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ATTEMPTED TO KILL HIS WIFE.

A Sensational Shooting Affray at Philipsburg.

IS IN A CRITICAL CONDITION.

Samuel Gilham Dangerously Wounds His Wife at Philipsburg, On Saturday Evening—He is in Jail and She is in the Hospital, But May Recover

On Saturday night, about 7 o'clock, the sharp crack of a revolver startled the persons who had collected at the Pennsylvania passenger station in Philipsburg, awaiting the departure of the "Jerkwater" for Morrisdale Mines, and a young woman, grasping her face in her hands, ran into the ladies' waiting room, while a small man, with a pistol, was seized by Roland Burchfield, baggage master, who had witnessed the murderous assault. The latter, however, felt himself constrained to release his hold of the man, who pointed the pistol at Mr. Burchfield and threatened to shoot him also. The man with the pistol was Samuel Gilham, formerly of this place, and was well known here as a member of Gilham's Big Six band. The woman was his wife, a daughter of Thomas Morarity, of Hawk Run. The Gilhams have not for some time been "dwelling together in unity," but separate and apart, the wife in Osceola, and the husband in Shamokin, from whence the latter had come and telephoned, as he alleges, to have his wife meet him in Philipsburg.

When first noticed by Mr. Burchfield, Mrs. Gilham, in an excited condition, was standing on the steps of the ladies room. The husband, a few minutes later, approached her and wanted her to walk with him to Hawk Run. She refused, saying that he hadn't treated her right, and added that she couldn't live with him. He, thereupon, threatened to kill her if she did not accompany him. She replied that he would't dare do that, as the law would't allow it. He then asked her to walk around the station building, but she refused and he started. Finding that she did not follow, he went up to her again, caught her by the shoulder, and saying, "you won't, won't you?" drew his revolver, and placing it against her cheek, fired. The ball entered a little below the left eye socket, and came out a trifle lower on the right cheek, inflicting an ugly but not a fatal wound. With the assistance of a couple men, she was conveyed in a carriage to the Cottage hospital, where the wound was properly cared for.

In the meantime, having got away from Mr. Burchfield, Gilham ran down the railroad track and succeeded in getting on the train at the switch adjoining the freight station. He did not hesitate to tell what he had done, and inferring from the actions of baggage master O'Connor and others that he might be arrested, he became demonstrative and threatened to shoot any one who would attempt it. He left the train and went to his father-in-law's house to tell what he had been doing. He walked back to Philipsburg, and finding that his wife had been taken to the hospital, went thither to ascertain how badly he had hurt her. While there he was captured by Constable Ira Howe and her father, Mr. Morarity, and brought to town at 10.45 p. m. On Sunday morning he was brought before J. C. Williams, Justice of the Peace, to whom he admitted the shooting of his wife, and said he did it for revenge. He said to a Journal reporter that he did not intend to kill her, but blow her nose off so as to disfigure her face, but just as she fired she turned her head and the bullet did not strike the place he had intended.

Officer Harry Simler, Constable Howe and George Hurly took Gilham to Bellefonte Sunday and lodged him safely in jail, where he will remain until he can be tried.

The affair was at first greatly exaggerated, and created a great deal of excitement among our citizens, many of whom rushed to the depot to ascertain the facts and to render any assistance that might be required.

The above account of the shooting affray at Philipsburg, is taken from the Journal, of that place and gives a correct version of the case.

Broke Her Arm.

On Monday Mrs. John Uzzle, of Snow Shoe, had a painful accident in a peculiar way. She was attending to washing clothes and while rubbing same on the board in a tub her arm was broken above the wrist.

It will be a mistake to tell this around as all the women are liable to go on a strike on Mondays, and the men take hold of the wash tub.

BARN DESTROYED.

On the Mudlick Farm Between Julian and Martha.

The large farm barn located on the Mudlick farm, between Martha and Julian, was totally destroyed by fire on Thursday morning 14th. H. K. Mattern farmed on the place and he lost the entire of this year's crop consisting of grains, hay, some corn and potatoes. All the farming implements, harness, wagons and buggies went up in smoke. A number of chickens were burned but as luck would have it the cattle and horses were in the field. The loss is heavy but it is said to be covered with insurance.

GREENSVALLEY'S KLONDIKE.

