



FIRST DEGREE MURDER.

Bert Delige, the Negro, Must Hang for the Murder of Mrs. Baudis.

Bert Delige will hang, having been found guilty of the murder of Mrs. Hulda Baudis, October 16th, near her home at Scotia.

The trial began on Thursday morning of last week. A great amount of testimony was taken by the commonwealth, occupying the time until eleven o'clock on Saturday morning. The defense offered no testimony, thus the case was closed as far as giving in evidence was concerned on the resting of the commonwealth. To the audience this move on the part of the defense was somewhat of a surprise, yet just such a program was anticipated by many, who had given the case a bit of thought.

On the opening of the court Saturday afternoon, N. B. Spangler, Esq., the associate attorney for the commonwealth, opened his address to the jury. He was followed by District Attorney W. G. Runkler. Both attorneys put in strong pleas for a verdict in the first degree.

Col. E. R. Chambers and W. D. Zerby represented the defendant, and although their case was regarded as a hopeless one, they took advantage of every opportunity that might serve their client a good purpose. Objections were raised by them to the admission of the testimony of F. M. Mitchell, a representative of the Pinkerton detective agency, of Pittsburg. This was on Friday evening. On Saturday morning considerable time was taken up in argument on the admissibility of the detective's testimony, which included a confession by Delige. The defense's attorneys argued that the confession had been secured in an unfair way, and consequently could not be brought before the jury. The court decided that the detective's testimony should be heard, and the written confession, signed by Delige, turned over to the jury. The confession as brought before the jury was in such language that President Judge Orvis forbade it to be read in open court, and because of the horrible utterances as to the killing of the woman and the impure language, it is not reprinted here. The court instructed the jury to consider whether or not the confession had been obtained in an unfair way, and permit their conclusion to be considered in rendering a verdict.

Col. Chambers made the closing argument. His plea for a second degree verdict was based on the contention that the murder was not committed with malice aforethought; that the evidence produced by the prosecution was indefinite; and that definite evidence was lacking.

At 4:30 the court opened its charge to the jury. Attention was called to the solemn duty to be performed; the difference between the two degrees of murder contended for; and the manner in which the confessions should be dealt with. If the jury believed that the confessions had been obtained under duress, they should be given no consideration in forming a verdict, but if the jury believed the confessions had been obtained without threats, they were to be considered with the other evidence in the case.

At quarter after five on Saturday evening the jury retired for deliberation, and reported at nine o'clock to the court, with their verdict of guilty in the first degree.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Every session of court covering the trial was largely attended by both men and women. There was considerable unfavorable comment throughout the hearing on account of the presence of so many women and young girls.

There was a scramble on Saturday night to hear the final verdict.

There was good order during the trial. President Judge Orvis notified the tipstaffs to remove any one—man or woman—who did not conduct himself or herself properly.

The attorneys worked at the case in great earnest. The defendants, with no hope of success, were vigilant to a degree of admiration.

Delige, the defendant, was down cast in appearance. His eyes were seldom directed anywhere than downward. Barely did he look upon the witness. Nothing in the court room seemed to attract his attention. He displayed no nervousness, and apparently felt secure between Sheriff Hurley and Deputy Reese. His step remained firm on his last trip to the cell. He was fully conscious of the import of the few words spoken by the foreman of the jury, and afterwards repeated by each one.

There was more or less speculation as to the result of the trial had the prisoner practiced the mute attitude during his imprisonment that he did in court. But why speculate as to this?

It is learned that the jury took three ballots before a unanimous verdict was reached. The first ballot stood nine

for conviction in first degree and three for a second degree verdict. On the second ballot one second degree juror capitulated, and on the third there was a unanimous vote for the verdict rendered. The conclusion was reached without resorting to argument.

SENTENCE NOT PRONOUNCED.

Up to the time the Reporter went to press, sentence had not been pronounced, but may be during the present week of court. The counsel for the defendant moved for a new trial, but it is thought this move was simply formal, and will not be pressed.

JURORS CHALLENGED AND DRAWN.

