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## FATAL SHOOTING AT GILLETOWN

Causes the Sudden Death of Anna  
Hobbins

### SAYS IT WAS ACCIDENTAL

Happened on Wednesday Morning—Some  
Suspicion That It Was Inspired  
by Jealousy—John Keenan Lodged  
in Jail.

A sensation was caused here by the report of a fatal shooting affray near J. C. Lucas' old saw mill along the Moshannon creek in Burnside township, three miles beyond Gilletown, on Wednesday morning. The authorities here were informed at once by phone and district attorney, N. B. Spangler left on the first train for that place. Many wild rumors were afloat and a large crowd assembled at the depot when the evening train from Snow Shoe came in, but all were disappointed as Oscar Holt, constable of Burnside township, brought the accused man here in a buggy at 7:30 p. m., and he was committed to the county jail.

Some time after the writer saw the prisoner in the cell, where he was engaged in eating his supper, and he gave the following general information to the sheriff for publication: Name is John Keenan, age, 23, home, Philadelphia, lumberman by occupation, during the past year lived at the home of Thomas Hobbins, a miner, who with his family has resided one mile beyond Gilletown the past three years. Wednesday morning he and Mr. Hobbins' two daughters, Anna aged 18, and Alice aged 7 years, started in a lumber wagon for Lucas' mill to get a load of wood. When near that point, while sitting in the wagon, they were handling his 32-calibre revolver, or as he said they were "playing with it," it was discharged and the ball struck Anna directly in front on the left breast. She did not become unconscious at first and was able to speak to them and requested them to take her home as soon as possible. She lived for a half-hour, but expired before they reached home, which was two miles distant. No other party witnessed the accident.

Under the circumstances it would have been unfair to interrogate the prisoner further as to the details of the shooting, and especially so when he did not have the benefit of counsel. For that reason we were content with the above statements which he willingly gave. He naturally displayed some nervousness as he peered through his cell door. Though he may be innocent, the events that transpired and his peculiar position in the affair are sufficient to cause great anxiety.

Mr. Keenan made no effort to escape and willingly surrendered himself.

The young man, while in that community, always bore a good reputation and he never had any misunderstandings with the girl. The general impression is that it was accidental.

The accident happened out on an island in Moshannon creek, where they had driven to get the wood. As the Moshannon is the boundary line between Clearfield and Centre counties, it may be a question as to which county will have the jurisdiction in the case.

### KILLED NEAR TYRONE.

Another tragedy occurred at Tunneltown, near Spruce Creek, at that notorious spot in Huntingdon county, where much blood has been spilled from the bodies of negroes at the hand of the assassin's bullet in the past year.

Monday night about 11 o'clock at a speak-easy, in the village of huts and hovels, two colored men, named Roy Mitchell and "Gus" Hoskins, were playing crap when a dispute arose. It did not take very long for the quarrel to arise to a white heat, when in less time than it takes to tell it Hoskins whipped out his revolver and resting the muzzle almost against the head of Mitchell fired. The ball entered Mitchell's head at the butt of one of his ears and passed through his head and through two board partitions in the house. It was a 41-calibre revolver that Hoskins used.

Hoskins at once fled. He was joined by two other negroes who are probably as desperate characters as he is. The coroner of Huntingdon county repaired to Spruce Creek and held an inquest over the body of Mitchell, which was simply a matter of form, as it proved to be only another killing for which Tunneltown has become so notorious, and which is now so common that it hardly creates a ripple in the community when a negro is murdered. The body of Mitchell was shipped to his home at Philadelphia.

### Dogs Killed Sheep.

J. B. Gentzel, who lives one mile east of Pleasant Gap, had fourteen sheep killed by dogs last week and the balance of a flock of one hundred scattered to the four winds of the earth.

## U. B. APPOINTMENTS.

The sixty-second session of the Allegheny conference, United Brethren church, closed at Greensburg Monday morning. Rev. Allen Rhen who has been pastor of the Bellefonte church for the past three years goes to Punxsutawney and Rev. T. W. Perks comes from Johnstown here. The appointments in the Altoona district are as follows:

Altoona district, G. W. Sherrick presiding elder, Tyrone—Altoona, First church, W. Williamson; Altoona, Second church, S. S. Hough; Bellefonte, T. W. Perks; Bellwood, C. C. Miller; Bigler, George Noden; Birmingham, M. O. Lane, Clarrington, J. E. Robb; East Clearfield, W. A. Bair; Coalport, A. B. Wilson; Conemaugh, J. M. Lisher; Dubois, J. S. Pittman; East Salem, N. H. Newell; East Freedom, R. P. Roberts; Glasgow, O. T. Stewart; Huntingdon, B. C. Shaw; Hustontown, E. James; Johnstown, First church, J. L. L. Resler; Juniata, H. T. Denlinger; Knoxdale, J. D. Haines; Lickingville, A. J. Berth; Liverpool, R. Jamison; LaJose, W. H. Mattern; Mahaffey, C. E. Kahler; Mahoning, A. M. Long; Mapleton, R. S. Woodward; New Paris, D. Boshinger; Orbisonia, J. C. Erb; Patchenville, E. B. Traux; Philipsburg, J. L. Graham; Port Matilda, G. A. Sparks; Punxsutawney, Allen Rhen; Runville, B. J. Hummel; Stormstown, E. B. Somers; Williamsport, to be supplied. Three Springs, W. R. Dillen; Tyrone, W. W. Rymer; West Decatur, A. Bendle; Woodland, C. C. Bingham; Union, to be supplied; W. R. Funk, publishing house agent; G. A. Funkhouser, professor in United Brethren Seminary; W. J. Zuck, professor in Otterbein university.

### "THERE ARE NO TRUSTS"

The Philad. "Ledger" has already shown that there has been issued from the Government Printing Office at Washington a list of 267 works on the subject of trusts in this country, which have been for a year or more on the shelves of the Congressional Library, and that one of them is a disquisition on trusts by Senator Hanna himself, in which he not only acknowledges the existence of these combinations of capital for the restriction of trade, but defends, justifies and exalts them. Of course, when the Chairman of the Republican Committee stated in his Chicago speech that he did not believe there is a single trust in the United States he was ignorant that hundreds of persons, he among the others, had acknowledged they did exist by writing about them, that their writings are in the Congressional Library, and that his own admission of their existence was among the proofs duly catalogued and listed.

### Woman Burned to Death.

Mrs. Rudolph Kline, aged 35 years, of Granville, Millin Co., while assisting her husband remove a kettle of apple butter from off the fire, set her clothing ablaze. Before the flames could be extinguished her flesh was burned to a crisp, from which her death resulted three hours later.

### Boy Badly Scalded.

Clifford Held, a boy five years of age, was badly scalded at noon Wednesday at the home of Charles Harter, in Logan. The coffee was being served at the dinner table when the accident occurred and the little fellow is badly scalded about the face, neck and arms.

### One Hundred and Tenth Reunion.

The reunion of the 110th Pennsylvania Veteran Association will be held in Bellefonte on the 30th and 31st of October. It is now thirty-five years since it was mustered out at Harrisburg, and in all those years some comrades have never attended a reunion.

### Suicide at Adamsburg.

Isaac Saltsman, a blacksmith and carriage maker, of Adamsburg, Snyder county, committed suicide by firing a ball from a 32-calibre revolver into his head a little back of the temple, Thursday morning of last week. He was a hard drinker.

### Howard Found Guilty.

James Howard was convicted of being a principal to the assassination of William Goebel, at Frankfort, Ky., on Wednesday. Howard was employed by the republican officials so as to defeat Goebel. He was given the death sentence.

### Fifteen Years Imprisonment.

After six hours' deliberation the jury in the trial of James Lenhart for the murder of Newton Motz, returned a verdict of manslaughter, at Lewisburg, on Saturday. Judge McClure sentenced Lenhart to 15 years imprisonment.

Kane is to have a curfew, by which children will be kept off the streets after 8 o'clock at night in winter and 9 o'clock in summer. A bell will announce the hour at which all under a given age will be required to be at home.

## PARAMOUNT ISSUES

Important Subject for Centre  
County Voters

### GOOD GOVERNMENT NEEDED

Everywhere Both Parties are Favoring  
Fusion to Defeat Quay—Be Careful  
About Members for the Next  
Legislature

With us the situation in the political field is very simple this year. There is little hope that democrats will carry the rock-ribbed, republican stronghold of Pennsylvania for presidential electors. It is among the improbabilities—that much is a foregone conclusion.

Next comes the congressional contest, and we doubt if any one seriously contemplates that James K. P. Hall will not be re-elected. In fact, there will be but a feeble opposition made in the candidacy of Mr. Clearwater, the recent republican nominee.

