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JOSIAH DALE SHOT ON NITTANY MT.

A Foul Murder Committed Near Centre Hall, Monday Night

ASSAILANT REMAINS UNKNOWN

A Load of Shot was fired into the Back of his Buggy Causing a Fatal Wound and Instant Death—Horse Brought Lifeless Body Home

This county was shocked on Tuesday morning by the startling announcement that Josiah Dale, of Centre Hall, had been killed by a gunshot wound on Monday evening, while crossing Nittany mountain, and all the facts indicate that the deed was committed by some desperate fiend who had no other motive than that of deliberate murder, while the guilty one's identity yet remains to be traced down.

Josiah Dale for many years resided in Centre Hall, with his family. On the place of Nittany mountain about two miles north of Centre Hall, along the turnpike, is located what is known as the "Peter Hoffer farm," which Mrs. Dale and her sister Mollie Hoffer inherited, and it was managed by Mr. Dale. Tuesday morning Mr. Dale drove up to the farm in his wagon and helped the tenant husk corn, but returned home at noon. After dinner he drove back in the buggy to the same place. At 8 o'clock that evening Mr. Dale had not returned and Mrs. Dale's sister, Miss Mollie Hoffer, who resides with them, went to their neighbors, James Alexander and ex-Sheriff Brungart, much concerned over Mr. Dale's failure to come home at the usual hour, and induced them to make a search. With lanterns they went about the stable but found no evidence of his return. Next they went up the alley a short distance when a vehicle approached which they stopped and no answer came from the driver which aroused their curiosity. It was Mr. Dale's horse and buggy, and he was found crouched forward, with the knees against the dashboard, sitting partly on the edge of the seat, with his head resting against the side of the top and was dead. They immediately took the body into his home and a physician was summoned, who found no trace of life; the temperature of the body indicated that Mr. Dale had been dead for some time. When undertaker Rearick removed the clothes the cause of death was fully revealed. A deep wound was found in the back, below the left shoulder that indicated a gunshot wound. Next, the vehicle was examined and a hole was found in the back of the top, and some gun wads were lying in the bottom of the seat and the bottom of the buggy box. The wound was probed later, and a number of fine No. 6 shot were extracted. The opening was one and a fourth inches in diameter and penetrated the lungs and heart, hemorrhages from which caused immediate death. It also clearly was evident that the shot was fired at close range, at the rear of the vehicle.

Andrew Moyer, tenant on the farm, says Mr. Dale helped to husk corn on the mountain farm that afternoon and started alone in the buggy for home at seven o'clock in the evening, over the mountain a distance of two miles from Centre Hall, the greater portion of the road being down a steep mountain road. While there are numerous plausible theories as to the manner in which this shot may have been fired, up to this time no one appears to know where or when the deed was committed. Mr. Dale was a man about 55 years of age, and his hearing was faulty, which would permit anyone to approach him from the rear without detection. These facts do not indicate that the shot was accidental, or self-inflicted, but was the work of a desperate murderer.

Early Tuesday morning District Attorney W. G. Runkle went over, accompanied by coroner P. S. Fisher, of Zion and Dr. J. M. Lock, of Bellefonte, who made a careful examination of the body and found the wound as above described. If Mr. Dale left the farm at 7 p. m., it would not have taken him more than a half hour to reach his home. As it grows dark at 5 p. m., it appears unusual for him to have remained there two hours later. The killing was hardly the work of a highwayman, or of a local robber, for Mr. Dale's circumstances would not tempt anyone to commit such a crime to secure money, and there was no evidence of robbery. All the facts indicate that it was a cowardly deed, by some one who sought revenge; and it is known that Mr. Dale had some enemies in that community with whom he had bitter contentions.

Josiah Dale was a native of Clearfield county, of near Woodland. When a young man he went to Centre Hall to attend a summer normal, where he met and married Katie, daughter of Peter Hoffer. For some years he had been in the mercantile business in Centre Hall, and later was a traveling salesman for notions and shoes. He is survived by his wife and one son, Hoffer Dale, who now is in the medical department in the U. of P., Philadelphia. Interment took place in the cemetery at Centre Hall, this Thursday morning.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

Tuesday morning, Dr. Fisher, the coroner, empaneled the following jury: J. W. Runkle, the laundress; Dr. G. W. Hosterman, dentist; S. W. Smith, editor; G. W. Bushman, jeweler; J. J. Arney, farmer—all of Centre Hall, and Morris W. Runkle, druggist, of Bellefonte. They took the testimony of Mrs. Josiah Dale, and ex-Sheriff Brungart which confirms the facts above given.

