

THE TESTIMONY CLOSED.

SATURDAY TAKEN BY COUNSEL IN THE ARGUMENT OF THE CASE.

John W. Rudy's statement in full, as sworn to on the witness stand at the material contradictions of it during the cross-examination by lawyers.

Friday Afternoon.—Promptly at 2:30 o'clock the trial of John W. Rudy for the murder of Christian Rudy, his father, was resumed.

Mrs. Fralich, a commonwealth's witness, was recalled and re-examined: I was at a window in my house on Sunday, December 4, and saw Rudy at the Groff property about noon; I cannot say how long I was at the window; I did not see anybody else on the premises but Rudy.

Miss Margaret Rudy, sworn: I live at No. 230 South Lime street. I did not know Rudy; I am a sister of Christian Rudy, who was killed and an aunt of defendant; I saw Christian at my sister's house on Sunday morning at 6:30, he ate breakfast with us and he was there some time; before I went to church I gave Christian Rudy twenty-five cents for his fare to the street car, and that is the last time I saw him alive; my sister wanted Christian to remain for dinner, but he would not as he was afraid it was going to rain; John W. Rudy was home when I came from church and said dinner was ready; I went to her mother, he took her as far as the corner when he sent the girl back because it was raining; before he left the house I said to John I would not go to Ely's (Mrs. John W. Rudy's parents) with such dirty shoes; and at first he said they were good enough; finally he washed his shoes, when he left to go to Ely's it was about church time; I saw nothing but dirt on his shoes when I told him to clean his shoes; I was at home all that evening and John came home between 8 and 9 o'clock; there were several persons in the house when John came; I saw Christian Rudy at 3 o'clock; and John went to bed before us; the doors between all the sleeping rooms were open that night and there was a light in the hall; I have been working at the cotton mill for thirty years; John could not have come down stairs that night without my hearing him; I am the administratrix of Christian Rudy; Christian was insured in the Centostoga Mutual Beneficial association; there was an assignment of the interest of John W. Rudy and his sister, Mrs. Lutz, Christian Rudy's only heirs, in the money to be paid on his policy; I cannot now find it; I gave it to Jacob Lutz.

Jacob Lutz, sworn: The last I saw of the assignment of the interest of John W. Rudy and my wife I gave to Edward E. Snyder and it was never returned to me. Mrs. Jacob Lutz, sworn: I signed a paper assigning my interest in Christian Rudy's policy in insurance money to Margaret Rudy; John W. Rudy also assigned his interest; it was signed a long time ago, at the time my father boarded at the Fountain Inn, and Margaret Rudy paid his board; I and John signed the paper voluntarily.

Margaret Rudy, recalled: This assignment of the benefits of the policy of the insurance to me was made in 1880; the amount advanced by me to Christian Rudy in his life insurance was \$1,000; I advanced the money chiefly in the payment of board and the dues on the policy.

Cross-examined: I do not have an itemized statement of what I paid, as I did not keep an account. Mrs. Elizabeth Shatt, recalled: I had a conversation with Mrs. Jacob Rudy about the murder; I walked out to her house; John W. Rudy was not at home for supper on Sunday evening; I did say to her that John was not at home when we sat down to supper, but that he came in soon after.

Catherine Shatt, sworn: I live on South Lime street and did last December; John Rudy was in the house on Sunday, December 4, and they had supper at 5 o'clock, and as they were sitting down John came into supper; after supper John went out, remained away about 10 minutes, and between 7 and 8 he left to go and see his wife; he returned before 9 o'clock; I went to bed about 9 o'clock, and John W. Rudy went to bed before I did.

Miss Mary Shatt, sworn: I live with my parents on South Lime street; John W. Rudy was at supper on Sunday, December 4th; and after supper he went for medicine; he returned in a few minutes and remained until the church bells rang when he started with his child; he left in a few minutes and said her father sent her home because he was afraid it would rain; John came back between 8 and 9 o'clock and before 9 o'clock John went to bed; I retired between 11 and 12 o'clock and John could not have come down stairs without my hearing him; I live up the time I went to bed.

