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## EDNA CRIDER MURDERED

Details of a Heinous Crime in  
Clinton County.

### TWO MEN UNDER ARREST

A Crime that Surpasses Anything in this  
Section—Body of a Six-year old child  
Found Mutilated and Had been Outraged  
—Great Excitement Prevails in that Community.

The circumstances leading to the death  
of little Edna Crider last week are so  
revolting in detail that it makes the murder  
one of the most horrible that has  
occurred in this section.

The house of Mr. Isaac Lebo is in  
Lycoming county, but the spot where  
the child was found is in Clinton county.  
The story, with all its sickening details,  
was gleaned by the two officials from different persons.

Edna Crider was over six years old.  
She was the daughter of Daniel Crider,  
who resides on Anderson hill, about four  
miles from Haneyville. After her mother's  
death Edna remained at home with her  
father and brothers and sisters until  
about two months ago, when she went to  
live with Isaac Lebo, who resides in the  
mountains eight miles from Hyner. The  
Lebo household is composed of the husband  
and wife, Samuel, a son, aged about 30,  
and another son, an idiot, aged about 19.  
On Tuesday morning 6th, Mr. and Mrs. Lebo  
went to Renovon, leaving at home the two  
sons and Edna. There were also three or  
four men from Herritt's lumber camp at  
the house.

One of these woodsmen struck up a  
friendship with the child. He gained her  
childish regard by giving her a nickel.  
In her innocence the little girl was soon  
attracted to the man. He fondled her and  
she submitted to his caresses without complaint.  
Later on the man gave her another five cent  
piece. As the morning wore away, Samuel  
Lebo with the other woodsmen went to the  
barn, leaving the one man and the child  
at the house.

After Samuel and his companions  
returned to the house, they found that the  
child and her acquaintance were not there.  
Samuel called Edna with the intention  
of telling her to assist the other brother  
do the house work, but there was no response.  
After looking over the premises, and not  
being able to find her, Samuel concluded  
that the child had, during his absence, taken  
a sudden notion to go to her father, and  
he paid no further attention to her disappearance.

When Isaac Lebo and his wife returned  
from Renovon that evening, they were told  
about the child going away, but as it was  
then late, they did not make any further  
inquiries. The next morning they learned  
that the child had not gone home. At once  
searching parties were formed, but the child  
could not be found. Meantime the strange  
disappearance of the little one spread  
throughout that section and the residents  
became wrought up to high pitches of excitement.

Wednesday morning 7th Mr. Herritt  
turned his entire force of men out and  
they divided off in sections, on a hunt for  
the missing child. About 10 o'clock, two  
of the woodsmen, Cushing and Hennessey  
by name, passed the edge of a woods,  
which is about 100 yards from Lebo's  
house. Here under a clump of bushes,  
almost hidden from sight, they saw the  
dead body of the little girl lying on the  
ground. The body was in such a mutilated  
condition that a description cannot  
here be given. It is enough to say, however,  
that there was unmistakable evidence  
that the child had been outraged. There  
were also dark marks on the child's neck,  
whether made by the fiend to prevent her  
from screaming, or whether to cause death  
after he had succeeded in committing his  
hellish deed, is not at this time known. The  
depressions in the ground and the manner  
in which the bushes had been torn and  
trampled, indicate that there had been a  
struggle, but the feeble child had little  
show when in the clutches of the strong  
monster.

A verdict of death from violence at  
the hands of a man then unknown was  
soon rendered by the Coroner's jury as  
the evidence of the crime was indisputable.

### TWO SUSPECTS ARRESTED.

John Cushman and Paul Koitsch, Jr.,  
were arrested at Herit's lumber camp  
near the Lebo home on Friday morning  
on suspicion of one or the other having  
killed the girl. Both men are from Williamsport.  
Koitsch is the son of Doctor Koitsch,  
a German physician. Cushman is well known  
to the police of Williamsport, having been  
in numerous bad scrapes. He has done time  
in the penitentiary. He was arrested several  
times for attempting to kill his wife, who was  
formerly Mrs. Hannah McCarty. On the lining  
of a pair of trousers belonging to Cushman

blood was found. A portion of the lining  
had been cut out. A portion of the lining  
had also been cut from the trousers be-  
longing to Koitsch, but there were no in-  
dications of blood.