The gold find in Greensvalley, as mentioned in last issue, seems to be causing considerable comment among the lads about Hecla. What was published heretofore came from one of the men who was working on the improvements and evidently had a hand in playing a joke on our friend Mr. Cline Zimmerman.

Now Mr. Zimmerman thinks it is his time to make a few remarks and sends the following for publication, which we very cheerfully give space in our columns:

DEAR EDITOR:—The author of the item, in last week's CENTRE DEMOCRAT, on the Greensvalley Klondike, evidently must have been bad off for a subject to write upon, from the fact that the joke, to the rest of the crowd, a few minutes after its occurrence, was as stale as Cleveland Democracy, or as a joke from one who attempts to joke and who is one of the back numbers at that business. The party at whose expense the article was written has very often heard of similar jokes although not told in the same way, and is not deceived so easily as all that, and is not in need of any quack remedies for the Klondike trouble. We are not troubled with that disease, neither are we troubled with mouth disease, as he is.

CLINE ZIMMERMAN.

Met Sudden Death.

Last Thursday a shocking fatal accident occurred near Mill Hill. A. H. Clark, a brakeman on the local freight train, No. 13, coming west, while in the act of switching a car on the siding at the Bald Eagle junction, forgetting the overhead bridge near the siding, was struck on the back of the head and knocked down on the roof of the car. Fortunately he did not roll off or he might have been badly mangled. Two of the crew saw the accident occur, but were unable to aid him or give him warning, as he had his back turned towards them. The train was backed down to Mill Hill, and the young man taken in to the Beech Creek station, where he soon died without regaining consciousness. The unfortunate man was aged about 25 years. Up until quite recently he had worked at Patton, but since then had been running on local freight. His parents live at English Centre.

Sprinkled With Shot.

Prothonotary John B. Lesher, of Lock Haven, met with an accident Tuesday afternoon. William Haines, Mr. Uzzle, Mr. Beecher, of Snow Shoe, R. L. McCullough, and Mr. Lesher were hunting on the mountains at what is known as Beecher's camp. Not knowing that Mr. Lesher was coming up the ravine, one or two of the men discharged their guns at a pheasant. Mr. Lesher happened to be in the course taken by the loads and received six of the stray shot. One of the shot imbedded itself in the left eyeball. Drs. Kosure and Watson of Williamsport, made an examination, and ascertained that the sight of the wounded eye was completely destroyed, and that to save the sight of the other one, it would be necessary to go to a specialist in Philadelphia.

Tax Collector in Trouble.

Jos. Castleberry was elected as tax collector in Howard township, during the years '92, '93 and '94. He became short in his accounts for about \$500 which amount was collected from his bondsmen. They in turn had the official arrested for embezzlement and he finally was placed in the county jail in consequence. On Monday he was released upon the bond given by Messrs John Leathers and John G. Uzzle.

Mr. Castleberry is a man well advanced in years and it seems strange that his matured years did not teach him that it was best to make a full return of the monies entrusted to his care.

Clearfield County's Poor.

The expenses of the Clearfield county home last year was \$30,957.16. The products of the farm and the donations received amounted to \$9,003.87, which makes the total expense to the county, \$21,954.31.

By staying away from the election your indifference is practically an endorsement of republican corruption at Harrisburg.

FATALLY INJURED AT FOOT BALL.

Resulted in the Death of Benjamin Rich.

WAS A WIDOW'S ONLY SON.

Occurred at Bellwood, Pa., Last Saturday—Was Buried at Unionville on Tuesday—Formerly Resided in Bellefonte—A Sad Affair.

The following account of the death of Benjamin H. Rich, last Saturday, is taken from the Tyrone Herald:

Saturday afternoon the Tyrone football team went up to Bellwood to meet an engagement previously made with the team of that town. The game had not proceeded far however until an accident occurred which resulted in the death of Benjamin H. Rich, who played the position of half back for the Tyrone team. After thirteen minutes playing in the second half, G. H. Miller, right tackle for the Bellwood club was in the act of giving the ball to advance and came through Tyrone's right tackle. Rich came from left end to right where he tackled Miller. Soon as Miller was tackled the men fell to the ground, Rich under Miller. Miller alighted on Rich's chest and rolled over him. Rich got up and resumed position, but before the ball snapped he remarked that he was dizzy and could not see. Then he said to Captain Spyer of the Tyrone club to call a substitute, and laid down on the field where he was standing. He was then taken from the field and put in charge of a couple of Tyrone substitutes. He soon became unconscious, and after a lapse of some time he was placed on an improvised stretcher and removed to the Bell House. On the way to the hotel he breathed his last, the hour being about 6 o'clock.

