

LOCAL DEPARTMENT.

Subscribe for the DEMOCRAT. Don't forget the "Racket" when in town. Everybody is growling about the weather. For cheap prices, Mingle's Shoe store can beat all others. Have you read Lyon & Co's large advertisement in this issue? Another lot of plush coats for children at the Cash Bazaar. Have you seen the beautiful display of neck wear at the Rochester Clothing House? Presents given away at Camp & Naginey's furniture store—see advertisement. The CENTRE DEMOCRAT will be sent to any address for two months at 15 cts. per name. Millheim was considerably flooded last week by Elk creek, which was on a regular rampage again. C. D. Runkle, formerly of Centre Hall, now living in Philadelphia, spent Sunday in Bellefonte. Clinton county Commissioners will borrow \$15,000 to repair the bridges damaged by the recent floods. Go to the Cash Bazaar for hosiery, underwear, fancy goods, childrens plush coats, yarns, push caps, etc. Powers' shoe store is filled from end to end with an immense stock of goods. Prices most reasonable. The Pennsylvania railroad company is putting in a long siding between the Nail Works and McCalmonts. Mert Cunningham expects to open up a tobacco and billiard room in Mrs. Howard's room on Bishop street. And still they come, had to order more of those plush coats—if you need any come at once. Cash Bazaar. Persons who have subscribed any amounts for the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium will kindly remit to Secretary Reese at once. The Philadelphia Branch comes up a smiling this season with a brand new line of clothing. They sell nothing but reliable goods. Ole Meek has gone back to Washington again to resume his labors as clerk to Hon Sam. Randall's congressional committee. One of our energetic business men thinks of building an opera house and is trying to purchase a suitable location for that purpose. Three car loads of oysters spoiled owing to the detention by the flood, were dumped into the river several miles below Williamsport. The most successful hunting party heard of thus far was the Gentzels, who came home last week from the Green Woods with four fine deer. On Monday evening both trains on the Bald Eagle road were late. The mail going west stranded at Mill Hall, caused by the eccentric of the engine breaking. The skating rink at this place will open up for the winter season on Thursday afternoon, also in the evening. The rink is being managed by company B and the Bellefonte band. There is general complaint of the bad condition of the country roads. Considering the kind of weather we have had, there is not much wonder they are wretched. Mrs. Polly Emerick, widow of Wm. Emerick, deceased, died on Sunday, Nov. 3rd, at her residence near Centre Hall. Her age was about 70 years. Interment at Centre Hall on Wednesday. On Tuesday evening the Zimmermans, of Walker township, came home from a week's hunt on the middle branch of Cole Run, with four fine deer. The Zimmermans never come home without bringing something along. A man was killed on a railroad at McKeesport and the body was buried at that of Henry Miller, of Johnstown. After the funeral, however, Miller started the town by appearing in the flesh. The deceased man is still unknown. A. J. Lee, of this place, informs us that marble has been discovered upon the farm of his father-in-law, Mr. Krets two miles west of Hubersburg. Samples of it have been pronounced genuine by men who deal in marble.—Reporter. Heavy shoes, light shoes, plain shoes, fine shoes and anything in the shoe line can be found at Mingle's Shoe store. If they can't fit you they have experienced workmen who will take your order and furnish you with a good article. The Union County Live Stock Association, the institution in which so many of our farmers have been soaked has finally collapsed. The Attorney-General has wound the bucket shop up on account of their being no assets as is required by law, says the Lewisburg News.

NOVEMBER COURT.

LARGE ATTENDANCE.—LIST OF CASES TRIED.

A Small Number of Commonwealth Cases.—Three Young Men Sent to Prison for Fighting at a Public Gathering.

On Monday morning, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, there was a large attendance. The interest manifested in the Hopkins murder trial brought many curious ones, while the large number of witnesses summoned by the Com., and the defendants attorney have filled most of the hotels. When court was called on Monday morning His Honor A. O. Furst and Associates Munson and Rhoads were at their posts, as well as all the regular officials of court. The preliminary work of court consisted in hearing motions, reports of constables and organization of the Grand Jury, with James A. Quigley, merchant, of Liberty twp., as foreman.