Robert Kline, foreman, Bellefonte, challenged by Commonwealth.

P. E. Womelsdorf, engineer, Philipsburg, challenged by defense.

Roy W. Royles, clerk, Philipsburg, challenged by defense.

W. H. Korman, farmer, Gregg, challenged by defense.

William Gill, merchant, Rush, challenged by Commonwealth.

Jacob Bowes, farmer, Liberty, challenged by Commonwealth.

Levi Stamp, farmer, Miles, challenged by Commonwealth.

M. M. Bower, farmer, Haines, challenged by Commonwealth.

W. H. Cronover, carpenter, Philipsburg, challenged by defense.

A. T. Rowan, laborer, Unionville, challenged by defense.

Green Hunter, farmer, Benner, juror accepted and sworn.

Maldin Adams, farmer, Miles, challenged by Commonwealth.

Charles McCoy, blacksmith, Bellefonte, challenged by defense.

Ritter Stout, laborer, South Philipsburg, challenged by Commonwealth.

Charles D. Moore, laborer, Harris, juror accepted.

W. A. Lyon, butcher, Bellefonte, challenged by defense.

Wm. P. Catherman, farmer, Penn, challenged by Commonwealth.

E. G. Mingle, farmer, Haines, challenged by Commonwealth.

B. F. Kreamer, farmer, Benner, juror accepted.

Frank McKinley, farmer, Boggs, challenged by Commonwealth.

Charles Bilger, lumberman, Spring, challenged by defense.

W. T. Boal, farmer, Potter, challenged by Commonwealth.

Harry Clevenstine, clerk, Bellefonte, challenged by defense.

Gideon Bechdel, laborer, Snow Shoe, challenged by Commonwealth.

George B. Jackson, merchant, State College, challenged by Commonwealth.

J. A. Scholl, photographer, Millheim, juror accepted.

Christ Cowher, manufacturer, Rush, juror accepted.

J. T. Marshall, farmer, Patton, challenged by defense.

W. A. Swartz, farmer, Penn, challenged by Commonwealth.

James I. Fleming, laborer, Bellefonte, challenged by defense.

Clarence Tate, plumber, Spring, challenged by Commonwealth.

Homor Decker, farmer, Spring, accepted.

D. G. Meek, State College, challenged by Commonwealth.

Clark McClintic, auctioneer, Walker, challenged by defense.

Robert Fry, painter, Bellefonte, challenged.

Albert Bergner, laborer, Liberty, challenged.

A. S. Walker, farmer, Ferguson, accepted.

William Shawley, farmer, Boggs, challenged.

D. L. Zerby, clerk, Millheim, excused.

M. E. Adams, watchman, Philipsburg, challenged.

Henry Kohlbecker, inn keeper, Boggs, challenged.

Henry Fox, shoemaker, Bellefonte, challenged.

Jacob Batchelor, laborer, Rush, challenged.

George W. Scholl, gentleman, College, challenged.

R. R. Hartsock, Huston, challenged.

Clay Witmer, farmer, Benner, challenged.

George W. Rumberger, gentleman, Unionville, accepted.

Ira Burket, merchant, Halfmoon, challenged.

William Treaster, gentleman, Bellefonte, accepted.

Jacob S. Williams, lumberman, Worth, challenged.

Isaac Miller, carpenter, Bellefonte, accepted.

Henry Lowery, contractor, Bellefonte, challenged.

Jonathan Packer, blacksmith, Boggs, challenged.

John A. Confer, liveryman, Snow Shoe, challenged.

J. P. Sebring, gentleman, Bellefonte, challenged.

I. J. Dresse, gentleman, College, challenged.

Fillmore Craig, farmer, Huston, challenged.

L. C. Bullock, blacksmith, Milesburg, challenged.

Clement Dale, farmer, College, challenged.

J. M. Cunningham, gentleman, Bellefonte, challenged.

Adam Retsh, Walker, challenged.

Orvis Peters, farmer, Halfmoon, challenged.

David Bradford, agent, Potter, accepted.