The only visible marks on the body of the unfortunate young man was a heavy bruise between the shoulders and a scar on the face. All the players agree that Rich was hurt by falling underneath Miller. The jury rendered this verdict: "That death was caused by internal hemorrhage of the brain, superinduced by an over exertion while tackling G. H. Miller and striking his head on ground or stone. It was purely accidental."

The home coming was made particularly sad, because not a member of Rich's family was in Tyrone at the time, both his mother and sister being away on a visit, the latter in Philadelphia.

Benjamin H. Rich was 22 years of age and was the trusted pharmaceutical clerk and superintendent of the Logan Avenue drug store of J. S. Smith. He had been a resident of Tyrone for more than a year and his kind disposition and good character had made him many friends, who very deeply mourn his sad and sudden death at the time he was entering a life full of hope and happiness. He was the only support on a widowed mother. On Monday forenoon funeral services were conducted at the home of Mrs. Study by Rev. A. J. Weisley of the Presbyterian church, and the remains were removed to Unionville on the Bald Eagle Valley in the afternoon. The funeral occurred at Unionville Tuesday afternoon.

Several years ago Mrs. Rich and her son resided in Bellefonte, on High street, opposite the court house. While here Mrs. Rich was matron at the Brockerhoff House and her son clerked in Kepling's drug store. A number of their friends attended the interment at Unionville, on Tuesday.

Found Their Gun and Canteen.

A strange story has come to light through the Pennsylvania railroad excursions to Gettysburg. On the first of the recent excursions, two Muncy veterans boarded the train at that place. They had not seen the field since the days of the battle in 1863. On the last day the one had hidden his musket and the other his canteen under a ledge of rocks on the field, and they were going down to hunt for them. After a short search the rocks were found, and under them, to the intense surprise of the veterans, was found the canteen and the barrel of the musket, the stock having almost entirely rotted away. The prizes were secured, and are now in the possession of the two gentlemen.

Daily Discontinued.

The Philipsburg Record recently tried the experiment of publishing a daily paper at that place. For one week they put out an elegant, newsy sheet and then came to the conclusion that there was more glory than profit in the venture. For that reason, and it was a good one, the paper was discontinued.

Get out the vote. That is what must be done this year if we would win. We have the voters, but they must be at the polls.

MORE RAILROAD RUMORS.

The Bellefonte and Clearfield Railroad Revived Again.

The following is from the Lock Haven Express:

"It is stated on what is claimed to be reliable authority that work will in a short time be commenced on the Bellefonte and Clearfield railroad, the location of which was made under the supervision of Engineer A. V. Hoyt, of Philipsburg. The road will start on the Central Pennsylvania between Bellefonte and Milesburg, and passing Unionville will ascend Dix Run, then along the eastern slope of the mountain till it reaches the Port Matilda and Philipsburg wagon road at the watering trough about five miles west of the first named place. From thence it will strike across the six-mile run, up the Horse-hollow branch of that stream, from there across the headwaters of Bear run and winding down the western slope of the ridge will approach Philipsburg from the north. Two short tunnels will be constructed, and this will make the crossing of the mountain feasible on comparatively low grades. If this road is built, the Central will no doubt be extended from Lamar to White Deer, via Sugar Valley."

Inquiry was made of the railroad people at this place, and they claim to have no such information in their possession.

Apples and Wheat.

The fruit and products of Nittany valley are finding sale in different parts of the country. Yesterday another car load of apples was shipped from Salona for DuBois. This last shipment of this fruit makes four or five car loads shipped from the various points along the Central railroad this fall.

About fifteen car loads of wheat have also been shipped from Nittany valley, most of which has gone to eastern markets. Orders that are yet to be filled by Nittany Valley farmers will aggregate about fifty car loads. The grain was never better and the farmers are delighted that the cereal is finding such a ready sale.—L. H. Democrat.

Died on Monday Morning.

Mrs. From, widow of Jacob From, died last Monday 17th at the home of her son, Jacob, at Centre Hall, at the age of about 75 years. She had been in a demented condition for several years, and the immediate cause of her death was a general breaking down of her health. She leaves a daughter and five sons, Mrs. J. B. Solt, Wm. From, John From, Jacob From, Jonathan From and Wilse From.