The District Attorney then announced to the Court that sufficient evidence had not been found to warrant the prosecution of David Rhule, landlord at Spring Mills, charged at last term of court with selling liquor to minors. S. J. Herring, Esq., of Gregg twp., then stated to the Court that Mr. Rhule kept a very orderly house. The case was then dismissed, as it was evident that there was no reason for its instigation.

The first Commonwealth case was that of H. B. Royer, prosecutor against John Snaveley. The parties live near Centre Hill and Snaveley was charged with cutting down a set of bars on Royer's farm and threatening Royer with an axe. Snaveley was ordered to pay costs of prosecution and a fine of \$5. No jury was drawn in this case.

The next Com. case was the prosecution of David James and Al. Koons, for disturbing a performance at Eagleville, Nov 5th, in Koons' Opera house. It seems that James and Al. Koons came to the house in an intoxicated condition and began to impose upon Harry Gates and Jasper Steele, who sat in front of them. A few words passed between them when Al. Koons jumped up and began to break chairs over Harry Gates's head. A free fight then followed, women screamed and a general stampede was the result. J. I. Koons the proprietor, Harry Gates and others, were injured in the affray. J. I. Koons was hit across the face with a chair by Wm. Coder, and was badly cut and bruised. Al. Koons plead guilty of the principal charges in the indictment. David James stood trial and claimed that he did not have a hand in the disturbance but tried to quiet his friend Koons. He stated that they drank hard cider in which a quantity of Jamaica Ginger was mixed before going to the hall. A number of witnesses were called to show that James took no part in this affray. Verdict guilty.

In the case of the Commonwealth against Annie Kriner, charged with "infanticide," the bill was ignored by the Grand Jury. This is the case which occurred near town of which a full account appeared in a recent issue. The finding of the Grand Jury was a surprise to all. In the case of Com., vs. Wm. Coder, who was connected with the Eagleville disturbance, the defendant plead guilty. The next case was the charge of f. and b. and adultery upon Della Grenninger by her step-father, John A. Long, both of Gregg township.

The verdict of the jury in the case of the Com., vs. John A. Long, was guilty in the manner and form as indicted. Wm. Coder and Al. Koons who plead guilty for assault and battery, at the Eagleville Opera House, were called for sentence, which were that Wm. Coder pay costs and fine of \$20; Albert Koons pay \$20 fine, costs of prosecution and 30 days imprisonment. Also David James, fine \$20, costs of prosecution and 30 days imprisonment.

Mrs. W. W. Christie, of Lock Haven, killed a chicken a couple of days ago that had two hearts and two livers. Fact. Man said he saw them, and said he wouldn't have believed it if he had't seen them. Both hearts and both livers were about the same size and appearance.

Harrison Willard, the composer, has awarded the Scranton Truth's prize of \$100 to Rev. H. N. Ganss, of the Catholic church at Milton, Pa., for the best musical setting of Homer Greene's song, "The Banner of the Sea." Dr. Ganss is a finished musician, some of his compositions, notably his mass in D, ranking among the best productions of the day. He is also a fine performer on a piano.

The Modocs, a party of hunters from Boalsburg and vicinity, have for fifteen years taken a week or more of a hunt for deer in the Seven Mountains, and always returned with several deer, but this year they broke camp and went home without anything, breaking their record. In fifteen years they have killed eighty-four deer and one bear. One of the Modocs who was not along with them, named Marts, on their hunt, last week shot a deer at home near Boalsburg.—Centre Reporter.

The Murder Trial.

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Richard Kline, Osceola, saw Seely there that Sat. at 11 p. m. Wm. Ferguson, Phillipsburg, saw Seely Thursday and Friday before the shooting; Frank Humphrey sold revolver to Hopkins; I got the revolver and shot all the loads, Friday evening; Seely was at the stable on Sat. morning.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON. Court was called promptly at 2 p. m. The prisoner is beginning to waver and appears sad and dejected; as the evidence is slowly fixing his irresponsible fate. Bert Hopkins, brother of the prisoner, of Rochester, appeared in court this afternoon.