THE JURY.

Green Heaton, farmer, Benner township.

Charles D. Moore, laborer, Harris township.

B. F. Kreamer, farmer, Benner township.

J. A. Scholl, photographer, Millheim.

Christ Cowher, manufacturer, Rush township.

Homor Decker, farmer, Spring township.

A. S. Walker, farmer, Ferguson township.

George W. Rumberger, gentleman, Unionville.

William Treaster, gentleman, Bellefonte.

Isaac Miller, carpenter, Bellefonte.

Jonathan Packer, farmer, Boggs township.

David W. Bradford, implement dealer, Centre Hall.

Christmas Post Cards.

A fine selection of the latest designs of Christmas post cards have been purchased and are offered for sale at the Reporter office. You can have them at ten cents per dozen. They will be forwarded by mail at the same price, postage paid at this end. These are no cheap stock, but the best on the market, being Davidson series, and German make. They are sold everywhere at three for five cents.

A sprained ankle will usually disable the injured person for three or four weeks. This is due to lack of proper treatment. When Chamberlain's Liniment is applied a cure may be effected in three or four days. This liniment is one of the best and most remarkable preparations in use. Sold by Murray & Bitner.

Revenue for Tobacco and Drink.

The Philadelphia Record in an editorial in a recent issue said this:

For drink and tobacco we paid more money last year than ever before in the history of the country. The taxes handed over to the Federal Government amounted to \$308,000,000, in addition to the sum paid producers and the profits of venders. As liquors and tobacco may be esteemed luxuries, the vast sum voluntarily expended in obtaining them is a heavy item in the cost of living which might with advantage be greatly reduced. It is a mistaken notion that the tobacco and liquor taxes fall solely upon the individuals who ultimately use those commodities. The hod-carrier who drinks and smokes away a good part of his wage must have a larger wage in consequence. The tax, in the end, is distributed. We all help to pay it, just as we indirectly pay the customs taxes imposed on wool and woollens whether we will or no.

Mertz-Swartz.

A pretty home wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Harvey Swartz, at Lewisburg, Tuesday of last week, when Charles Mertz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Mertz, and Miss Prudence Swartz were joined in the bonds of happy wedlock, the ceremony being performed by Rev. W. H. Brown, pastor of the Evangelical church. The bride and groom were attended by Miss Anna Peterson, as bridesmaid and Harry Dunkle, as best man. Miss Theora Campbell played the wedding march. Following the ceremony a bounteous supper was served in courses. Mr. and Mrs. Mertz were the recipients of many valuable and useful gifts.

The bride, with her parents, formerly lived near Centre Hall, and will be recalled by the young people of this vicinity.

Game Killed in State.

Chief Game Protector Kalbfus estimates that between eight hundred and one thousand buck deer were killed in Pennsylvania, from five to seven hundred bears and as many as two million rabbits. The chances are that all these figures are too high. One of the good results from killing only buck deer is that it lessened the danger of hunters from being shot by careless companions. No casualties have been reported from any section of the state. Nine other states, which do not allow dogs to be killed, also report no casualties. Five states that allow both bucks and does to be shot report eighteen persons killed and fifty-two wounded.

Distribute Earnings.

The directors of the Patrons Rural Telephone Company met at the Garman House, Thursday of last week, where they met the secretaries of the several branch companies, as well as others interested in the rural telephone movement under their system. The principal business transacted was to distribute to the branch companies the earnings of the Central Company on account of becoming a collecting agency for the Bell Company. Over one hundred dollars was distributed.

Census of 1910-101,100,000.

It was officially announced that the total population of the United States is 93,402,155. This includes Alaska, Hawaii, Porto Rico and members of the army and navy living abroad. If the people of Canal Zone and the Philippines were included the total would be 101,100,000.

North American Christmas Number.

The Christmas number of the North American, which will be published on December 15, promises something altogether unique in the way of a special supplement. All buyers of the paper of that issue, excepting mail subscribers, will receive free a sheet of Christmas cards, reproduced from some of the greatest paintings of the age. There are six cards in the sheet, which when cut apart can be used for sending with gifts or for mailing as mementoes of the holiday season.

