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TRAGEDY AT MILLHEIM

Jessie King Shot His Wife Then Kills Himself.

MRS. KING MAY RECOVER.

Were Married Three Months Ago—Resulted in Unhappy Life—Mrs. King's Desperate Effort to reach Millheim.

Millheim was in a high state of excitement Monday morning on account of an attempted murder and suicide, by one of its citizens. The principals in the tragedy are Jesse King, about 25 years and his wife, who is about 19 years old. February 21st, 1901, Jesse King and Miss Junie Mowery, a daughter of Henry Mowery, a farmer residing north of Aaronsburg, were married and lived in Texas, a famous suburb north of Millheim. King was a shiftless sort of a fellow, and did not make the living to his wife's liking. This shiftlessness on his part caused his wife to become dissatisfied and frequent bickerings were the outcome. She said he found fault with her manner of house keeping. About two weeks ago Mrs. King went to Spring Mills where she took care of her sister, who is ill. On her return from her sick sister, at Spring Mills, Mrs. King went to her mother's near Aaronsburg, and King called there last Sunday and persuaded his wife to return home with him to which she at last consented, but is reported to have informed her husband that she would not remain at his home but intended to return to Spring Mills and live with her sister. Parts of her clothing were found packed ready for this purpose. To prevent her again leaving, the husband is thought to have hidden her shoes and other articles of dress.

On Monday morning, about 5 o'clock, Mrs. King arose and searched for the shoes in a closet, and her husband immediately locked the closet door. She kicked the door open and on entering the room he drew his revolver and fired a ball into his wife's abdomen. She sank into a chair, the ball entered the right side penetrating the liver and kidneys. King then left the house after locking all the doors and went to his father's home, Abe King, not many rods distant, and informed his parents what he had done, and made the threat that he would go back to his house, kill his wife and would then kill himself. He then started for his house. His parents begged him not to carry out his threat.

After King had left his wife, the woman with the gaping wound in her side, arose to her feet and made her way to Justice of the Peace, F. Pierce Musser's office, which was half a mile distant. Here she made information against her husband. Constable Leitzel was summoned, and the officer started on the trip to the King home, with a warrant. King in the meantime had gone to his home and found his wife missing. She went to the squire's by a side-path, to avoid her husband.

He soon saw the officer, and as the two met the constable informed King that he had a warrant for him. King at once drew his revolver and the constable drew his own. King kept on walking until he passed the buggy. Constable Leitzel got out and followed him. King then placed the revolver in his breast and fired the missile which passed a little below the heart, cutting the large artery. King sank to the inside of the board walk, near the residence of Mr. Catherman, at the bend of the road by the mill dam. Will Reifsnider was coming down from Texas at the time, and was close to King when he fired the shot. As King fell he dropped his pistol, and made an effort to rise on his elbows, when the constable told Reifsnider to secure the revolver, fearing King was making an effort to grab the weapon to shoot him. He was placed in the buggy but noticing that he was growing faint they laid him on the side of the road where he died about 15 minutes after the shooting. The body was taken to his home and prepared for interment.

Jessie King was a son of Abe King. The Kings have lived the greater part of their lives in that section. She is represented as having been a young woman of beauty. Some informants represent the husband as having been of shiftless habits, and that his wife became tired of his neglect and failure to make decent support for her; others say she was not of the most amiable disposition either. King is said to have been prompted to the awful deed by jealousy for which there was no good ground. From Squire Musser's office she was taken to the home of Mr. Confer, the overseer of the poor. Dr. L. B. Frank examined her, but stated that her condition is such that he cannot tell whether she can recover or not. The ball has not been located. The physicians are afraid, that mortifi-

cation will set in and cause her death, as the bleeding was all internal. Mr. Mowery, Mrs. King's father, left his family some time ago, and is at present in the West. King in shooting himself saved the county a large sum of costs by thus making a trial unnecessary. Dr. Frank, who is attending Mrs. King, at present has hopes for her recovery. The funeral of Jesse King, the Millheim man who killed himself, took place Wednesday morning. It was largely attended. The remains were interred in the cemetery at Millheim, after which services were conducted by Rev. Theo. Haven, in the M. E. church.