B. J. Laport, Phillipsburg, saw Hopkins at the livery stable; said he had shot Maggie and her mother to get satisfaction; said his coat and shoes were in Wigaman's cellar; he was bleeding from wounds in the scalp; he was rational and in clear mind; answered all questions promptly.

John M. Click, re-called: was at the public buildings where the prisoner was cared for; prisoner made statement to me there; (this statement is given in full elsewhere.)

COMMONWEALTH RESTS.

The attorney for the defendant then arose and addressed the jury. He reminded them of their duty as jurors in such a case. He also reminded them that the prisoner must be considered innocent until positively and without a doubt he is proven guilty; defendants will show that the prisoner is not of sane mind; that cases of insanity are known in his family; that the prisoner was once injured on the head and it affected his mind; that he was not responsible for his crime at the time of the murder.

Dr. P. G. Uddell, Spence Port, N. Y.; know the prisoner since 1872; treated him in '74 or '75, for a wound on the top of the head; was a torn and bruised scalp; still has the scar of that wound; it became quite sore and considerable pus formed under the scalp; this wound caused no mental derangement.

Cross ex.: it simply was a scalp wound and contusion of the bone; the wound was caused by a bursting pulley, a portion of which struck him on the scalp; noticed no signs of insanity.

Frank Martz, Osceola, know Hopkins about year; worked there at carpentering; saw him on 21st of Sept.; always was jovial before but then acted strange when in our office; he was quiet and said nothing.

John R. Aikens, knew prisoner over a year; saw him frequently about Phillipsburg; was at Allports livery stable five days; said "you are a devil of a fellow;" stayed some time and frightened me by his talk; talked of having two detectives, one watching his wife and another; he had a very strange stare on his face; was afraid of him; his looks were as though he was bothered and was thinking of something.

Wm. Ferguson: know prisoner several years; saw him the morning before the murder; gave him a lunch; was very hungry; appeared to be in trouble about getting bail.

Bert Hopkins, Rochester, N. Y.; am brother of prisoner; saw him last at Phillipsburg after the murder; was at my home Sept. 13; came in and inquired of the folks; followed me about; asked him what was wrong; said nothing; followed me around all day; left in the evening; I went home and said he was there and acted very strange; we lived at Spence Port, 15 years before; my brother was hurt in a planing mill; had quite a gash on his head; was sick about a week and at times was delirious; father is dead and mother is still living; my father's sister was at times confined in an asylum in England.

George M. Rhule, Phillipsburg; Seely worked for me at times; saw him about the 8th of Sep.; he was under arrest at that time; he was very much excited and had a sort of a wild look; his appearance was much different.

HOPKINS ON THE STAND.

He had to be assisted to the chair; am 29 years old; born at Spence Port, N. Y.; lived there until 21 years of age; then went to Pittsford 1 month; then went to Phillipsburg and worked in machine shops building cars; then worked for Mat McCully, Lochlomen, a short time; was married March 24, 1887, to Maggie Wigaman; boarded St. James hotel seven weeks; went to our home in N. Y.; returned to Phillipsburg at Parker house; then went to housekeeping with the Wigaman family; was at home three weeks before the murder; was arrested and then let go; was under bail to appear at Squire Laport's office; brought some meat home that night and my wife threw it out of the door; had a quarrel; Dorsey Meyer came in choked me; I went out about town towards 9th street; came back to Allports stable and slept there; the next Sat. went to Williamsport, on to Rochester, then to Fair Port; visited sister, mother, brother and others in that section; Mrs. Wigaman always picked at me; has no recollection of using any violence upon Mrs. Wigaman; never choked her; we had trouble when Mrs. Wigaman came down from Houtzdale; told her of trouble; mother-in-law was mean and stingy; none of them helped keep up the table; I paid most of