Gustave Abraham, sworn: I live in South Christian street, and work at No. 2 mill; I know Philip Shatt and his family; I became acquainted with John W. Rudy at Shatt's; I was at Shatt's on Sunday evening, and saw John Rudy when I went in the house at 7 o'clock; I saw John Rudy go away and saw him walk before I can't tell. Mrs. Holmanman left the house at nine o'clock, and I had been home a considerable while before she left. I was reading a while and talking with my cousin before I went to bed.

I said in bed until 6 o'clock on Monday morning, when my aunt called me to get up and go to work. I went down stairs and I got ready to go to work. After that I was talking with my aunt and with the old lady; Mrs. Short, until about 20 minutes before 7 o'clock; then I took my dinner and started off to work. I went up Middle street and there met Mr. Williams and Mr. Leonard. At the corner of Freiberg and Middle streets I met a young man named Blankmeyer.

I went straight up Middle to East King street and there I met Frank Kertz and Albert Reidenbach and Edward Egerley. Then I met one of the plasterers, Mr. Aisbach, and he and I went out to work together. When we got there I told him I had had something to eat. I had had a bad attack of diarrhea for some days before; so I stood my dinner kettle down and laid my coat on the porch and then came up and stood on the porch with Mr. Widmeyer, who was standing on the porch when the plasterer and I came out to work. I stood around there awhile and then went over into the west house and cleaned the ashes out of three stoves, and out wood and gathered up shavings. I then made fire and while I was working around the stoves Groff came in and was talking to me. I went down into the cellar and fetched up a keg of coal and put it on the floor and on the fire shed then went over to the east house and cleaned out one stove and out wood and fixed that fire and then fetched

up a keg of coal. Then I went over to the west house and looked at the fire and put more coal on. I took the shovel and digging iron and went down the yard and piled up some boards. After I had that done I went over to the stable to look at the horse. I saw a heavy rest on the side of the stable hanging a large gag, through which they could drive a Groff had told me on Saturday where I should put the post. He marked it with a stick. I didn't get it done on Saturday, so I went on Monday. I had a key to the door and I went in. As near as I can tell, that was nearly 9 o'clock. I found it too muddy to dig and I took the shovel and the digging iron and stood them in the northwest corner of the stable. I tried to shut the door, but it would not close. I tried several times, but it did not succeed. I would shut on my hat and then I would open the door again and inside the door was a board pile and on that there was a tool box. In the tool box there was lying a loose plane bit. I took this plane bit out of some of the door so that I might shut it.

Just about that time Groff, Kautz and Mr. Wohlens' driver came down the road to the stable with a load of moulding. When they came down the yard I was standing outside of the stable with the plane bit in my hand. When they reached the stable Groff asked me what I was going to do. I told him that the door would not be closed. He told me to take it till some other time. I said, "All right." I put the plane bit in the box and pushed the door open so that Mr. Wohlens' driver could drive close up to the door. He was standing up straight in the wagon and drove in the field. The ends of the moulding were about past the center of the door, so that we could just take the moulding and walk right into the stable with it easily. I helped to unload all that was on the wagon, Groff and the driver also helping.

Groff was doing something in the stable when he was pushing the paint pots around. The horse had his head down eating grass, and kept moving away further from the stable. The lines were hanging down on the ground and he was pulling on them. When he came out of the stable he said to me, "John, turn him around off that grass." I did so and as I was turning him around Groff came out of the stable. There was some moulding still in the wagon. After the wagon was unloaded the driver drove away and I stood myself against the corner of the door frame and was looking at Groff moving some boards. Groff said, "John, you go up to the house and clean the dirt up, so they can put the casing on." I said, "All right."

There were some short boards standing in the north west corner of the stable. I said to Groff, "What are those boards?" He asked Mr. Witich whether he heard a noise that night. Mr. Witich said that he did not. We were standing there a while talking, when the boss plasterer said, "We better get out of here before the coroner comes out here." The boss plasterer said to me, "John, you go in and tell him." I said, "Yes."