After that the jury went up to the farm on the mountain. Mr. Moyer was not at home, Mrs. Moyer said that her husband had driven to Centre Hall. The woman's statement was taken. In substance it was: That Mr. Dale and her husband were frequently quarreling and that on Monday there was a dispute over cider and apples, and another over storing potatoes in the cellar. In the afternoon her husband drove to Centre Hall at 3 p. m., and returned at about 5 p. m., and at that time Mr. Dale's horse and buggy were in the stable and Mr. Moyer went to hunt a calf, and returned at 7 o'clock. Could not say when Mr. Dale left, but sometime between 5:30 and 7 p. m.

District Attorney W. G. Runkle found a double-barrel, 12 gauge, shot gun at the house with some cartridges for same, containing No. 6 shot and smokeless powder. This gun Mrs. Moyer said was left at their house Monday by Dave Moyer (a brother of her husband) as he was preparing to start on a hunting trip in the morning, which was found to be correct.

Mrs. Moyer saw a two-horse wagon, with several men, pass by towards Centre Hall at 7:15. The community about Centre Hall is much exercised and rumors and suspicions are abundant. A number of parties are under suspicion, and every clue is being followed in the hope of landing the guilty party.

The findings of the coroner's inquest will not be filed until the latter part of the week. It is the opinion of many that the shot was made by smokeless powder and close to the vehicle. When the load struck the shoulder blade it was deflected downward through the lungs and heart.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE NOW IN SESSION

The Attendance is Large and an Able Corps of Instructors present

REPORT OF VARIOUS SESSIONS

Synopsis of the Topics Discussed at the Different Periods—Interesting Evening Entertainments—Reported by Prof. W. H. Minnick.

The sixtieth annual session of the Centre County Teachers' Institute opened Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The forenoon was taken up by enrolling the teachers. When County Supt. D. O. Eiters called the institute to order there was a large and enthusiastic audience composed of Centre county's teachers who had come together again to receive new inspiration for their work.

The first session was opened by a song service under the efficient direction of Prof. P. H. Meyer. The devotional exercises were then conducted by Rev. Ambrose Schmidt of the Reformed church. The first speaker was Dr. Chas. C. Miller, president of Lima College. He is an eloquent and very interesting talker. He paid a tribute to Bellefonte and Centre Co., and eulogized its great War Gov. A. G. Curtin. His subject was "The Lessons of Prisco" and in his talk brought out the fact that teachers should not take up mere theories too soon after they are brought forth, but study their worth. He said that events should be taught as they come around and that some years were especially noted for great events, giving as examples that 1809 was noted as the birthyear of the greatest men of the century, and that 1906 would go on record as the year of the greatest disasters in the world's history, and that these disasters brought forth the fact that we are living in the most sympathetic age of the world, and that the help given to the unfortunate of these disasters was the greatest picture of humanity ever given.

Prof. Chas. H. Albert, of Bloomsburg, occupied the last period of the day. In his opening talk he said that the teacher should be above patronizing a toy show, and especially so when it is held in competition with the entertainments of the Institute. He said that statistics proved the fact that lower percentage of illiteracy the greater the wage earning power. That the world was not crying for money, power, etc., but for sympathy; that every thoughtful mind is sympathetic, as sympathy was the sequence of thought. In the evening Dr. Miller lectured on "Napoleon the man of destiny," and every one who heard it pronounced it masterly, eloquent, and grand. As a word painter Dr. Miller is a success.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

After an enlivening song service every body was in a happy mood to receive Prof. Albert's talk on Commercial Geography. He said that the prosperity of the country depends on the farmer, that if it should stop for a year and a half everything else would stop. He then called attention to the commercial value of the by-products from things that were considered as waste matter 25 years ago, giving a number of examples among which was coal tar from which 75 by-products are made. Dr. Miller occupied the next period, his subject being "Africa, the Land of Extremes." He demonstrated that it was a country of great extremes, physically, commercially, morally, and financially. He held his audience spellbound during his entire talk.

