serious, Mrs. J. Frank Smith, is daily growing stronger and is at present able to be about the house and enjoy the company of her friends who call frequently.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ocker and daughter are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Weaver, west of Centre Hall. They are natives of Union county, but have lived in Bellevue, Ohio, for a number of years, where Mr. Ocker is a railroad locomotive engineer on the Nickle Plate system.

Charles D. Bartholomew, who is making the growing of poultry and the production of eggs a business, is making extensive improvements on his poultry farm, near the Centre Hall railroad station. He recently purchased what is known as the William Emerick property, near the J. A. Keller farm, east of Centre Hall, and razed the buildings and then reconstructed them on his poultry farm. Many other improvements were also made with a view of accommodating a large number of fowls during the winter season.

James A. Keller is back from his trip to the south, where he visited his son Rev. John H. Keller, at Hickory, North Carolina. He had a very delightful trip. Harvesting is over in that state, and there were plenty ripe peaches, apples, etc. When asked what he thought of the south, Mr. Keller gave this significant reply: "This country looks mighty good to me; a man who can't make a living here can do so no where in the south, but he might live with a little less work." There was an excess of rain in North Carolina, the same as here, which interfered with harvesting the crops.

Col. W. Fred Reynolds has deeded to the Bellefonte hospital the land in the rear of the Evangelical church, extending from the eastern boundary of the present hospital grounds to the road running along the west side of the dam, containing a little more than two acres, according to a statement in the Watchman. The grounds will be cleared of all stone and rubbish, a roadway built through them and thus converted into a hospital park. Seats will also be built at various places in the park which will afford a delightful retreat for lounging or the recreation of convalescing patients. Col. Reynolds is to be commended on his generosity in thus giving to the hospital ground for a park and if his action was emulated by others who are able to do so in giving at least something to the institution it would render less difficult the matter of sustaining the hospital in the work it is doing.

LETTERS FROM SUBSCRIBERS.

Reporter Subscribers' Correspondence Column—New Department

Editor of the Reporter:

The letter in your issue of June 9th, written by Rev. A. A. Kerlin, surprised me almost like a voice from the dead. Many times I have wondered what became of my old teacher whose kind words and chastening rod contributed very materially to whatever of success that has come to me through the trials and vicissitudes of half a century. I used the term chastening rod realistically. Once I felt its weight on my back, wielded by his hand that at the time seemed to me to be attached to the arm of Vulcan. It came in this way: I had traded a ball for a sponge, and if I recall the matter, it was the only one in school and I had to loan it a dozen times each day to clean the slates of my fellow pupils. One day a class was called up for recitation and John Lonebarger belonged to it. He and I were seatmates and as he was returning to his seat I conceived a brilliant idea, namely: I had my sponge soaked full of water and as John was in the act of seating himself, I quietly slipped the sponge under him. When the water percolated through his pantaloons and connected with his epidermis, there went up a whoop that would have shamed a Comanche Indian. And right there I missed out on my funny business. Mr. Kerlin invited me to come forward and be a party to a little seance that I had neglected to note on the bills. What he did to me with a Nittany mountain hickory rod was a plenty and some to spare. It swished through the air like the tail of a frightened western mustang and found its way through my jeans most like a northwestern blizzard. Right then and there I wished I had never traded my ball for a sponge that could hold a pint of water and more genuine misery than a famine and an epidemic of smallpox could bring. But I outlived the whipping and learned wisdom from the experience.

But the name of "Pine Stump" school house brings back to my mind the recollections of my earlier boyhood days. I remember well the old pine stump that stood between the school house and the public road leading to Centre Hall. It was about the height of the school house, but my recollection is that it was sawed off squarely on the top. It stood there when the house was built and it was sawed off and the tall stump was designed to give the district the name that now attaches to it. The ravages of time made their inroads on the stump the same as on those who went to school there. In course of time it began to decay and woodpeckers bored into the sappy part and built their nests in its sides in the "good old summer time." It became ragged in appearance and one day when the teacher, whose name does not occur to me at this time, went to dinner a number of boys, among them being myself, cut down the stump. When the teacher came back from dinner he was furious because an ancient land mark had been despoiled. He made us cut it up into wood and until the task was done he did not allow us recess privileges.

Of the boys and girls who went to school when Mr. Kerlin was teaching I can not recall half of them and can locate but few. I have often longed to commune with them and to hear their sweet voices and to listen to the songs we used to sing. Happy and free from care were those days.

E. S. GARVER.

Grant City, Missouri.

From Oxford, Kansas, Mrs. B. F. Brown, writes this:

Everything in the farming sections looks fine here, except the wheat, which is not very good. The oats look splendid, the corn is already knee-high and also looks fine, too. There will be a good crop of peaches, which means much to this section, as almost every body has a large peach orchard. We have had an abundance of rain this summer. I often think of old Pennsylvania.

John H. Krumbine, Vintondale, furniture dealer and undertaker, has this to say: "Business in all lines continues slow here; everything was dull so long that it takes time to patch up. Living is very high, and there are no prospects of it getting cheaper soon. Family all well."

The state board of examiners at the Central State Normal school, at Lock Haven finished their work last week. All students who had been recommended by the faculty successfully passed these examinations. This is a very splendid showing for the school. In their public addresses the examiners said that the papers they had received here were the best they had the pleasure of receiving in their experience as examiners.

The July Everybody's celebrates the glorious Fourth on the cover in most amusing fashion, and within it contains a generous supply of varied material of uncommon interest and value.

Howard Miles, of Unionville, was thrown from a buggy and pretty badly injured.

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