The only contest that will prove interesting, and that should enlist the earnest attention of every thoughtful citizen, is the selection of members for the next legislature. There are numerous reasons for this. For some years many prominent republicans and other good citizens of this state have felt that it is about time that the Quay machine be deposed from control of that party, as well as the public patronage, all of which they have used and abused to further their selfish personal ends at the expense of the people. Vicious legislation has been enacted; much wise legislation for the protection of the people remains inoperative. Flagrant abuses of all kinds have invaded the various departments of state until this Commonwealth has been the object of contempt and reproach and has merited unfavorable comment in all quarters of the country. This deplorable condition of affairs is due to the operation of Quayism—one man power. Political rosters have been enthroned in the republican party, and the immense majorities in this state have encouraged them in their wild career of plunder and corruption. To make the specific charges now is useless, as it has been told and retold time and again and the people are well acquainted with all. Prominent republicans, who will not submit to such abuses, have formed the independent movements which, in many instances, have been and are still working in conjunction with democratic organizations for the purpose of defeating this evil and electing men to the next legislature who are pledged to uproot the whole system. This movement is headed by such men as John Wasamaker, and thousands of others, and republican papers like the North American, Philadelphia Press, Philadelphia Ledger, Pittsburgh Dispatch, and other staunch republican journals which, on all national issues, are unquestionably republican, but as to Pennsylvania they declare that political lines must be dropped for the sake of good government at home.

In Centre county there has been a new condition of affairs. We once had a strong anti-Quay sentiment, and it was led by prominent republicans, and the "Bellefonte Republican" voiced the sentiment of the movement which on two occasions succeeded in controlling the local republican conventions and adopted resolutions denouncing Quayism. Since then a new element has been introduced, called "Harmony." It is an uncertain quantity. Just what that means, no one has yet definitely explained to the people. It has resulted in the nomination of two men for legislature on the republican ticket this year who are pledged not to make any promises to the people as to what course they will assume if elected to the next legislature, when Quay-legislation comes up for consideration, or as to how they will vote when that all-important question, the election of a United States senator, comes up for final disposition. They will keep silent on this point "in the interests of harmony."

Such a position is contrary to all political customs and usages. The importance of assembly this year is as to how these men will vote if elected, and the voter will want to know if his wishes will be carried out—that is the purpose of sending men to the state capital as legislators. The very name of this one office, more than any other, implies this idea directly. They are REPRESENTATIVES of the people, and not representatives of politicians. Some say that Mr. Allison is anti-Quay, but there is no pledge to that effect. There is some assurance that Thompson is a Quayite, but the Hastings people claim that he is against the Quay people. Now where they stand no one can learn from any public utterance, and they declare and the Bellefonte politicians declare that "in the interests of harmony" these men

will not commit themselves on this important issue.

Have the people no rights to be respected by candidates seeking their support? Are the voters of a party to be subservient menials to the dictates of a few ambitious politicians who have only their selfish personal ends to gratify? Must men vote blindly and are our officials to be under no obligations to their constituency—those from whom they obtain their support? Is not all this kind of business a farce, even a presumptuous imposition? Is the republican party of Centre county a party of the people, or of a few political bosses? Which is it?

In this dilemma there is but one safe plan for every man who is opposed to Quayism and the re-election of Quay to the United States senate to do, and that is to support only men who have the fairness, frankness, even the freedom, to say where they stand on all important issues.

### RETURN OF THE GREAT DUTCHMAN.

There is something pathetic and much that is instructive in the scene that will soon be witnessed in Delagoa Bay when the Dutch battleship Gelderland will receive on board the ex-President of the late Transvaal Republic to carry him back to the land from which his forefathers came two hundred and fifty years ago.

His departure dates the failure of one of the most respectable efforts of a liberty-loving people to establish a free nation in a land far removed from interference, as they fondly believed, and although he returns in defeat, leaving behind a few remnants of his people, he goes with honor and dignity. In the effort that the Boers made at colonization success of the first order marked their endeavors. Even after the grand trek was made and in order to secure the isolation the sea forbade them to enjoy on the coast, and they passed into the heart of Africa and established themselves on the banks of an unavailing river their simple tastes, their persistent industry and unwearying patience found their reward. When, however, they had accumulated wealth enough to attract the roving eye of the British their real troubles began all over again, and the unhappy discovery of gold hastened the disaster that has overtaken them.