Will Get His Damages.

Simon B. Brown instituted proceedings in the Lycoming county court some time ago and was given a verdict for \$5,000 for damages to his land, which damage was caused by alleged improper constructions of the Fall Brook railway. The case was appealed to the supreme court, and that body affirmed the judgment of the lower court.

Married at Howard.

Mr. H. B. Neff, of Roland, Centre county, and Miss Ida R. Leathers, of Howard, were married Thursday afternoon 14th, at the bride's home, by Rev. A. P. Wharton, a Methodist preacher, in the presence of a large company of admiring relatives and friends. A wedding feast and reception followed the tying of the nuptial knot.

Kunes Saw Mill Burned.

Kunes' saw mill, near Eagleville, was destroyed by fire about 12 o'clock Wednesday night of last week. With the mill considerable lumber was burned. The origin of the fire is unknown, but it is believed to be incendiary, as there was no fire at the mill at that hour of the night. The mill and lumber is partially insured.

A New Hall For Centre Hall.

Work has been begun on the new town hall that the Grangers are to build at Centre Hall and by next spring that town will have one of the best appointed public meeting places in the county. The new hall is to be built in the southern end of the town and will be of brick. It is to cost about \$5,000.

A Large Press.

The Williamsport Pennsylvania Grit has put into its office a Mammoth Perfecting Web printing press at an expense of thirty thousand dollars, and this week, and hereafter, will enlarge that family journal from an eight page to a sixteen page paper with additional news and other new features added.

Art Scholarship.

By provisions of an Act of Assembly of June 13, 1897, the Governor is authorized to nominate a pupil from each county of the state, who shall receive free instruction at the School of Industrial Art, Philadelphia.

SOME TIMELY OBSERVATIONS

Practical Pointers in the Present Campaign.

IS AN IMPORTANT ELECTION.

Why the Election of Brown and Ritter is Desirable—The Treasury Looting Should be Checked—The Quay Ring Should be Routed.

The cost of running the state government for four years jumped from \$30,000,000 in Pattison's time to \$48,000,000 in Hastings'. The only way to get back to honest and economical government is to make the state officials Democratic.

Hastings revolted against the Quay treasury ring, but not until the eleventh hour, and as a consequence his administration will live in history as the most extravagant we have ever had. It is high time to get back to old-fashioned Democratic honesty and economy.

Messrs Brown and Ritter, the Democratic candidates for state treasurer and auditor general, stand pledged to the people to "open the books," expose the full measure of the rascality of the Republican treasury ring, and provide against the repetition of the steals.

It costs about as much to furnish a gubernatorial home under Johnny Delaney as it used to cost to equip all the state government departments. The only way of properly rebuking this unwarranted extravagance is to vote for the Democratic candidates, Ritter and Brown.

It has been many years since so much was at stake in a state election in Pennsylvania as this fall. A Democratic victory will give the people control of the two most important departments of the government, those of state treasurer and the auditor general. In these departments fraud and recklessness can either be encouraged or checked, according as they are in the hands of men pledged to Quay, or men pledged to the people.

John P. Elkin, who was dismissed from the office of assistant attorney general for aiding and abetting a fraud upon the state treasury, head the Republican state committee. A vote for Brown and Ritter will be a vote to rebuke this impudent defiance of the right of the people to honest government.

Michael E. Brown and Walter Ritter are men of brains and unblemished record, pledged to clean government. Their Republican opponents are the personal choice of Quay, and their obligation, if elected will be to him and his following of state treasury looters.

The law provides the auditor general and state treasurer with all necessary power to expose treasury steals, punish the thieves and institute needed reforms, though all the rest of the state government should combine to prevent it. Vote for Brown and Ritter.

The legislature of 1895 was reckless and extravagant beyond precedent. But the legislature of 1897 saw it and went nearly a quarter of a million better in its steals. Vote for Brown and Ritter.

The people of Pennsylvania will never know just how shamelessly the Republican treasury ring has robbed them until they have elected a Democratic auditor general and state treasurer to "open the books."