When arrested Koitsch fell upon his  
knees and called upon God to witness his  
declaration of innocence. He then accused  
Cushman of being the child's murderer.  
Cushman was extremely nervous, trembling  
like a leaf, but he denied all knowledge of  
the crime.

The arrest of the men was made by  
Detective Keller, Constable Martin, and  
District Attorney Hall.

Had the men not been immediately  
taken to Lock Haven they would undoubtedly  
have been lynched, such is the temper  
of the people.

### Death's Shining Mark.

Robert Kerr Stevenson, son of Mr. and  
Mrs. John Stevenson of Morris Run, Pa.,  
died in Baltimore, Md., Saturday morning  
July 3, from the effects of injuries received  
in the great steel works located at Sparrows  
Point, Md.

He was a member of the Junior class  
at Penna State College and took first prize  
at the recent Junior Oratorical contest.  
During the months of his vacation Mr.  
Stevenson's attention was directed to zealous  
efforts whereby he could gain a practical  
knowledge of studies embraced in his college  
work. For this reason he chose to spend a  
part of his vacation in Baltimore where he  
was afforded an opportunity to enter the  
steel mills. An explosion of molten metal,  
one day last week, inflicted injury from  
which he could not recover.

### Tyrene Postoffice Receipts.

Postmaster W. Fiske Conrad has completed  
the annual statement for the year ending  
June 30, showing that the receipts from  
the sale of stamps and stamped goods and  
box rents were \$23,423.81 a gain of nearly  
\$9,000. The money order business, however,  
is the most notable exhibit. There were 3,745  
money orders issued, amounting to \$22,125.61,  
and 69,217 money orders were paid amounting  
to \$165,825.61. There were also 28,583 pieces  
of registered matter received for Tyrene and  
16,639 pieces handled in transit, a total of 45,222  
pieces.

### A Sermon Before the Game.

About one thousand men and boys  
who had jumped the fence at the Shamokin  
ball grounds last Sunday afternoon to witness  
a game were taken back when Rev. Henry Seuler,  
an evangelist, also made his way over the fence  
and jumping on a seat began an address on  
the gospel. After finishing his remarks he  
prayed fervently, hoping that everything  
that would be done on the grounds would  
be for the glory of God. The two teams,  
the Bunker Hill Nine and Lone Stars,  
had about this time made their appearance  
and the game went on.

### A Boy's Neck Broken.

A frightful accident occurred on the  
farm of John Seibert, four miles west of  
this place July 1st. Little Charles Dale,  
5 year old son of Samuel Dale, of Warriors-  
mark, with his mother, was visiting at  
Seibert's home. The lad was swinging on  
the stay chain of a hay wagon when the  
horses started and he was thrown under  
the wheels.

John Seibert came out of the house  
just at the instant the rear wheels were  
passing over his neck. The heavy front  
wheels had killed him. His neck was broken.

### A Sufficient Reason, Certainly.

William H. Yearick, of Miles town-  
ship, Centre county, attempted suicide at  
the Hotel Musser, Milheim, two weeks  
ago. When found in bed by the porter he  
was scarcely breathing, and a sponge saturated  
with chloroform was tied over his mouth.  
The physician worked with him a long time  
and finally restored him to consciousness.  
The only excuse he gave for the act was  
that he wanted to die.

### Dead in the Barn.

The venerable Thomas Marshall suddenly  
expired in the barn on the McKnight farm,  
near Hunter's Park June 31. He had been  
unwell for a few days, on Wednesday evening  
he left the field ahead of the other men  
to go to the house. After unhitching the  
horse from the hay rake he led it into  
the stable and was about to unhar-  
ness it when he dropped dead.

### A Close Call.

Robert Moyer, baggage master on the  
Lewisburg train, was knocked out of  
his car, at Axe Mann, Thursday 1st by  
having his head knocked by a building  
that stands dangerously near the track.  
He was leaning out too far, seeing that  
a baby carriage was gotten off all right.  
He was cut and bruised about the head  
and shoulders, but not dangerously hurt.

