

AN OIL CITY MURDER.

The Case Now on Trial at Franklin, and All Parties Prominent.

LUTHERANS MEET AT WARREN.

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NEWS FROM SEVERAL NEARBY TOWNS.

(SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.)

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Alexander Foster, Dudley Scanlon and wife and J. C. Turner were living in a tent on Complanter's run and the murderer, who gave his name as McMahon, became one of the party. The party celebrated the Fourth by drinking beer, and all of them became more or less intoxicated.

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A JAIL DELIVERY.

Eight prisoners Got Away at Lima During the Sheriff's Absence.

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CONVENTION WAS TAKEN UP WITH ROUTINE BUSINESS.

The proposition to loan the money of the State cap to subsidize was not approved.

HE LIVED TOO FAST.

A Well-Known Findlay Man Accused of Forging Big Papers.

FINDLAY, O., Aug. 24.—[Special.]—Charles L. Hoyt, a prominent figure in local sporting circles, left this morning for parts unknown, leaving behind him between \$7,000 and \$8,000 worth of forged notes, mortgages, etc. About nine years ago he was married to Miss Ade Wall, daughter of a wealthy farmer living near McComb. Several years after Mr. Wall died leaving an estate worth \$100,000, of which but about \$25,000 remains, the other \$75,000 having been spent by Hoyt in extravagant living.

About a year ago his wife refused to give him any more money, and it was at that time he began his career as a forger. He was several times caught in attempts to dispose of fraudulent paper at the local bank, but in each case his wife came to his rescue and secured his release by the payment of the amount of the note. Several months ago he succeeded in selling a \$500 note to the First National Bank, containing the names of Ade Hoyt, Charles Hoyt, Mary Scott, and Abraham Williams. The note became due several weeks ago, and as the parties refused to settle the bank sued and obtained judgment for the amount. Yesterday Ade Hoyt and Mary Scott began suit in the Court of Common Pleas to have the judgment set aside, on the ground that their signatures were forgeries. It was the action on the part of his wife that led to Hoyt's sudden departure.

LUTHERANS IN SESSION.

The Pittsburg Synod Meets and Listens to Reports at Warren.

WARREN, Pa., Aug. 24.—[Special.]—The Pittsburg Synod of the Lutheran Church met in this place this morning. When the roll was called over 100 answered to their names, although the trains are bringing more. The annual sermon was delivered by Dr. Waters, of Pittsburg. In the afternoon lay delegates were received. The President read an exhaustive report, as this is the fiftieth convention of the body. He recommended a minute to be made of the fiftieth anniversary of Rev. Dr. Pascoe in the Court of Common Pleas.

The report of the teller was as follows: President, J. G. Waters; English Secretary, Rev. A. Ramsey; German Secretary, Rev. F. Glazier; Missionary Secretary, Rev. D. E. W. Schaefer; Treasurer, J. B. Kaeberle, Pittsburg. The report on the Synod's Religious Association brought forth a spirited debate, after which it was referred. This evening Rev. J. T. Schaefer, superintendent of the synod, and other held a spirited meeting. The report this afternoon showed that there were 2,300 members and 1,600 children in the Sunday schools.

LOWERING RIVER WATER FOR A BRIDGE.

BEAVER FALLS, Aug. 24.—[Special.]—Today the flood gates in the upper dam of the Beaver river at this place were raised to lower the water in the upper level so that a low enough stage of water could be secured to enable the workmen to lay the foundation for the new bridge.

FLOOD WIDOWS GET CHECKS.

JOHNSTOWN, Aug. 24.—[Special.]—A number of flood widows received a surprise to-day in the shape of a check from J. B. Kremer, Secretary of the Flood Relief Commission. The checks averaged about \$25 each, and about \$5,000 was received. When the fact became known that the money was being sent out great excitement existed, and many called upon the members of the old committee.

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INCREASE IN MCDONALD'S OUTPUT.

Nitro-glycerine Revives Greenlee & Forst's No. 6 on the Marshall.

TEST WELLS IN ALLEGHENY COUNTY.

The drought is affecting the oil producers of Pennsylvania almost as much as the farmers and gardeners.

Few of the drilling wells are located in the vicinity of large streams. The great majority of them are back in the country, far from a steady supply of water, and in many cases they are on hill tops, where no water which they do get is to be pumped up to them.

As a result of the dry spell dozens of wells are shut down, while the contractors are wistfully looking for rain to swell the rivulets and fill their boilers.

Every summer there is usually a short period during which the wells have to be shut down on account of a scarcity of water, but it is seldom that this period has been of such duration as the present season.

The McDevold field especially is affected as it is devoid of large streams. The country is very hilly and water had to be pumped to the surface at least a score of wells now shut down on account of a lack of water to run the boilers.

The estimated production of the McDonald field yesterday was 15,500 barrels, or 1,000 barrels more than the day before.

The No. 6 Marshall of Greenlee & Forst, located south of Noblesport, was shot Tuesday evening, and yesterday morning it was reported by the gaugers to be making 60 barrels an hour.

The People's Gas Company's Nos. 146 and 158 were dropped from the list of those making 20 barrels an hour or more, and were added to the list of those holding on by a very narrow margin.

NEW LOCATION FOR THE GREGE.

Greenlee & Forst have made a location for their No. 1 on the Oak Ridge Coal Company's property. It is about 1,000 feet southwest of the Forest Oil Company's No. 2 on the Grege tract, which is still making 25 barrels an hour.