Our correspondent at Millheim sends the following accurate account of the tragedy:

On Monday morning our own had another sensation in the shooting of his young wife by Jesse King, son of Abraham King, of this place. Some eight years ago Jesse and his father got "on the outs" on account of his laziness and incorrigibility; he got a few things from his mother and started housekeeping on his own hook, the mother supplying him with provisions, etc., from the home larder. In Feb. last, he was married to Miss Junie, daughter of Henry Mowery, of Aaronsburg, who was still in her teens. He took her to his place, but on account of his improvidence failed to procure the actual necessities of life and therefore she became dissatisfied with him and his treatment, and had to go to her home and other places for something to eat. About ten days ago she went to Mrs. Graden, her sister, at Spring Mills, which enraged him greatly and he exerted all means to get her back, which she refused to do. On Sunday she was with her mother, he went there and induced her to go home with him again and on Monday morning she arose early with the intention of going to her sister, but he locked up her shoes and other clothing and tried to prevent her going, but she still persisted in going and in the quarrel he shot her in the abdomen with a .38 calibre revolver; he then placed her on a chair and threatened if she would not remain he would shoot her again. He then ran to his parents and told them what he had done and said he was going back to shoot her again and then do himself up. As soon as his wife saw that he was at a safe distance, she took the back road and called on Squire Musser to make complaint against him; they went to his office to get out a warrant for his arrest, and in the meantime his father got on his horse and went to inform P. P. Leitzel, the constable, of what had happened, and when they got to the Justice's office found her there.

After Jesse returned, he found she was gone, he ran to different places to find her, but not finding her, started for town, and at Kern's barn, on North street, the constable and he met; when he saw the officer, he drew his revolver and the constable ordered him not to shoot, drawing his revolver at the same time, but before he could arrest him, Jesse placed the revolver to his left breast and fired, the ball entering near the heart; he dropped but got up again. The constable and Mr. Auman then placed him in the buggy, but after going a few rods he got very sick and sank rapidly; they then took him from the buggy and laid him along the side of the road where he expired in a few minutes.

The excitement ran high at the time and nearly the whole town was out to see the incident. Mrs. King is still living, but no hope is entertained for her recovery.

PIERCE MANIAC

An Escaped Patient Savagely Attacks Physician.

Dr. Max J. Reinhold had a desperate encounter with an insane patient Thursday night 2nd, in the Williamsport hospital. The lunatic is Thomas King, a resident of that city, who escaped from a private asylum in Philadelphia. He had been in the asylum for four months, and it was upon the advice of Dr. Reinhold that he was sent to the institution. King knew this, and the assault upon the doctor was in revenge for sending him away. After his escape from the asylum King returned to his home, which he reached about noon Thursday. That night Dr. Reinhold was summoned to the King home as the members of the household were afraid of him.

When the doctor arrived King leaped upon him and struck him a powerful blow in the face. The blow staggered him for an instant, but the next moment the two men were engaged in a desperate hand-to-hand struggle. King tried to throttle the doctor, but the latter's athletic science saved his life.

The battle continued for five minutes before the alarm given by King's sister brought neighbors to the rescue. When they got into the room the doctor was almost exhausted. Policemen took charge of King, and he will be sent to an asylum again.

Fair in September.

Tuesday evening the directors of the fair association held a meeting in Blanchard's office. The 2nd week in September, from the 10th to 13th, was selected for holding the fair this year. That is several weeks earlier than formerly. They are pleased with the result of last year and think they can have finer and larger exhibits this year, as well as better amusements.

THE IDEA of moving the state capitol from Harrisburg to Philadelphia is one of the most objectionable bills introduced in this session of the legislature.

VARIETY OF COUNTY NEWS

Items of Interest Gathered From All Sections

SHORT AND TO THE POINT

What Transpired Worthy of Brief Mention, the Past Week—News From Over the County—For Hasty Readers— A New Department.

Israel Kramer, of Coburn, was granted a pension, \$6.

Mrs. G. W. Stover, in Penn township, is seriously ill with pneumonia.

The Grange encampment will be held at Centre Hall, September 14th to 20th.

Daniel Krader, of Coburn, purchased a fine horse at the horse sale last week, in Selmsgrove.

The Miles twp. supervisors are about to erect an iron bridge over Elk creek, at Creamerville.

L. J. Noll has purchased the farm land of Frank Knarr lying in the southwestern part of Millheim.

The real estate of Mrs. Jacob Ketner, deceased, of Haines township, was sold to Mrs. Mary J. Musser for \$847.

H. F. McManaway, who was employed by the Fishers at Penn Hall, went to Sunbury where he will enter a store as clerk.

Lutheran conference meets at Pine Grove, May 13, to continue three days. Some 30 ministers and delegates will be in attendance.

Townsend Moran, of Philipsburg, will locate in Buffalo, where he has accepted a good position with the American Express company.

J. H. Musser, of Snow Shoe, has accepted a position with the Walter A. Wood Harvesting Machine Co., of Pittsburgh and left for that place last week.