the expenses; broke chair one day; never broke other furniture; while at Fair Port wrote a letter to John Aikens; identified it; coming down to Phillipsburg gave my revolver to the telephone manager at Osceola; stayed in Ferguson's stable on Thursday and Friday night; met John Aikens in Allports stable; have no recollection of saying anything to Aikens; have no recollection of getting cartridges from Humphrey; don't remember how I got to Houtzdale; don't remember of being in Phillipsburg; it was dark; don't know whether I went to Wigaman's house on Saturday night; don't know anything about Wigaman's house on that Sunday or Saturday; has no knowledge whatever of the affair; don't remember of making any statements; from all accounts am here for shooting my wife and Mrs. Wigaman; read accounts of the murder; never knew anything of the shooting.

Bert Hopkins re-called: my father's sister was confined in an insane asylum in Liverpool, England, at the age of 25 years.

THURSDAY MORNING. Court called to order at 9 a. m. Juror Jas. Turner complained of being ill but thought he would improve.

Dr. Pierce, re-called: practiced medicine 48 years; never had much to do with cases of insanity; Taylors Medical Jurisprudence introduced; was brought forward by defendant as good authority on questions of insanity.

COM. REBUTTAL EVIDENCE.

Paul McCully, Phillipsburg; am a carpenter; worked at the same trade with prisoner for two years; always acted like a rational man.

Wm. McCoy, Osceola; keep restaurant; at my house Sat. Sept. 20, '89; was very quiet that evening.

Smith Baird, Osceola; saw prisoner that Sat.; his conduct was about the same as usual.

John Burns, Osceola; know the prisoner one year; saw him that Sat. at the hotel; he appeared as usual.

A. J. Gorton, recalled: saw him few days before murder; noticed no signs of insanity or derangement.

B. J. Laport, re-called: prisoner was at my office about Sept. 12; nothing unusual in his appearance.

Squire Duncan, Phillipsburg; was at my office, Sept. 18; nothing unusual in his appearance or conduct.

Nettie Meyers, re-called: saw prisoner on the 18; passed our house several times; appeared as usual.

Frank Nelson, Phillipsburg; saw prisoner at Houtzdale Sat. before the murder; was there about two hours; know him about four years; tried to avoid me.

Dr. Dunwiddee, re-called; treated the prisoner before and after the murder; saw no indications of insanity whatever in Hopkins; there are cases on record of persons being insane at time of the crime and rational immediately afterwards.

Abraham Mills, a prisoner from the jail; heard prisoner say that he was not sorry for his crime.

Dr. Pierce, re-called: saw prisoner on Friday before murder; appeared all right; after he shot himself was perfectly sane.

P. Doyle, Phillipsburg; saw prisoner the Wednesday and Thursday before; nothing strange in his appearance.

A. B. Steele, Bellefonte; nursed the prisoner in jail; prisoner said, "had they used me white the crime would not have occurred."

A letter written by prisoner at Fairport, N. Y., to John Aikens Sep. 9, '89, was presented by the Com.

TESTIMONY CLOSES.

At this point the taking of testimony was closed, 10:25 a. m., and a short recess was taken.

FINAL ARGUMENTS.

Com. Attorney Spangler announced to the court that there would be no citations of law on the subject and no points filed and that they would argue only upon the facts of the case. The arrangement was that the District Att. make the first address; Reeder, defendant's att., the second and Col. Spangler the final argument for the prosecution.

DIST. ATTORNEY'S ADDRESS.

At 10:35 a. m., after a brief recess the Dist. Att. arose. The room was crowded from end to end and utter silence prevailed. He began his argument by pointing out that it was absolutely proven by the prisoner's words after the crime, that he was the perpetrator and that the testimony of all witnesses of the Com. clearly proved his guilt. He showed that it was premeditated, malicious and afthought.

Mr. Meyer's plea was strong and convincing, and showed clearly that he was familiar with all the facts in the case.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

Long before two o'clock the large room was crowded to its utmost. The aisles were crowded up to the railing of the Bar. Inside the one half was of the fair sex, and were largely represented throughout the entire room.