We started and left the field and went up toward the house. On the road going up I said to Groff, "Where do you think I can see or find the coroner?" He said if I did not see him in my father's yard, I would see him in the field. "All right." When we got up in front of the house he started right off, and when he got on the pike near the road that runs down to the poor house, he called me and I walked about half way toward him, and said to him, "What are you waiting for?" He said, "I want to go down to the stable and see some boards on the fence while until I come back, I won't stay long." I then said to him, "I won't nail no boards on for you to-day."

When he started off and went into the house I went back and went in the house where the plasterer was working and I was talking with him awhile, and then came out and started to go down in the field. Charles Kautz came out of the house and he and I walked down together. When we were talking with the boss plasterer, Groff and Mr. Leichter came there; also Winfield Burns and Frederick Kline. I stayed down there in the field until all the men went away. Then a boy came with a dog, Charles Kautz and myself left the field and went up into the yard. When we were talking with the boss plasterer, he asked me who was down in the field. I told him a boy and a dog. Then I said in the house awhile, how long I can't tell. I came out of the house and as I got on the porch Chief Smith came into the front yard. He got up to me he said, "Where is the coroner?" I told him down here in the field.

He and I went down together and there Smith said that the man was beat to death with his cane. I told him that my father said to me on Sunday that he had a fuss over there with one of the men about taking out of the house the large red mouseth; when he saw me he turned around and walked to the lower end of the lot; this man was not a cripple and walked erect.

Cross-examined: John Rudy volunteered the statement that the poor house was in the field; I was on the porch. David McDonald, sworn: I saw John W. Rudy on the evening of Sunday, December 4, near 9 o'clock, at the corner of Duke and Middle streets. Groff and saw him on Sunday afternoon, December 4, about 7 o'clock on the Grofftown road, near the new railroad bridge; he was coming towards town and was in company with two men who I thought were inmates of the poor house; he was about 100 yards this side of the bridge when I saw him.

Cross-examined: On December 4 between 4 and 5 o'clock I walked to the house Groff was erecting; I saw a man about 40 years old standing on the line fence of the house Groff was building; that man was a stranger to me; I took him to be a tramp; he wore a seedy looking suit, had a large red mouseth; when he saw me he turned around and walked to the lower end of the lot; this man was not a cripple and walked erect.

Friday Evening Session. Judge Simonon, when the court adjourned was called for cross-examination when court re-assembled at 7:30 o'clock. For the first time since the trial the court house was crowded. His testimony was: I was not out of the city on the 4th of December. I was there on the third, when I was at work on the morning of the fourth I was away from home for a short time, when I went to Bill Butler's to get shaved. The witness detailed at length his whereabouts on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, as narrated in his testimony in chief. The only other cross-examination of interest was I had the key of Groff's stable morning, but I was not in the stable between Saturday and Monday; I was not digging in the stable on Monday morning, as testified to by Mr. Groff; I had been with my father since he became paralyzed in 1875; I never said there was blood on my hat or pants; I heard that testimony and it was not true; I made the request after I was arrested to be taken down Orange street to avoid the crowd. His cross-examination lasted nearly an hour and he reiterated substantially the facts as given in his testimony in chief.

C. A. Gest, sworn: Was one of the coroner's jury and took down the testimony of the witnesses at the inquest; I think all the material facts were taken to which the witness testified; that part of the testimony taken at the inquest as sworn to by Mr. Fralich was read to Mr. Gest, and he testified that all the material facts as testified to by Mr. Fralich, so far as he could get them in writing were taken down, but some of the witnesses spoke so rapidly that it was an impossibility to get all; if Fralich testified that he saw Rudy at the Groff premises he would have got it down.

Mrs. Philip Shatt testified that she never saw Mr. Jacob Groff that John Rudy was not home to supper on Sunday evening. Mr. Lutz, recalled: I examined the clothes of Christian Rudy after his death, and found in the pockets a plug of tobacco and twenty-five or thirty cents.