There is no blight can fall upon a country or region to be compared with the possession of mines of gold and silver. Peru, Mexico, Nevada and India are illustrations of the fact, and if California and Australia have escaped the curse, it was because nature bestowed a greater wealth in their wheat fields and vineyards. The full weight of this affliction of gold fell upon the African republic and insured her destruction. Whatever issues of the day may have provoked the opening of hostilities the primal cause of the war was gold. The English fought for the mines and the Boers fought for liberty, and the sordid cause was won. Ignoble as have been many of England's enterprises no one of them equals in infamy the destruction of this noble little nation. Compared to it the aggressions of Warren Hastings, in India; the deportation from Acadia, which, alas, does not exist only in Longfellow's hexameters; the massacre of the negroes by Eyre, in Jamaica, and the opium war, in China, are mild and civilized measures justified in some part by the conditions that created them, but the war in South Africa was utterly unjustifiable, based upon a false statement of causes and conducted with no other view than the annihilation of the republic. It is probably true that the English expected to attain by bluffing what has cost them so much blood and treasure and also their prestige as a warlike nation. That her military operations should contribute to the burden of contempt which her policy has invited is righteous and just.

The Boers are blotted out of existence as a nation, but their noble and hopeless defense is an inspiration for the lovers of liberty that lifts Colenso and Spion Kop to places alongside of Marathon and Bunker Hill. Oom Paul on his sea journey to Holland carries with him the sympathy and respect of civilization, and his little band of daring men with their glorious leaders, Joubert, Botha and De Wet, have gained an imperishable renown.—Times.

### Iron Workers on Strike.

All efforts to settle the differences between the Reading Iron Company, of Danville, and their employes having failed, the 600 men employed at the plant refused to work last week when the new wage scale, which makes a cut of 25 per cent. in the men's wages, went into effect. The mill is completely closed down and is likely to remain so for an indefinite length of time. A hundred puddlers of the American Car and Foundry Company also struck because of objectionable rules. Unless settled the strike will likely tie up the mills, which employ 1,200 men.

## GERMAN PRESS FOR BRYAN

Only 12 Out of 1487 Newspapers  
Are for Imperialism

### GREAT CHANGE OF SENTIMENT

Indicates Election of Democratic Candidate—John E. Joos Declares That  
the Nebraskan Will Receive 305 of  
the Electoral Votes.

The following appeared in the Pittsburgh Post and confirms the reports that are coming in thick from other sections of the country: John E. Joos, editor of the "Sontagsblatt," a weekly German publication in Albany, who four years ago stumped the state in behalf of McKinley, is tabulating figures to prove that William Jennings Bryan will be elected president November 6th, and that the German-American vote in the United States will decide the issue in his favor. Mr. Joos, with six other well-known Germans of this country, has arranged to speak for Bryan among the German miners of West Virginia and Maryland. Judging from editorial expressions of the different German papers in the respective states, he predicts that the Germans will support the democratic ticket throughout Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and West Virginia. With the Germans against them, he declared that McKinley or Hanna cannot carry any of these states.

"In the United States, today," Mr. Joos said to a "Post" reporter, "there are 1,487 German papers, daily and weekly. Of this number but 12 are supporting the administration and all the rest are for William Jennings Bryan. Four years ago, the same papers now opposing McKinley, were his strongest advocates. Bryan was supported by the 'Anzeiger,' published in Cleveland, Cincinnati and St. Louis, and the German edition of the New York 'Journal.' Otherwise, he was without German assistance. The German papers are the mouthpieces of their subscribers. The editors follow the desire of their constituents. Their present editorial policy makes it plain to me that McKinley has no chance whatever for the election."

"It is the sentiment among Germans all over the United States that McKinley should not serve a second term. If he is re-elected they believe the country would suffer. They also follow the wishes of Carl Schurz, who is antagonistic to McKinley's policy in imperialism, militaryism and trusts. Wisconsin's population is two-thirds German. Bryan, according to the papers of that state, is the candidate of the people."

"I have made a careful study of the German press in every state of the Union. I have over 1,000 of the papers and it is hard to find one editorial expression favoring McKinley. From this evidence I make the prediction that Bryan will receive 305 of the electoral votes."