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The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. W. H. Spangler, of the U. B. Church of Bellefonte. There was an inspiring song service conducted by Prof. Meyer. Prof. Albert occupied the first period with an interesting talk on Geography, using it as a basis for the co-relation of History and Literature. Dr. Miller then gave an interesting talk, his subject being "The Value of Time, or the Age of Young Men" in which he emphasized the fact that we should not mind the clock but finish the work in hand. He said there were three blessings for which we should be thankful: 1. To be living now; 2. To have good health; 3. To be young. He said all the great men did some great thing, before they were 30, and that no man who had not achieved any greatness before the age of 40 achieved anything great afterwards.

WEDNESDAY FORENOON.

Institute was opened by song service and devotional exercises conducted by Rev. Stine of the M. E. Church. Prof. Koch, of Philipsburg, Chairman of the Committee on Reading Course then made the report of the Com. and urged the need of a systematic course of reading for the teacher. Supt. Wilson, of Milton, was then introduced to Institute; gave a very interesting and helpful talk to the teachers. Dr. Miller then gave his talk on "Blennerhasset and Aaron Burr," in which he portrayed the character and motives so vividly that there could be no doubt in the minds of the audience to the fact that Burr was not the saint some of our present authors would make him. Prof. Albert then gave a very interesting psychological talk. He said that sensations cause impulses, impulses give rise to motives, and motives produce actions; and for that reason we should find out the motive for a wrong act before we pass judgment upon it. Motive is the influencer of actions and actions often repeated become habits which make conduct. He further brought out the fact that character is the fundamental thing and leads to either happiness or misery.

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Everybody was anxious to hear Dr. Houck's lecture on "A Trip to Jerusalem" and when the Institute was called to order the court house was filled. In his preliminary talk he paid a tribute to the teachers of Centre county, and complimented their singing very highly. Dr. Houck held the audience spellbound for over an hour and his witticisms often caused uproars of laughter. He is a master entertainer. Captain Jack Crawford, the entertainer of the evening, was then introduced and recited a few poems which were well taken by the audience. The Institute was well attended and over 280 of the teachers were enrolled Wednesday noon. All the teachers are well pleased with the corps of instructors and express as never having attended a better institute than the one held this year. A special feature of the institute was the enthusiastic singing led by Prof. Meyer.

RECENT WEDDINGS.

KIRK-CAMPBELL.

On Monday, November 20th, Miss Esther E. Campbell and George Kirk, will be married at their newly furnished home in Wilkensburg, Pa., where they will make their future home. The bride and groom are both of this place where they were born and reared. The bride is a sister of Mrs. C. B. Garman and the groom is well known to many of our readers, the family having resided here. Mr. Kirk has a good position in one of the large manufacturing institutions at that place and is prospering.

O'LEARY-STOVER.

A very pretty wedding was celebrated early Wednesday morning in St. John's Catholic church. The contracting parties were Daniel P. O'Leary, formerly of this place but now of Bellefonte, and Miss Alice E. Stover, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Fall Stover, of this place. The ceremony took place at high mass Wednesday morning at 7:30 o'clock and was performed by the pastor of the church. They will make their future home in Bellefonte where the groom is employed as a machinist.

MEYER-KOCH.

On Thursday morning, November 15th at 11 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Meyer, on Penn street, Millheim, Miss Mabie Belle Meyers and Daniel Jacob Koch were united in marriage. Only a few invited friends of the immediate families were present. After the ceremony the young couple took a wedding trip to the eastern cities. They will be at home at Sunbury after December 1st.

CROSTHWAITE-GOHEEN.

Frank W. Crosthwaite, of State College, stole a march on his many friends by slipping quietly away to Williamsport, Saturday, where he was married to Mrs. Goheen, a sister of Mrs. Grant Hoover.

SHUFF-DEESTER.

John Shutt and Miss Louisa Durner were married, Wednesday evening, at the rooms occupied by Mrs. Rine, in the McClain block, by Rev. Ambrose M. Schmidt.

GOODHART DURST.

Samuel M. Goodhart and Miss Verna May Durst were married at the house of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Durst, in Potter twp. last Thursday.

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FACT, FUN AND FANCY.

Bright, Sparkling Paragraphs--Selected and Original.

Cupid is not always a match for cupid.