### Alkens Store.

Children's all-wool spring coats, selling  
at \$2. Earlier in the season, these  
goods sold at \$5. Aug. 15.

## THE MONETARY COMMISSION

"Wabbling William" is the Presi-  
dents New Name.

### TARIFF BILL IN SIGHT

It Will Soon be Passed and Approved—McKin-  
ley's Backbone Needed Bracing—Death of  
a Prominent Senator—He was a Poor  
Man.

"Wabbling William" is the rather un-  
complimentary name that has been applied  
to Mr. McKinley by prominent members  
of his party, because of his lightning  
changes of mind in connection with that  
special message to Congress asking for  
the authority to appoint a currency com-  
mission. One day he would tell the promi-  
nent members of his party who called to  
protest against his sending in the message  
that he had made up his mind to withhold  
it until the regular session and make  
the recommendation in his annual mes-  
sage, but the next day, when the agents  
of the banking interests put the screws  
to him and reminded him of his campaign  
promises and their campaign contribu-  
tions, he would announce to them that  
the message should go in. He kept this  
up for several days, much to the disgust  
of those who applied the epithet of  
"Wabbling William" to him and did not  
finally decide the matter until Secretary  
Gage, the personal representative of the  
bankers, had secured the assistance of  
the rest of the cabinet to help brace his  
backbone up. The authority to appoint a  
currency commission will not be given to  
Mr. McKinley at this session of Congress,  
nor at the next. It is possible that a bill  
creating such a commission may be passed  
at the next session, but it will not give  
Mr. McKinley the choosing of its members.  
If there is to be such a commission, the  
silver democrats will see to it that it shall  
not be packed in the interest of the single  
gold standard.

The death of Senator Harris, of Tenn.,  
whose funeral took place in the Senate  
chamber on Saturday, removed a striking  
figure from the arena of National politics,  
one whose ideas of personal integrity were  
as old-fashioned and straight-laced as his  
ideas of party fealty, and who didn't have  
one set of ideas for public use and another  
set to govern his private actions. During  
his half century of public life, Isham G.  
Harris was a credit to his State and to the  
democratic party, and was never guilty of  
an act that even his most bitter political  
enemy,—he had no personal enemies—could  
cast suspicion upon. Having said that  
much, it is needless to add that Senator  
Harris died a poor man.

The democratic Senators and Representatives,  
who are members of the Conference com-  
mittee on the tariff bill, know no more  
of what that committee is doing than the  
ranked outsider does. The republicans  
informed them as soon as the Conference  
began that they wished to fight their differ-  
ences out among themselves without hav-  
ing anybody else present, and, of course,  
the democrats retired and will remain out  
of the conference until sent for. The republicans  
evidently regard Jones, of Nevada, as one  
of themselves, as he not only was not asked  
to retire, but is taking a very prominent  
part in the conference as an able assistant  
to Senator Aldrich in championing the  
interests of the sugar trust. It is said  
the republicans expect to reach an agree-  
ment by the middle of the week. If they  
do, the tariff bill will become a law  
before the end of the week, and Congress  
will at once adjourn.

### NO APPROPRIATION.

State Hatcheries Overlooked by the  
Legislature.

Another oversight of the recent "re-  
form" legislature was brought to light  
when it was learned that that body had,  
by mistake, omitted to insert in the gen-  
eral appropriation bill an item giving  
the state fish commission \$40,000. The  
result will be that all the state hatcheries  
will be closed and 60,000 breeding fish  
turned into the streams.

Commissioners Stillwagon and Demuth  
were at Harrisburg in consultation with  
the governor, and it was agreed that the  
blunder could not be remedied. The  
\$15,000 for a fish warden and deputies,  
created by the Baldwin bill, is also un-  
provided for in the general appropriation  
bill. The governor has decided to veto  
the new fish bill in the light of these  
blunders.

### A Good Haul.

On Wednesday morning, it was dis-  
covered that some one had gained an en-  
trance to the Belleville Club house,  
on High street, by forcing a window  
open at the rear of the building. About  
\$30 in cash were taken from a desk in  
the upper room.

### THE NEW ROAD LAW.

A Synopsis of the Measure Signed Recently  
by the Governor.