They have shut down their No. 1 on their Nesbit wildcat on account of a shortage in their water supply, and this morning they intend to put a shot in their No. 3 on the McDonald tract, which is still making 12 to 15 barrels an hour.

W. P. Bend expects to finish up his No. 3 on the Sauters farm, a mile southwest of McDevold, Saturday or Monday, and his No. 2 on the Grege tract, which is still making 25 barrels an hour.

Patterson & Sohn's well was reported yesterday to be flowing at the rate of 250 barrels a day. For a 24-hour gauge it showed an average production of 12 to 15 barrels an hour.

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Dixon & Co. shot their well on the Lume farm yesterday, and it is still making 10 to 15 barrels, and the 24 hours ending at 6 o'clock yesterday morning.

The People's Gas Company's No. 4 on the Mankedick farm at Willow Grove, which was reported to be making 12 1/2 barrels a day, is now making 125 barrels a day from the Gordon sand. The same company is starting to drill at No. 5 on the Wallace farm, south of Laurel Hill. They have four strings of rods run to the bottom of the Verona, in the Pinhook anticlinal gas district.

There is a string of wells now being drilled in Allegheny county, north of the Ohio river, in the vicinity of the Allegheny. They commence at Leetsdale on the south, and, excepting a short break back of Allegheny City, extend almost to and beyond Patterson & Sohn's well on the Kesler farm at Leetsdale.

The West Penn Gas Company is drilling two wells south of Leechburg. One is on the David Watson farm and the other on the McLaughlin's. They have completed altogether about 100 in this district.

PERSONAL.

Barney Forst, of the firm of Greenlee & Forst, returned yesterday from a month's vacation, with his family, which was spent at Bedford Springs and Atlantic City.

Thomas Chester, the Pittsburg agent of the National Transit Company, and his family are taking a vacation at Nantuxet.

THE GAUGES.

The production of McDonald was 15,500 yesterday, or 1,000 more than the day before. The hourly gauges of the larger wells at McDonald yesterday were as follows: Sinclair Oil Company's No. 1, 12 1/2 barrels; Forst's No. 6, 60 barrels; No. 6 Marshall, 60; Forest Oil Company's No. 2, 25; Grege, 25. The estimated production was 15,500, stock in the field, 45,000.

RUNS AND SHIPMENTS.

National Transit Company runs were 35,507; shipments, 25,191.

Southwest Pennsylvania runs from McDonald were 30,000. Outside of McDonald, 10,675. Buckeye runs, Macksburg division, 20,825; shipments, none. Shipments from the Lima division, 54,929; stock, 50,728. The Europa runs were 18,000. Outside of McDonald, 17,000. Shipments, 13,718. New York Transit shipments, 41,933.

INDIANA AND OHIO PRODUCTIONS.

Montpelier, Ind.—The Northern Indiana Oil Company's No. 1, on the W. G. Kehler, Daniel Hilton farm, in section 31, Nottingham township, Wells county, is good for 100 barrels.

St. Marys, O.—The Mars Oil Company has completed a 50-barrel natural producer on the W. G. Kehler, Daniel Hilton farm, in section 31, Nottingham township, Wells county, is good for 100 barrels.

The Ohio Oil Company's No. 1, on the A. G. Canton tract, company, and the township, same county, is good for 40 barrels.

Portland, Ind.—Waldron & Scott have completed a 50-barrel natural producer on the L. W. Edmondson farm, situated in section 1, Penn township, Jay county, in Indiana.

Now looks as though the field would extend into this township. This well is only located about one mile west of the dry hole on the Brighton farm, in Jackson township, and about a territory to be very spotted. One-half mile west and two miles south of the Edmondson farm producer is a dry hole on the Hunt farm, while one-half a mile south and one and a half miles west, is the light producer of Platt town.

CITY NEWS BRIEFLY TOLD.

FRED FARGO, a tailor, had an epileptic fit on Liberty street about noon yesterday. He is now recovering.

An Italian who was injured on a railroad several days ago and became insane, created quite an excitement on Fifth avenue yesterday morning. He was taken to the Mercy Hospital in a patrol wagon.

DR. HOFFMAN, of the West End, reported to the coroner last night that Mrs. Brock, of that end of the city, had died suddenly yesterday morning. Her death was caused by a stroke. The case will be investigated to-day.

FREDERICK F. SCHMIDT, who was killed at Joseph Horne's store Monday, was buried yesterday in the Voegli's cemetery. Rev. J. J. McCormick, of St. Paul's, officiated. He was in charge of the Odd Fellows. Schmidt was popular, and the funeral was largely attended.

THE PLAYS COMING.

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Amendments Asked for in the Fish and Game Laws.

RIVER NEWS AND NOTES.

Louisville Items—The Stage of Water and the Movements of Boats.

LOUISVILLE TELEGRAMS TO THE DISPATCH.

LOUISVILLE, Aug. 24.—Business improving. Weather cloudy and threatening rain. River stationary, with 1 foot 2 inches in the canal, and 1 foot 10 inches on the falls. The Congo went up yesterday on a flatboat, and is expected to be overhauled. Departures—For Cincinnati, Big Sailing for Morrow, Big Kanawha; for Evansville, John W. Hart.

What Upper Gauge Show. ALLEGHENY RIVER—River 1 foot 6 inches and rising slowly. WARRICK—River 1 foot 6 inches and rising slowly. WARRICK—River 1 foot 6 inches and rising slowly.

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