W. F. REEDER'S ADDRESS.

He began his remarks by congratulating the jury upon the early termination of such an important case which involved either the life or death of the accused man. He also congratulated the jury that there were no points of law in dispute and that the fact of the offense being committed by W. Seely Hopkins

was admitted by all. He then endeavored to show that the defendant was hounded down by relatives and that his own home had been closed upon him; that his own beloved wife had become unfaithful, and was untrue to him. He was without friends, family, home or friends and wandered about aimless and sad. Such facts have deranged strong minds, and certainly did affect and demote this defendant, who is of weak mental faculties.

Then it was proven that insanity was found in his father's family and evidently was inherited by the defendant. Many witnesses testified of the mental derangement and delirious condition of the defendant; was another evidence of the trait of insanity inherited; and was of unsound mind when the act was committed.

We do not ask for a verdict of guilty, as that would not be humane. We will ask you to find him guilty of murder in the second degree as he is not responsible for his actions when in a demoted condition—we ask for a verdict of milder form that he may be placed where he can harm no one. Medical authorities were cited to show that the prisoner's condition at that time was similar to that of an insane man.

Mr. Reeder closed his argument at 3:30 p. m.

COL. J. L. SPANGLER'S ADDRESS.

He began by pointing out that the prisoner was defended by our laws in that he had many challenges in the selection of the jury, and especially in that he was considered an innocent man and would be considered as such until he was proven guilty without the slightest doubt. A Court of Justice is no place for pity and mercy; here Justice must be meted out for the protection of society and the safety of individuals.

The account of the murder in all its terrible details was then depicted. The question of insanity can not be decided by definitions, as the conditions vary according to the disposition of each individual. Our own judgment must decide the matter. A man may be partially insane but as long as he has a clear conception of right and wrong he is a responsible being, and is considered as such by our authorities on that subject. If the prisoner is sane it should be "guilty," and if he is insane should be acquitted and placed in an asylum. Their argument was meant merely for a snare to confuse the jury.

His scalp wound fifteen years ago did cause him to be delirious then, a natural result. Deliriousness during sickness never causes insanity. He was considered sane for fifteen years after.

Space will not allow us to give this argument in full. Mr. Spangler spoke nearly three hours and was one of the ablest speeches heard in this court for many years.

The Judge charged the jury at 7:30, and they retired at 8:40.

—45ct plush takes the lead, at Meyer's Bazaar.

MURDER IN BURNSIDE TWP.

LAURA PRICE OUTRAGED AND KILLED

On Wednesday Morning by a Tramp.—She Was Shot Several Times.—Description of The Man.

On Wednesday morning the lifeless body of Miss Laura Price was found lying in the road about 1 mile east of Karthause. The girl was shot in the neck, head and through the heart. She was a daughter of David Price, the liveryman at Karthause, but had been living at the home of Eugene Meeker and was on her way home at the time. She was aged about 18 years.

The body was found by Wm. Oswolt; at 12 m. an inquest was held—the physician says an outrage was committed.

The perpetrator was a tramp wearing a light suit of clothes, short coat, dark derby hat and a stubby black moustache and was last seen going in the direction of Snow Shoe.

Jacob Houser, of Benner township, kept his wood in great style the other day. He shouldered his gun and told his good wife that he was going after a supply of meat, and he did. When he returned in the evening he had a fine deer which dressed 110 pounds and a 20 pound coon, all in a half-days' hunt by himself.

Next Sunday morning and evening, Rev. T. J. Hacker, of Shamokin, will occupy the pulpit of the Reformed Church of this place. He is one of the best preachers of that denomination and will doubtless have a large congregation on this occasion. He will preach at Zion in the afternoon of the same day.

While passing McFarlane's hardware store the other day, we noticed a great stack of the celebrated roasters in their window. This firm is selling lots of them, because they are the best in market and much cheaper than elsewhere, only \$1.00 to \$1.50 and guaranteed at that. The Apollo Range and Regu. lator cook stoves are ahead of all the rest in point of operation, and number of sales. Go to McFarlane's and take a look at them.

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