Following is a synopsis of the Hamil-  
ton road law, a measure which has been  
signed by the governor:

First. That at the February election  
in 1898, three supervisors shall be elected,  
one for three years, one for two years  
and one for one year, and one shall be  
elected for three years each succeeding  
year thereafter.

Second. These supervisors shall levy  
the road tax for their respective townships.  
It shall not exceed ten mills.

Third. Not less than one-fourth nor  
more than one-half shall be paid in money,  
balance in work.

Fourth. Townships must be divided  
into road districts of not less than five  
miles to the district. A road master shall  
have charge of each district. He must give  
bond for performance of duties. Board  
of supervisors shall fix wages paid road  
master and laborers.

Fifth. The board of supervisors shall  
purchase all materials and let all contracts.  
Notice of contract lettings to be published  
in two newspapers, or by twenty hand  
bills posted up.

Sixth. Stone crushers and other road  
machinery may be owned jointly by townships.

Seventh. Treasurer of road fund  
shall give sufficient surety.

Eighth. Rebates allowed for prompt  
payment of tax. Penalties for non-pay-  
ment after a certain date. Treasurer's  
salary fixed by board of supervisors.

Ninth. Five days' notice to be given  
all who wish to work part of their tax.

Tenth. Failure to respond after five  
days' notice forfeits the right to work  
out the tax. The whole amount then to be  
collected in cash.

Eleventh. No public road hereafter  
made shall have a higher grade than three  
degrees.

Twelfth. Board of supervisors to re-  
ceive \$1.50 per day, each, for attending  
meetings of the board.

Thirteenth. Vacancies in boards to be  
filled by appointment by the judge of  
court of quarter sessions.

Fourteenth. Road accounts shall be  
audited by township auditors annually.

Fifteenth. Reports to be made by  
board of supervisors in March each year  
to the secretary of the department of  
agriculture, of tax levied and money ex-  
pended.

Sixteenth. The board shall keep ac-  
curate minutes of their proceedings.

Seventeenth. Supervisors shall not be  
interested financially in any contracts let,  
work done or purchases made. Heavy  
penalties upon conviction.

Eighteenth. Penalties for violations of  
any of the provisions of this act.

Nineteenth. Existing laws to govern  
convictions for derelictions of duties of  
supervisors and road masters.

The provisions of the act are not to go  
into effect until a state appropriation of  
\$1,000,000 has been made to be expended  
on the roads. Said appropriation to be  
apportioned among the townships in  
proportion to the number of miles of  
roads in each township. No township  
will receive more of said appropriation  
than is raised in the township by local  
taxation, including money and work tax.

### A Generous Man.

The late J. C. Blair, of Huntingdon,  
in a codicil to his will bequeathed \$68,  
000 worth of stock in the J. C. Blair  
Manufacturing company to thirty-nine  
of its trusted employees. His superin-  
tendent, Eimer Africa, will receive \$50,  
000 stock. All the employees received  
handsome bequests. His estate amounted  
to about \$300,000 the larger portion  
of which he gave to his wife.

Here is a sample of generosity that is  
worthy of commendation. Mr. Blair  
shows his gratitude for the men who  
assisted in accumulating his vast wealth.

### For Gas And Water.

The result of the vote in Tyrene to au-  
thorize a loan of \$108,000 for a gas and  
water plant was 472 for, 307 against;  
majority in favor of the loan 165. The  
voting population is 1500. Since then  
proceedings have been instituted to pre-  
vent the scheme on the ground that the  
election was irregular.

### Another Warning.

Mr. Frank Armoa, a young man about  
seventeen years old, while riding from  
Hecla Park to Lock Haven on Saturday  
on the caboose of a freight train, was  
thrown off and seriously hurt. He was  
taken to his home where he lingered  
over Saturday night and died on Sunday.

### Flaxo Located.

Last January Andrew Flaxo, a Hunga-  
rian, shot and killed John Garber,  
a fellow countryman, at Clarence, near  
Snow Shoe. Flaxo fled the country at  
once. The murderer has been located in  
Hungary, where he can be secured if  
an effort is made to prosecute the crim-  
inal.

## GOV. HASTINGS DEFIES QUAY

Promise of Another Battle Among  
Political Giants.