Every decent Republican paper in the state has denounced that \$20,000 indemnity bond business as an inexcusable infamy. Yet they are following the lead of a state chairman who was on the bond, and supporting candidates who are part and parcel of the same treasury ring, with which it originated, and among whose proteges the boodles was divided.

The only way to relieve the new capitol commission of the mess of dirty scandals in which it is already involved is to elect Messrs Brown and Ritter, who, as auditor general and state treasurer, would have places upon the commission.

The pack of hungry looters who have been looking to the new capitol construction for a chance to further line their pockets at the expense of the state's taxpayers, are among the most active opponents of Messrs Brown and Ritter, in whose election they clearly see an ending of their dishonest expectations.

How Republicans can condemn the treasury looting and support the looters is not easy for an honest Democrat to understand, but that is just the position in which the Republican press of this state has placed itself.

The Dingley tariff is making rapid

progress in emptying the treasury of its moneys available for current needs.

Walter E. Ritter is not only an honorable but an able man, experienced in legislation and in every way qualified for the auditor generalship. And while his opponent is pledged to, he is pledged against, the infamous treasury ring and for every available project of retrenchment and reform.

No citizen of the state enjoys a better reputation where he is best known than Michael E. Brown, the Democratic candidate for state treasurer. He is a man of affairs and in his hands the fiscal concern of the state will be honestly and intelligently administered.

The state's population increased during the twenty years from 1870 to 1890 just 49.3 per cent. The state's expenses increased during the fourteen years from 1883 to 1897 to the full of 71.8 per cent. That's the kind of government that votes for Brown and Ritter will help the people get away from.

In fourteen years Republican legislatures have managed to increase the cost of the executive departments of the state government 222 per cent. Was there ever such shameless profligacy? And all to reward partisan hieflers.

The total expenses of the state in the Democratic year of 1883 were \$6,708,690.02. For this year they are \$13,681,701.74. Verily Republican rule is a costly luxury.

Republican legislatures meet the demands of their boodles bosses by cutting the charities and piling up the salaries.

There is but one issue in the pending state contest, and that is clean government vs. corrupt government. Messrs. Brown and Ritter represent the first and Messrs. Beacom and McCauley the latter.

Death of John Emory.

Last Thursday afternoon Mr. John Emory, a colored gentleman, had a severe fall, as he came out of the Crider building on High street. He was rendered unconscious and taken home. The physicians found that his skull was fractured by the fall. He lingered until 11 o'clock when death ensued. The interment took place on Sunday afternoon, in the Union cemetery, at this place. His age was 40 years, 4 month and 5 days.

John Emory was well known in this community. He was an excellent waiter and took great pride in his work. He was always industrious and faithful, and his genial disposition won him many friends.

Fire at Jacksonville.

Tuesday evening fire broke out in the large bank barn on the farm occupied by George Ertly, about one mile from Jacksonville. All Mr. Ertly's crop of hay, his farming implements, etc., were consumed, and two valuable horses perished. Fortunately for Mr. Ertly his grain was threshed out this year and it was therefore safe. No insurance. Mr. Joseph Long, of Flemington, owned the farm.

The origin of the fire is unknown. The total loss is placed at about \$4,000.

A Reception.

On last Saturday evening a reception was tendered to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Owens, of Braddock, at the home of his father, Mr. Josiah Owens, at Axemann. They were on their wedding tour having been married at Johnstown, on Thursday evening. The bride was Miss Mollie Warren. They returned home Wednesday evening to Braddock, Pa., where he is employed in the large steel mills.

Death of a Young Lady.

Miss Mabel M. Ginter, died at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Ginter, at this place, on Wednesday morning, at 3 o'clock. She had been ailing for some time with consumption and heart trouble. The interment takes place Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the M. E. church. Her age was about 18 years.

Wild Turkeys Plenty and Destructive.

General Woodring, of Worth township, in the Upper Bald Eagle, reports wild turkeys very plenty in the ridges back of Port Matilda, and destructive to the corn. He reports one farmer's crop nearly destroyed by turkeys husking and eating his corn faster than he could husk it.

Purchasing Quail and Trout.

The club house of the Nittany Rod and Gun club is about completed. Recently 5,000 quail and 3,000 trout were purchased for the purpose of stocking the preserve.

Big Timber Land Purchase.

A Pittsburg syndicate has purchased 6,800 acres of timber land from the estate of the late Colonel John Irvin, of Curwensville. The tract is in Somerset county.