Witness inside of the jail, and shortly after I was in Captain Sprober came and opened the door for Smith and Lewars and they came in the cell and Smith said to me, "John, put your feet on this bench." I did not know they looked at my pants and shoes to see if they could find or see any blood on me. Smith asked me in the presence of Captain Sprober and Lewars what I did with my hat. I told him I laid it on the fence rail; then he said to me, "Ain't your hat got a nick in it?" I said, "Yes, two of them." "How did your hat get that blood on?" I told him that it had no blood on.

They then went away and shortly after that Captain Sprober came and opened the door. Dr. Compton, another man and Captain Sprober came in the cell and the doctor told me to put my feet on the bench, and I did so. He looked at my shoes and pants and at my stockings, and then at his hands, and then at my finger nails. He then went away. After that Mr. Murr fetched Mr. Kiefer up to me and he asked me what I did with my hat. I told him I laid it on the fence rail. He said to me Groff told him that my hat disappeared. I told him I didn't make it disappear. He also asked me when I saw my father the last time. I told him on Sunday afternoon, between two and three o'clock, on the Grofftown road.

In conclusion, the witness emphatically denied having killed his father, or been a party to the killing. Mrs. Caroline Rudy, wife of the prisoner was called to the witness stand. The commonwealth objected to the testimony, but the court overruled the objection and she was all-wed to testify. While the oath was being administered Mrs. Rudy was greatly affected, and cried for a few minutes. This appeared to affect her husband and the tears came to his eyes. Her testimony was: I am the wife of John W. Rudy, and was married two years ago; we have four children living and one dead; I am the daughter of Frederick M. Ely, who lives at 352 Beaver street, and was staying there last December; I had two of the children with me on Sunday evening, December 4, I was never out of the house on that evening; he visited me on that evening; he came there about church time and remained at the house until twenty minutes or half-past eight o'clock; I asked him where the little girl was, and he said it was drifting and came not by him.

Cross-examined: We had a quarrel separated September; I never sued him for maintenance. Frederick M. Ely, sworn: John Rudy is my son-in-law; on December 4, in the evening he came to my house to see his wife; he came there between seven or twenty minutes after seven o'clock and left my home about twenty minutes after eight o'clock. Albert Anne, sworn: I live on Plum street and know John Rudy; I saw him at the corner of Locust and Lime streets, on Sunday evening, between a quarter of eight and half past eight o'clock; I saw a child with him and he told the child to go home as it was raining.

Edward E. Egerley, sworn: On the morning of December 5, between 6:30 and 7 o'clock I saw Rudy at the corner of East King and Plum streets, looking against a lamp post; he had a large red mouseth; he was waiting for some one to come or he had called to some one to hurry up. Frank Everis, sworn: I saw John Rudy near the corner of East King and Plum streets on Monday morning, December 5, between 9 and 10 o'clock; I saw a man in a coat and hat, who I thought was John Rudy, walking towards town and was in company with two men who I thought were inmates of the poor house; he was about 100 yards this side of the bridge when I saw him.

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Declared Unconstitutional. Judge Simonon, of Dauphin county, on Friday decided the act of 1887 relative to the selection of county tax collectors unconstitutional, on the ground that it was a local and special law repealing the affairs of counties because it limited the operation of the general law, which existed before his passage. This same act has been before the supreme court three times or other grounds and each time its constitutionality was affirmed. The question now raised was never argued before the supreme court. Judge Livingston declared it unconstitutional for another reason, but the supreme court reversed him. If the law should finally be declared unconstitutional about half of the townships in this county would be affected as to the mode of selecting their tax collector.

Attention, Democrats! The delegates and party from Lancaster to the St. Louis convention will arrive in this city on the second section of the Day Express about 5 p. m. to-day. They will be met by a reception committee of the local Democracy with a band and escorted to the rooms of the Young Men's Democratic club. Let all Democrats turn out and give them a warm reception.

Washington Indications. WASHINGTON, D. C., June 9.—Forecast: Light to fresh southeasterly winds, warmer, occasional local rains.