### HASTINGS SHOWS BACKBONE

Has Taken a Strong Stand in Refusing to Ap-  
prove Quays Political Measures—An Effort  
will be made to Defeat Quay for the  
U. S. Senate.

If the rumors, afloat in the papers,  
during the past week, can be relied upon,  
another bad breach has occurred in the  
republican camp. Senator Quay and Gov.  
Hastings can't pull in the same traces  
again, and soon will be engaged in a  
war dance, whetting their tomahawks  
and have another set-to for each others'  
political scalps. Quay and Hastings have  
fought and made up on previous occa-  
sions, and now it seems that another  
interesting spat will follow.

The situation in brief is easily told.  
Senators Quay and Penrose recently  
called on the Governor and urged him  
to sign the Becker bill, which was in-  
tended to benefit Quay's Philadelphia friends.

Hastings refused positively. It is said  
that in the interview that followed some  
warm compliments followed. It had  
been expected that Senator Quay would  
not be a candidate for a re-election  
and would favor Gov. Hastings as his  
successor. Since this interview, the  
Senator has announced that he would be  
willing to serve again and will seek a  
re-election. This move has stirred up  
the politicians, and it now looks as though  
another fight will follow, in which Quay  
will have a stronger opposition than  
heretofore. Gov. Hastings may not be  
the opposing candidate, but the down-  
fall of Quay, rule in state politics will  
be the aim. This means, that there will  
be lively times ahead in the republican  
camp.

Several times has Quay betrayed  
Hastings. Quay recently imposed an  
expense of \$66,000 on the state by his  
useless Lexow investigation in Philadel-  
phia—nothing more than a political job.  
Gov. Hastings should also veto that  
appropriation. The Gov. has been develop-  
ing a remarkable amount of backbone of  
late in dealing with politicians and the  
public can not help but applaud his  
course.

### A Sunday Fight.

On Sunday afternoon a fight occurred  
among a lot of miners in the vicinity of  
Snow Shoe, at Holt's mines, about three  
miles from the Beech Creek railroad  
station. As usual the men had been  
celebrating, and a fight ensued. One  
of the men got badly used up. Joseph  
Yokoboska, a Poland, got a number  
of severe cuts about the head, back and  
his left ear, that were considered dan-  
gerous. On Monday morning Constable  
Chambers, of Snow Shoe, brought Steve  
Shedlock to Belleville and had him com-  
mitted to jail for the offence.

Since, the injured man's condition has  
not proved as serious as at first ap-  
peared. The man that got cut had been  
the aggressor in the fight and picked up  
an axe to assault the others. In the  
struggle that followed, he received some  
rough handling. At his request the pro-  
secution was discontinued. All costs  
having been paid, the prisoner was re-  
leased from jail on Wednesday after-  
noon. By this method the county is  
saved all expense of a useless trial, and  
it is the best for all concerned.

### An Old Veteran Gone.

Joseph Clark, died in Pittsburg Satur-  
day from sunstroke and his remains  
were brought to Belleville for interment  
Monday in the Union Cemetery.

He resided in Snow Shoe for several  
years. He served with credit during the  
late war, being a member of Co. G. 51st  
regiment, Penna. Volunteers.

Deceased was a member of the Odd  
Fellows which order had charge of the  
funeral services.

The pall-bearers were: Emil Joseph,  
J. C. Myer, W. B. Rankin, W. T. Hill-  
bish, R. A. Beck and H. B. Pontius,  
Rev. W. O. Wright of Milesburg con-  
ducted the services.

Joseph A. Clark was born in Karthaus  
and was 64 years 11 month 12 days old.  
He was married to Miss Martha Dixon  
of Belleville, who with their two children  
Lida and Tressa survive him.

### Snow Shoe Work.

The coal miners in the Snow Shoe dis-  
trict are all working, they having refused  
to join the strike. Some 2,000 miners  
are employed in that district, and all  
have steady work. More coal is ship-  
ped from the Snow Shoe district now  
than for many years.

### Smoker's Heart-Burn.

Heart-burn from excessive smoking,  
or from any other cause, is relieved by  
the first dose of No. 10, Dr. Humphrey's  
Specific for Dyspepsia-25c all druggists.