Miss Clara C. Walker, a former Ferguson school teacher, had the degree of doctor of dental surgery conferred upon her April 30th, at the Baltimore College of Dental Surgery.

A turtle was found by Prof. Sarface while walking in the Barrens of Ferguson twp., bearing the initials G. R. W. and L. H. O. which were probably put on twenty years ago.

A festival will be held in U. B. church yard at Paradise, near Waddle station, at Buffalo Run valley on the afternoon and evening of May 11. Proceeds for the benefit of the church.

Frank Waring, of Philipsburg, will plant about twenty-five thousand cabbage plants. Philipsburg will become headquarters for sauer kraut and speck—and what's more appetizing?

John Clark, of Millheim, who left last week for Philadelphia, to have an operation performed on his right eye, the specialists of Wills Eye hospital pronounced his case entirely hopeless. And now the poor fellow has only blindness as his fate for the rest of his days.

In the Union chapel at Valentines furnace, during the past few weeks, a revival meeting was in progress under the leadership of Rev. Mr. Mumma, pastor of the Free Methodist church at Unionville, and Miss Young, a visiting evangelist. Thirty conversions are reported.

Editor R. A. Kinsloe has sold his interest in the Bituminous Record at Philipsburg to John G. Platt, of that place, who has placed William Powell, Jr., in editorial control of the paper. Mr. Kinsloe has decided to continue his work as the editor of the coal field news in the Pennsylvania Grit.

The commencement exercises of the Philipsburg high school will be held on the evening of Friday, May 31. The graduating class consists of Misses Carrie Perks, Elizabeth Fryberger, Sarah Herrman, Ida McCausland and Viola Bair, and Pierre Faulkner. The exercises will be held in the high school room.

On Sunday, May 28, Rev. P. H. Wharton, pastor of the Methodist church at Milesburg, will preach the annual sermon to the members of George L. Potter Post, No. 261, G. A. R., of that place. The Post has secured Rev. W. P. Shriner of Bellefonte to deliver the address on Decoration Day at Milesburg.

Wm. Weber, of Howard, lost his valuable trotting mare last Friday by strangulation. The mare had been in use in the morning, and had been in the stable but a short time when it was discovered she was fast. In attempting to reach under a partition in the manger her head got fast in some way and as a result she was strangled to death. So says the Hustler.

On Wednesday of last week Dr. Holley, of Muncy, Pa., examined the cattle on the Rock View farms of Col. W. Fred Reynolds. Out of the heard of 148 examined by Dr. Holley it was found that 15 head of the valuable cattle were afflicted with tuberculosis and they were at once killed. These cattle were valued

at \$1,000. Col. Reynolds will have a part of his money refunded to him by the state.

Oscar H. Osman, of Lemont, Pa., and Miss Elsie Cooke, will be married at Sunbury, Pa., June 11.

George Fisher, of Boalsburg, went to Harrisburg where he has accepted a position with a large grocery firm.

IN ADJOINING COUNTIES

Williamsport now has five cases of smallpox on hand.

Thousands of acres of the Scootac lands are being burned over by forest fires.

Frank Kronsieder, of Altoona, shot himself dead because he failed to secure a hotel license.

The 118th commencement exercises of Dickinson College, at Carlisle, will be held June 1 to 2, inclusive.

Over fifty cases of smallpox are raging at Barbour's Mill, a lumber village in the northwestern part of Lycoming county.

The Central Penna. Lutheran league will hold its annual session in St. John's English Lutheran church, Lock Haven, the second week in June. The session will continue two days.

The cow, by action of the Tyrone borough authorities having been deprived of its unbounded liberties, the property owners of the Central City are now turning their attention to "village improvement."

Editor Bressler has decided to remove the Clinton County Times from Mill Hill to Lock Haven and will unite his office with that of the Keystone printing house. The Times is to be enlarged and improved.

Acting under orders of Mayor Sprering of Lock Haven, Chief Powers served notices on all cigar stores, fruit, candy and peanut stores, to close their places of business on Sunday. The mayor states that all violators of the order will be prosecuted.

Three car loads of Italians are now working on the double track for the New York Central road between Youngdale and Jersey Shore Junction. Burke Brothers have the contract. The double track between Linden and Newberry and between Larrys Creek and Level Corners will be finished some time in September.

Samuel Snook a Sugar valley farmer had an unpleasant experience while plowing in one of his fields near Mt. Zion. The roof of a stump was caught by the plow and drawn forward and when it flew back again hit him a powerful blow behind the left ear. He fell unconscious to the ground, but recovered in less than an hour.