It must hurt for a hen to sit on an egg and hatchet. Almost any bigamist can get off on the plea of insanity. Most theories will work like a charm. A charm seldom works. In football it isn't always the punster who makes the best punt. The fellow who owns nothing has no difficulty in holding his own. A man gets a lot more excited over being called a liar than being one. When a man is challenged to fight a duel his first thought is his second. A man may be justified in kicking if he finds a hair in his Welsh rabbit. Barnacles do not grow on barns any more than carbuncles grow on cars. When the gas is turned down it's a pretty sure sign that the fellow isn't. No matter how short a girl may be she feels that some fellow longs for her. When a woman knows her husband like a book it is usually his pocket book. The fisherman who takes a bottle along at least comes home with a reel. There are more ways than one to kill a cat. In fact, there must be nine ways. When a man takes whiskey for a cold he doesn't care whether he gets over it or not. No matter how dirty the streets are a clean sweep is always dedicated for election days.

EITHER OR AYTHUR.

Two Irishmen, Pat and Mike, stood looking at bricklayers who were working on a building that was being erected when the following conversation was overheard: Mike—Pat, kin yez tell me what kapes them bricks together? Pat—Sure it's the mortar. Mike—Not by a dom sight; that kapes them apart—Harper's Weekly.

A POETIC MARRIAGE NOTICE.

A marriage notice between Jane Lemon and Ebenezer Sweet was handed in to a western newspaper, and the editor, seizing the opportunity, broke into poetry in the following strains: How happily evermore do meet 'Tis Jane and Ebenezer. She was sour, but now she's sweet. And he's a lemon squeezer.

We see from the Lewisburg Journal that a hunter from that town returned with a string of 29 rabbits and 2 pheasants.

Henry J. Hockman died at the Lock Haven hospital on Tuesday, 6, of a complication of diseases, aged 57 years, 9 months and 21 days. He lived the greater part of his life in Sugar valley where he was well known.

The number of cases of diphtheria under quarantine in Tyrone has again increased rather alarmingly, and four new cases were reported Monday; are all in the upper town section, among children who were in attendance at the Adams avenue school.—Herald.

A large, modern hotel building is expected to be erected in Lock Haven. A number of capitalists in western Pennsylvania are interested in the project. The new building is intended to be erected on the Xander property at the junction of Main street and Bellefonte avenue and will have a front of 75 feet.

An old landmark at Spruce Creek, the Isett house, which was close to the main line of the Penna railroad, is being torn down to make way for an additional track which the Pennys proposes to lay through the town. During the stage coach days on the line from Northumberland through Penns valley to Spruce Creek the Isett was a well known hotel.

HEARST IN THE RANKS.

W. R. Hearst gave out the following statement after conceding the election of Charles E. Hughes in New York: "In view of the result I have only to repeat what I have said in my speeches, I am enlisted in this fight against government by trusts and corrupt corporations and will fight it to the end. "But I will serve in the lead or in the ranks, just exactly as the people desire, and as earnestly and loyally in one place as in the other. "The people have decided to retain the Republican party in power. I will make the fight in the ranks therefore, and as a private citizen do my best to promote the interests of my fellow citizens."

Special Services.

There will be special interest in the service at the Bellefonte Methodist Episcopal church the coming Sunday. In the morning the pastor, James B. Stine, will preach a sermon for the Knights of the Golden Eagle. There will be special music at both services. W. E. Dunning, of Ocolea, Pa., will preside at the organ. He is a master with the organ. Come and hear him.

An Eagle That Flew Away.

The books of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, of Lewistown, show a shortage of \$350 through the manipulations of missing John H. Sweger. Treasurer Sweger was under a \$200 bond furnished by the United States fidelity company of Baltimore.

While attending Institute this week the following teachers called at our office to pay their respects: Geo. F. Daugherty, Pine Bluff; A. A. Pletcher, Howard; Lee J. Bitner, Blanchard; J. H. Clark, Blanchard; H. T. Leathers, Snow Shoe; G. F. Weaver, Gregg; W. H. Minnich, Walker; C. E. Royer, Gregg; M. L. Zubler, Gregg; Archie Homan, Spring; C. E. Kremer, Haines; E. R. Wolf, Haines; W. C. Mingie, Potter; W. P. Hosterman, Penn Hall; W. S. Holter, Curtin twp.; Thos. Hosterman, Coburn; Irvin Meyer, Penn; A. M. Butler, Howard; T. M. Fletcher, Blanchard.

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