The cards are reproduced very artistically by photogravure process and the subjects are chosen with a view of suiting almost any taste.

The North American Christmas number will be unusually attractive in text and illustrations. Its special numbers are always of the highest standard. This one promises to be just a little better than those that have preceded it.

Pork, Apples, Potatoes Wanted.

The undersigned will buy at all times pork, apples, potatoes, etc., and pay the highest price for same. Call in person, or by telephone over either line or write.

After this week, ten cents per pound will be paid for pork.

GEORGE R. REESE,

Colyer, Pa.

P. O., Spring Mills, R. F. D.

F. and A. M. Officers Installed.

After the installation of the officers of the local order of Free Masons, on Monday evening, a banquet was held at the Centre Hall hotel at which about thirty were served. The officers installed by District Deputy Grand Master Wilson I. Fleming were these: Worshipful Master, Dr. P. H. Dale; Senior Warden, Millin R. Moyer; Junior Warden, Irvin M. Burris; Secretary, Dr. G. W. Hoeterman; Treasurer, J. J. Arney.

LOCALS.

One half of the school term in Potter township is over.

Saturday morning it was three and one-half degrees below zero, the coldest during the present fall.

A stock sale will be held by William Bradford, at Old Fort, March 4th. He will sell four horses, twenty-five head of cattle, hogs, etc.

Michael Kerstetter, one of the elderly and highly respected citizens of Pleasant Gap, recently suffered a paralytic stroke. His condition has been quite serious.

Some new advertisements will be found in this issue. Read them over carefully. They are printed for the benefit of the reader, the merchants believing their goods and wares merit special advertisement.

One carbuncle is enough to make a man almost weary of living, but J. C. Auman, of Wolf's Store, has been having a double portion of these ulcers, and while he does not feel like giving up the ghost, he is quite tired of suffering the excruciating pains they cause him.

Jacob Meyer, of near Linden Hall, has an eye on the treasurer's office. Since the court house has been remodeled, the treasurer's quarters have been so handsomely fitted up that it is causing the heartache of a good many honest men to sit there and sign up in the name of Centre county. Treasurer Meyer. It sounds well.

Arthur Fortney will move from the Fortney farm, west of Tusseyville, to a farm he leased from Charles Snyder, above Pine Grove Mills. Mr. and Mrs. Fortney are held in high regard in the community in which they live, and are good careful farmers. The Fortney farm, a year or more ago, was purchased by Charles Ramey, of Fillmore, who will occupy the place himself by next spring.

There is complaint against the present game laws because a number of does were killed and left lying in the mountain, but because the law is violated by a few hunters who have no regard for it, is no reason why it should be repealed. There was never a law enacted that was not violated. Hunters should aim to enforce the game laws, instead of continually complaining against them.

A horse driven by Irvin Lighty, of Mackeyville, on peaching a point near the Mill Hall station of the Bald Eagle Valley Railroad, became unmanageable and ran into a rapidly moving freight train. The side of its head was crushed, both front legs broken and other injuries inflicted, and was afterwards shot to put it out of misery. Mr. Lighty was not injured, neither was the buggy broken to any extent.

In July, 1909, H. G. Stover, of Penn township, offered to sell to one of Frank Kreamer's daughters a little pig for one cent, and the girl promptly agreed to take it and carried the pig home in a coal bucket. The pig was, of course, considered to be a "runt," but the girl took good care of it, and this fall fattened it. So reports the Millheim Journal. Last week, the porker was killed and dressed, and tipped the scales at 357 pounds.

Mr. Kerlin informs the Reporter that during the zero weather on the 10th inst., fifty per cent. of the twelve hundred pullets in houses Nos. 3 & 4 were laying and are gradually increasing. He will state in Kerlins Grand View Poultry Farm advertisement, which will soon appear in this paper, why single comb white Leghorns only are kept; method of feeding for best results; why the farmer is not procuring the eggs he should during the winter, etc., etc.