Miss Honora Patton, of Curwensville, a daughter of the late Hon. John Patton, is to marry Dr. Wm. D. Gross, an American physician practicing in Paris. While ill at the French capitol Miss Patton was attended by Dr. Gross and their meeting resulted in a proposal. The event is to be made a great one in Curwensville.

On Wednesday, May 1st, the popular Wittmer Inn, Clearfield, Pa., changed proprietors, and is now in the hands of J. F. Krouse, formerly of the Washington House at Hindman, Pa. Chas. T. Noll, known as one of the best hotel clerks in this section, will remain with the new proprietor until he gets acquainted with the new place and patrons.

L. M. Karstetter, of Sugar Valley, is getting ready to resume herding cattle in White Deer. He has leased all the lands owned by the Laurelton Lumber Co., in Clinton, Centre and Union counties, for that purpose. Mr. Karstetter will have a large herd of cattle in his charge, for which he will receive a certain sum per head from the owners.

A passing freight train intervened between an eloping Jersey couple and the bride's irate father, who was in hot pursuit of his fleeing daughter. The angry parent offered his driver \$25 if he would overtake the pair, but the jehu of the pursued, seeing the other was gaining on him, whipped up his team and got over the crossing just as a long freight train on the Lehigh Valley road came in sight. By the time it had passed the happy couple were "out of sight."

D. R. Fry, of Warriorsmark township, through his attorney, W. H. Henderson, has instituted a suit in trespass here against the Pennsylvania Railroad company to recover damages in the sum of \$500. The suit is the outcome of an accident which occurred at a grade crossing near Sandy Ridge, in Centre county, February 25th last, by which the plaintiff's horse suffered pecuniary loss to the amount stated, owing to negligence on the part of the company and its employees.

THE WILD speculation in the stock market the past few weeks is astounding and alarms the most conservative financiers for a dangerous relapse and a corresponding panic. The advice of all prudent people is to keep away from the stock market during the present flurry.

OUR HISTORICAL REVIEW

An Account of Some Famous In dian Paths.

STREAMS AND LOCALITIES

How They Derived Their Present Names —Indian Names for Many and What They Mean—Short Sketch About Milesburg.

Indian paths were many in the Bald Eagle and Penns valley section, and some are in use at this day, and many who tread them are not aware that the foot of the red-man had trodden thereon over a century ago: We find, as per Linn:

The most traveled path was that from the Great Island on the northwest side of Muncy Mountain, and alongside of Bald Eagle Creek, near and on the site in most places of the present road, crossing Bullet's Run where the road crosses. At Milesburg it parted, one path going southerly through the Gap to near Buffalo Run, then running southwest along the base of the mountain, passed through the George Gabriel tract, now Mrs. John B. Linn's, by the "Buffalo Lick," where it is still distinctly visible, the woods being in their pristine condition; thence it enters James Reside's tract, about forty perches southwest of the lane, and then passing by Eckley, at the Gap, it skirted the valley surveys (the path from the end of Nittany Mountain entering it at Kephart's); thence it passed through Matternville, and so on southwestwardly to Frankstown. It is called in applications "the Indian or traders' path through the long limestone valley from Bald Eagle's Nest to Frankstown," and is laid down upon Scull's map of April 4, 1770.

Another path diverged from the warriors' path through the Gap at Mill Hill, and passing up Fishing Creek, crossed Nittany at Hecla by Logan's Gap to the head of Penn's Creek, whence it ran westward through the "Manor" and by the end of Nittany Mountain.

Another well-defined path ran from the main path near Oak Hall northwesterly by Dale's mill, and along the present road between Benner and Patton townships, crossing Muncy Mountain at Kephart's Gap.

Another, leaving the Nest, passing through the gap made by Spring Creek, followed the run on the James Armor's place, crossed the turnpike a few rods north of Sheriff Waddle's residence, passing on to McBride's Gap.

The path from the mouth of Beech Creek due west to Chinklacamoose, leading over the Moshannon, has been alluded to in Post's Journal, and was the one followed by the Moravian Indians in 1772.

George McCormick, in an old deposition, speaks of the path coming from Bald Eagle to his house (Spring Mills); here one fork, called Logan path, took off to Kishacoquillas (Mifflin county), the other, passing my place, went to Buffalo valley.

STREAMS AND LOCALITIES

The Indian names for many of our streams, will seem both strange and interesting to the readers of the present day, named, as was the custom of the aborigines, after some incident, surrounding, or peculiarity:

Bald Eagle was called by the Delawares Wapalaneach Schie-hanne, i. e., the stream of the Bald Eagle's Nest. Bald Eagle's Nest, at the confluence of Spring Creek and Bald Eagle, was the residence of a noted Indian chief. On Scull's map of 1770 it is designated simply as "the Nest." On Lukens' survey of 1769 he marks it with a few huts, about forty rods from the junction of the streams southwestward, designating it as "Bald Eagle's Nest or old town." The creek had its name as early as 1766.