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LOCAL CHIEFS. The Lancaster Moneymorher will give a family entertainment and sociable, prior to the annual excursion, on Wednesday evening next. A regular meeting of the Lancaster Bar association will be held in the court room on Monday, June 11th. A strawberry festival will be held at 24 Centre square on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, June 12th, 13th and 14th, by the Young Folk's Society of St. Stephen's Lutheran church. City Superintendent Buehrle examined all the city teachers at the boys high school building to-day. The teachers will receive their certificates next week. Rev. Aaron Hildebrand, D. D., professor of literature at the University of California, will preach in the Millersville, N. E. church on Sunday morning. Edward H. Van Velsien, of New York, who was here about a year ago with the Temple Theatre company as Lord Dolphin in the "Little Tycoon," is the guest of Joe Meyer, of this city. W. B. Page, the champion high jumper of the world, in retiring from the athletic field, says: "I have a gift back to me which I think I can make a little use of to make a six feet jump, and even may exceed my own record of six feet four, which was made at Reading, Pa., on the grounds of the University of Pennsylvania." He is a native of Falcon township, this county.

Children's Day at First M. E. Church. To-morrow will be observed as Children's Day by the Methodist Episcopal church. The first church in the special series will be held in the morning at 10:30 when the church will be beautifully decorated. The contributions made will be divided between the board of education and the conference education societies. At the evening service at 6 o'clock Rev. G. W. Brindle, a former pastor, now of the Upper Iowa conference, will preach. The annual session of the Young Men's Union, September 1, will be at 6 o'clock and Sunday school at 9 o'clock.

Going to Kansas City. Mr. A. H. Bair, of the IYV ALLEGHENY, left Lancaster to-day for Philadelphia, where he will take the 11:10 p. m. train on the Pennsylvania road to Kansas City, Mo., to attend the convention of the International Typographical Union in that city on June 11. Mr. Bair is a delegate to the same from Typographical Union No. 70, of this city.

Dangerous Ill at Dayton. Samuel and John Holdmridge went to Dayton, Ohio, on Friday on receipt of a telegram stating that their brother Christian was dangerously ill. Christian moved to Dayton from Farmertown some years ago. A telegram was received to-day stating that Mr. Holdmridge had recovered and that there was now some hope for his recovery.

Remanded to Jail. Charles Hart, charged with concealing the death of a child, was taken before Judge Patterson on a writ of habeas corpus to-day, to enter bail for trial at court. On account of the absence of one of his bondsmen bail was remanded to jail until Monday.

Children's Floral Day. Children's floral day will be observed at the Hotel church, corner Prince and Orange streets, to-morrow evening. A special programme of exercises has been prepared and the church will be handsomely decorated. All are invited.

A Pension Measure Signed by the President. WASHINGTON, June 9.—The president has just approved the act of Congress providing that pensions heretofore granted to widows of soldiers of the war of the rebellion shall commence at the date of the death of their husbands. The legislation favorably affects all claims of widows of the late war, which have been filed in the pension office on or after July 1, 1882, and which have finally been determined on the date of filing the claims, but will not favorably affect the cases of such widows as were filed before July 1, 1882, and which have been allowed on pension having already been granted in those cases from the date of their husband's death. The commission provided that the service of the soldier, under this law of claims already allowed, no formal application will be required. The act provides that the services of attorneys will not be necessary. Widows entitled under said law need only write a letter giving name, position and address and certain number, and the claims will be allowed with as little delay as practicable. This legislation was recommended by Gen. Black in his last annual report.

THE BICYCLE MEET. Many people within the parade of over a hundred wheelmen. The Fairville Band furnishes music for the procession—Club that participated in the wheel about town—Large crowd at the race at McGraw's park.

The Lancaster Bicycle club was busy all morning receiving and entertaining wheelmen from other cities, who intend to participate in the race at McGraw's park this afternoon. Some of the visitors came in the early train, but some of them did not arrive until the 12 o'clock train this afternoon, just in time to take part in the parade which formed at 1:30.

The visitors here this morning were shown around town and created a great deal of interest by the beauty of their uniforms, and the great variety of the bicycles on which they rode. Many of the wheels were polished very brightly, and there was no little discussion as to which make was the fastest and the easiest to ride.

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