"Nine hundred and ninety-nine per cent of the American citizens of Holland birth have hitherto voted with the republican party," says Mr. Birkhoff, of the Chicago Holland Society, "but this fall they will be found with hardly an exception voting for Bryan and against imperialism." Mr. Birkhoff was formerly a republican, but in this campaign he is president of a Bryan Holland club composed of 500 of the most substantial Dutch citizens of Chicago. There are 8,000 of such voters in Chicago and in Michigan their votes have hitherto given the republicans a couple of congressional districts. One of the most stirring bits of political composition we have seen this campaign is the declaration of the Holland league against McKinley and imperialism. "He has prostituted a war begun for human liberty to purposes of conquest and forcible subjugation," is one of the counts in the indictment, and another: "He has jeopardized the existence and extension of republican institutions by permitting, without protest, the brutal destruction of governments of the South African republics in violation of every principle of international law."

### Thousands of Dead Trout.

From men who have been up in the Clearfield region we learn that the springs in the mountains are nearly all dried up and streams that have never known to be dry are now without a drop of water.

Some of these streams were once well stocked with trout and all the trout in some of the streams are now lying on the bed of the stream dead. It is said that thousands of the speckled beauties can be seen in a very short distance, some lying on big rocks.

### Granted Pensions.

A minor child of John Bird, Beech Creek, has been granted a pension of fourteen dollars a month.

## FACT, FUN AND FANCY.

Bright Sparkling Paragraphs—Selected  
and Original.

The scarecrow isn't exactly a corn cure. Some people put on airs and some try to whistle them.

Do good by stealth and let it be found out by accident.

An editor is never too poor to give his neighbor a roast.

The mirror of a pretty girl casts a great many reflections.

Some people run into debt and then try to crawl out of it.

Even a self-made man may let a woman make a fool of him.

A visit to the dentist's is the crowning event of many a person's life.

A great many people seem to be all taken up with the elevator boy.

A neighborly call is not neighborly when it is a calling of hard names.

A man usually shows when he has been drinking by trying not to show it.

Poetry is the pastry of literature; prose is the corn and bread and bacon.

People who put up at a hotel find it rather unpleasant to put up with bed bugs.

We believe the Proverbs to be true, still we know there are many proverbial liars.

When it comes to kisses, the pressman prefers to do his printing out of working hours.

They say there will be an abundance of hops this year. Dancing schools are flourishing.

It can't be denied that the polecat has scents, and even the porcupine has its good points.

We know a former New Yorker who says he came to Philadelphia to live because he was tired of life.

### Will Keep Hands Off.

Bituminous coal operators will not extend any succor to their fellows in the hard coal region. This was decided upon some time ago at a meeting of the operators in this district. The fact is they are unable to do anymore than fill their own orders at present. Some of them are a little behind on account of the scarcity of cars this summer, but now that the strike is on in the anthracite regions the cars that would naturally go there will be available to the soft coal people, and the latter can use all they can get. All the miners in this district are working regularly, with no thought of a sympathy strike.

### Oppose Focht.

The democratic conferees of the twenty-seventh senatorial district, at their adjourned meeting at Sunbury, last Thursday, nominated Hon. Francis E. Brown, representative from Union county, as their candidate, against B. K. Focht. These men were opponents for the legislature several years ago and Brown was elected. It was expected that Senator Wolverton, of Sunbury, would be the nominee, but the strike in the coal regions changed the programme. Mr. Wolverton has large interests to look after and could not have given the campaign his attention.

### Caught Them in Time.

A general jail delivery was frustrated at Coudersport last Thursday night by Sheriff Farnsworth, who discovered that a bar in one of the windows of the jail had been sawed nearly off. The prisoners were searched, and in the pocket of Ernest Palmateer, who was convicted of forgery at the last term of court and sentenced to twenty months imprisonment in the western penitentiary, was found a table knife, with the blade filed into a fine-tooth saw.

### Water Works for Milesburg.

The borough of Milesburg will hold an election on Thursday, October 4th, for the purpose of obtaining the assent of its electors to an increase of the borough indebtedness in the sum of \$9,300 to be used for building water works. Water can be secured from Kitchen's Gap, about a mile east of town, which will give several hundred feet fall and provide the town with one of the finest water plants in the state.

### Johnstown's Centennial.

The centennial celebration of the city of Johnstown, will be held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, October 5, 6 and 7, 1900. One of the principal features of the occasion will be the laying of the corner stone of the municipal building the first day of the celebration.

### Awarded a B. & O. Contract.

George S. Good & Co., of Lock Haven, have been awarded the contract for the masonry for twenty-five miles on the Baltimore and Ohio branch from Grafton to Philippi, Md. The contract calls for 7,000 yards.

Steps the Cough and Works off the Cold Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets cure a cold in one day. No cure, no pay. 25c