### DIED FOR LOVE'S SAKE.

A Young Girl Commits Suicide at Phillips-  
burg.

Miss Mertie Barto, the 17-year-old  
daughter of Samuel Barto, of North  
Phillipsburg, committed suicide at the  
residence of George P. Files, of Eleventh  
street, Sunday morning. A 2-ounce  
bottle, which the evening before had con-  
tained about an ounce and a half of  
laudanum, had been emptied, and the  
poor girl drank it to put herself out of  
the world. What time she had drunk  
the deadly poison was not known.

It is said that she had been keeping  
company with a cousin of hers, a young  
man named Walker, and on account of  
their close relationship her father ob-  
jected to her going with him, and whether  
she had any other troubles or not we  
have not learned.

### Uncle Sam's Land Possessions.

"The area of the United States is  
3,025,600 square miles; with Alaska it is  
3,602,999 square miles, equal to the area  
of all Europe, with Italy and Turkey ex-  
cepted," writes William George Jordan  
in "The Greatest Nation on Earth," in  
the July Ladies Home Journal. "Texas  
its largest state, is two hundred and  
twelve times the size of Rhode Island.  
Texas might invite every man, woman  
and child now living in the world to  
settle within its territory, offering each  
individual a plot of ground forty-nine  
and a half feet by one hundred feet. The  
state would not be really crowded, for  
each individual would have four times  
the space taken by each person in New  
York City, England, Ireland, Scotland  
Wales, Italy and Portugal could be trans-  
planted to Texas and there would still  
be room for a good sized promenade,  
where curious Americans could while  
studying this bit of Europe. Three of  
the cattle ranches of Texas cover as much  
territory as the Sandwich islands, which  
we were to annex four years ago.

### Smith—Goodfellow.

On Wednesday evening, July 7th, a  
pretty wedding ceremony occurred at  
Unionville in which Mr. William P.  
Smith of this place and Miss Bella May  
Goodfellow were married at the home of  
the bride's parents, at that place. The  
ceremony was performed by Rev. D. L.  
Jones, of Belleville, and was witnessed  
by only a few intimate friends of the  
contracting parties. They returned to  
Belleville and now occupy their newly  
furnished home on Logan street. The  
young people have our hearty con-  
gratulations.

### Weather Predictions.

A warm wave will cross the west of  
Rockies country about 11th, great cen-  
tral valleys 13th and eastern states 15th.  
A cool wave will cross the west of Rock-  
ies country about 14th, great central val-  
leys 16th and eastern states 18th.

In most parts of the United States  
July is the hottest month in the year. The  
normal or average of the Julys of  
many years past reaches its highest  
point between the 8th and 18th.

For July the rainfall divides into three  
principal dates, not far from the 1st, 16th  
and last days of the month.

### Cannon for the Asking.

A good many of the nearby towns  
just now are taking advantage of the  
offer of congress to give to any Grand  
Army post that may apply for it one of  
the old cannon which are now lying  
useless and neglected at the navy yards.  
The cannon are old style models which  
were just the thing thirty years ago,  
but their places have been filled by  
guns of modern type.—Lock Haven  
Express.

### Another Star.

Hereafter the American flag will  
contain forty-five stars. They will be  
arranged in six rows, the first, third  
and fifth each to contain eight stars  
and the second, fourth and sixth each  
seven.

### Band Festival.

The Pleasant Gap band will hold a  
festival on Saturday evening in the Park,  
at that place. The Zion band will be  
present to enliven the occasion with  
some of their choice music. Elegant re-  
freshments will be served too.

—Dr. Thos. Van Tries, one of the Profes-  
sors in the Rowe College at Johnstown,  
Pa., was in town this week.

—The Brockberhoff House is entertain-  
ing a large number of summer guests,  
who have taken a liking to Belleville.

—Mr. Simon Katz, who had been vis-  
iting his cousin Joseph Katz, during the  
past week, departed on Wednesday.

—Miss Maggie Groh, of Carlisle, Pa.,  
is visiting her aunt, Mrs. H. Y. Stitzer,  
on High street. She will be here for  
several weeks.

—The Methodist Sunday schools, of  
Clinton County, are picnicking at Hecla  
Park, to-day. It is a large gathering.