It is the custom in Centre and most other counties in Pennsylvania to accept notes from litigants for costs and from violators for fines. Many of these notes are held for years by the commissioners and in the meantime the county pays these same individuals cash for jury service, witness fees, etc. Some of the live officials are agitating to emulate the rule followed in some few counties in the state, whereby when such individuals who are indebted to the county serve as jurors, witnesses, etc. instead of paying over the cash to them, credit is given on the note. In this way recovery could be made on many otherwise worthless papers, and in years the saving would be considerable.

DEATHS.

Just a little less than a year ago Mrs. Athalia C. Aikens, wife of Rev. C. T. Aikens, of Selingsgrove, broke down from nervous troubles, and on Tuesday of last week her death occurred at her home in Selingsgrove. Burial was made at Hanover.

Mrs. Aikens was the daughter of Josiah and Maria Gitt and was born at Hanover, forty-nine years ago. Her marriage to Rev. Aikens occurred twenty-one years ago, and the couple began housekeeping at Pine Grove Mills, where Rev. Aikens served the Lutheran church as pastor. About four years ago when Rev. Aikens became president of the Selingsgrove University, the family moved to Selingsgrove.

In addition to her husband she is survived by one son, Claude, and the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. Gesselman, Mrs. Schmook, Mrs. Snavely, Mrs. O'Neil, George and Harry, all of Hanover.

Henry A. Snyder, for many years past a well known resident and merchant of Blanchard, passed away at his home in that place on Wednesday morning of last week, following an illness of about a week from pneumonia.

Deceased had since early manhood been a resident of that community, his parents having moved there when he was but a boy. He was united in marriage to Miss Susan Linn, of Beech Creek, who survives with the following daughters and son: Miss Ora B., Mrs. C. H. Foster and Mrs. M. S. McDowell, all of State College; and Harry B., of Chicago. Three sisters and a brother also survive, as follows: Mrs. Margaret Smith, of Washington state; Sarah, of Blanchard; Mrs. Tillie Bechtel, of Blanchard; and Thompson, of State College.

Solomon Lohr, a well known resident of College township, died quite suddenly on Sunday morning of last week at Alto. He went to bed on Saturday evening in good health and slept soundly through the night. Sunday morning he started to get up to kindle the fires and while sitting on the side of the bed was taken violently ill, fell on the bed and died in a few minutes.

He was born in College township and was sixty-eight years old. During the past nine years he had been foreman and sawyer for George B. Thompson on his mill at Alto. He was a member of the Reformed church and a man respected by all who knew him. Surviving him are his wife, one daughter, Mrs. Grant Halderman, of Bellefonte, and two sons, James, in Illinois, and Ellis, of Altoona. The funeral was held on Wednesday afternoon, burial being made at Pine Hall.

A sad occurrence in Milesburg last week was the death of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Thomas within nine hours of each other. Mrs. Thomas had been ill for some time and her death occurred at two o'clock on Thursday afternoon. Mr. Thomas had been ill only about a week and his death occurred about eleven o'clock on Thursday night. The latter was an old soldier with an honorable record and the two were among Milesburg's most respected residents. Mr. Thomas was seventy-two years old and Mrs. Thomas sixty-nine. They are survived by several children. The double funeral was held on Sunday afternoon at two o'clock, burial being made in the Milesburg cemetery.

Daniel B. Geary, a well known and aged resident of Penn township, died at his home near Greenbrier Tuesday morning of last week, aged seventy-one years, eight months and thirteen days. He leaves to survive a widow and one sister, Mrs. Jonathan Dinges, of Penn township. Funeral services were held Friday forenoon, conducted by Rev. W. D. Donat, and interment was made in Paradise cemetery.

Walter H. Croswalte died in Brooklynn, aged forty-two years. The remains were interred in Bellefonte, where the deceased lived for a number of years. A daughter, Miss Roxie, of Altoona, survives. Mrs. Croswalte, whose maiden name was Miss Blanche Johnston, died twelve years ago. The funeral was held from the home of M. B. Johnston, in Bellefonte.