Beech Creek, emptying into Bald Eagle at the present railroad station of that name, was called by the Delawares Schaweminech-hanne, that is, Beech Stream. It had its translated name as early as 1768.

Buffalo Run dates back its name to 1769, derived from a buffalo lick on the farm now belonging to Mrs. John B. Linn, called in George Gabriel's application of April 1, 1769, "Old Buffalo Lick."

Dewitt's Run, emptying into the Bald Eagle at Unionville, had its name as early as 1773, from Abraham Dewitt, a settler on the run.

Elk Creek, in Penn and Miles townships, was so named by Samuel Maclay, deputy surveyor under his brother William, in 1766.

Fishing Creek was called in the Delaware language Nameeh-hanne, that is, Fish Stream.

Marsh Creek was a name applied to it by Charles Lukens in 1769.

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FACT, FUN AND FANCY.

Bright Sparkling Paragraphs—Selected and Original.

EPIC TRAGEDIES.

Little boy,
Cherry-stones;
Croton-oil,
Awful moans.

Little girls,
Box of paints;
Sucks her brush,
Joins the salots.

Bigger boys,
Sea-gull's nest;
Crumbling rocks,
Eternal rest.

Bigger girls,
Healthy bloom;
Want too tight,
Early tomb.

—London Globe.

IT'S SUSSHINE AND MUSIC.

A laugh is just like sunshine,
It freshens all the day,
It tips the peak of life with light
And drives the clouds away;
The soul grows glad that hears it,
And feels its courage strong—
A laugh is just like sunshine
For cheering folks along.

A laugh is just like music,
It lingers in the heart,
And where its melody is heard
The ill of life depart;
And happy thoughts come crowding
Its joyful notes to greet—
And laugh is just like music
For making living sweet.—Es.

Forsooth, such balmy days as these
The joys of springtime fair disclose,
With apple blossoms on the trees
And hock beer blossoms on the nose.

The stingy collegian is a close student.

Winks sometimes speak louder than words.

It's only natural for the bright man to reflect.

Marriage and colic are two things that double us up.

It seems strange, but it's the fact colors that don't run.

When the worst comes to the worst we have to make the best of it.

Man may require but little below, but when he dies he is apt to get a lot.

Teacher—Now, Tommy, suppose your mother had \$5 and I should give her \$5 more, what would she have? Tommy—Gee, that's easy; she'd have a fit.

An exchange says: It has been agreed that newspaper subscriptions are an infallible test of a man's honesty. They will sooner or later discover a man. If he is not honest he will cheat the printer some day—declare he has paid when he has not—sent money in the mails which was lost—will take the paper and will not pay for it—or move off and leave it coming to the office he left. Thousands are dishonest in this particular, and the printers book will tell fearful tales at the final day.

Testimonials.

Gentlemen: For three years I have not been able to hear. I used your medicine and now herd cattle.

Gentlemen: Two months ago my wife was at death's door. She took one bottle of your medicine and it pulled her through.

Gentlemen: Two months ago my legs were so swollen that I could not walk. I used one box of your pills and was able to run for sheriff.

Gentlemen: Up to the time I heard of your pills I was as blind as a bat. I could see absolutely nothing. I tried your pills and am now able to saw wood.

Gentlemen: For some time past I have had trouble with my liver and other vital organs. I have been wearing one of your electric belts and now I have electric lights.

Gentlemen: Last year I had a large wart on my throat which gave me such pain that it was impossible for me to wear a collar. I tried one box of your chocolate pills and am glad to say that I can not only wear a collar but am able to use the wart as a collar button.

Juggling Letters and Figures.

Little punning catches are appreciated by a good many people. Here is an old one that is good:

If a father gave one of his sons nineteen cents and the other six cents, what time would it be?

The answer is "Quarter to two."

And here is one of more recent birth:

If a postmaster went to a menagerie and was eaten by one of the wild beasts, what would be the hour?

Perhaps you'll have to think this over a little. Yet the answer is very simple. It is "8 p. m." of course.

And here is the latest yet:

If a guest at a restaurant ordered a lobster and ate it, and another guest did the same, what would the latter's telephone number be?

It would be "8-1-2" Cleveland Leader.

The Philadelphia Times has been sold to Adolph S. Ochs, publisher of the New York Times. It will be a democratic paper.