Philip Brower, of Union township, a veteran of the civil war and member of the 148 regiment, Company B, Pa. Vol., aged seventy-three years, died at his home in the vicinity of Runville.

William M. Glinter, a photographer and undertaker, died in Millburg, aged seventy-two years. He was an emergency soldier during the civil war.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Just a little while until Christmas. There was the finest kind of sleighing between Centre Hall and Bellefonte, last week.

Put it down this way: Bert Delige, a negro, was the first murderer convicted in the new court house.

Henry R. Hartman, of Laurelton, a former commissioner of Union county, died at the age of seventy-four years.

The Deckard hotel at Millinburg has been leased by William Spotts, of Sunbury, who will take charge next spring.

If you want the best sleigh for the money see S. L. Condo, Spring Mills. No matter what others say, see the Condo sleighs before you buy.

Last week the natural ice factories were in good running order, and at a time, too, when Indian summer would have been much more welcomed.

Next week is institute week. All who can should attend one or more of the sessions, and, of course, no school director should neglect attending the meetings of the directors association.

Mrs. Bartlet, accompanied by her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. William Coble, and baby, all of Altoona, were guests this week of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Krape, in Centre Hall. Monday they visited Penns Cave.

The snow fall for December to date is nineteen inches, equal to three-fourths of an inch of water. All the snows were very dry, making the measurements in inches more than the average to represent the amount of water indicated.

Wednesday, March 15th, is the day set by William F. Rishel on which to hold a stock sale at his barn at Farmers Mills. Mr. Rishel is a good stockman, and takes great pride in growing stock of all kinds. See sale register for number to be sold.

Thank offering services were held by the missionary societies of the Lutheran churches at Centre Hall and Tusseyville. At the former the offering was \$33.00, and at the latter \$60.67. Programs suited to the occasion were also rendered by the members of the societies.

The crop figures given out by Secretary Wilcox make the farmer pinch himself to see whether or not he is alive—to the fact that he has eighty-cent wheat in his granary. There are some awfully long rows of figures in the secretary's report, but then there are so many farmers that it gives to each one but little above his needs.

Judge McClure of the Union-Snyder district will have opposition for a third term. The candidates spoken of are Albert W. Johnston, Claude Steiringer and Horace P. Glover, of Union county, and Frank Wagoner, of Snyder county. Judge McClure was elected over Judge Booher twenty years ago. The latter was seeking a third term.

H. F. Hackenberg will move from the J. T. Potter farm, west of Centre Hall, to Spring Mills, where he will farm for Hon. William Allison. He will occupy the house east of the mill, next to Rishel's store. Mr. and Mrs. Hackenberg and son Charles spent Saturday at Spring Mills, and while there looked over their proposed location. While in that place they were entertained by Rev. and Mrs. Lantz.

From wire chief in Centre county, Charles Donachy has been promoted to supervisor of the Williamsport district for the Bell Telephone Company, and hereafter will have under his care the property of the Bell company in counties of Lycoming, Montour, Northumberland, Snyder, Union, Centre, Clinton, Elk, Tioga, Sullivan and Potter. The successor to Mr. Donachy is L. N. Walzer, of Williamsport.

S. P. Hennigh, accompanied by his daughters, of Georges Valley, was a caller on the Reporter Saturday afternoon. Mr. Hennigh is the first man in this locality to build a silo, and this now contains about eighteen tons of corn and clover ensilage. He is keeping nine cows, and he thinks the profits from his herd will be more than ever now that he can put the feed before them in the most palatable and nutritious form.

W. F. Keller, the rural routeman from Centre Hall, took his vacation. He was relieved by his brother Christ D. Keller, the regular substitute. The latter Mr. Keller is preparing to engage in the growing of poultry and the production of eggs, and during this winter will erect an eighty-foot poultry house. If results are satisfactory from the several hundred birds that the first house will accommodate, the building will be extended, and the number of hens doubled and perhaps trebled.