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CITY NOTES.

Dr. Morris denies that he is a candidate for poor director to succeed Mrs. Swan. The Liederkreis will hold its masquerade ball in Music Hall Thursday evening, Feb. 18. The Scranton Bicycle club will have a smoker tomorrow evening for their members and friends.

GOUSE TELLS OF HIS FATHER'S KILLING

He Admits That He Dealt the Fatal Blow.

BUT SAYS IT WAS IN SELF DEFENSE

In Trying to Establish His Own Innocence, The Accused Incidentally Informs That Reminsky or Some One Who Was Anxious for Old Man Gouse's Death Did the Stabbing and Possibly Gave the Old Man a Third Blow with the Last-Holder.

Self-defense is the plea upon which John Gouse bases his hope of saving his neck. He admits that he struck his father, but claims he did it to save himself; he alleges that he was urged to flee by Reminsky and leaves it to be inferred that some one, most likely Reminsky, dealt his father a third blow with the last and inflicted the five stab wounds after the old man lay stretched senseless on the floor.

When the trial opened yesterday morning, ex-County Surveyor A. B. Dunning, Jr., went on the stand and explained the diagram he had made of the Gouse basement, pointing out the room from which Scrapa claims to have witnessed the murder.

Reminsky on the stand. The previously accused murderer Joseph Reminsky alias Joseph Remick-fsky, was next called to the stand. He said he did not see Gouse strike his father but Gouse told him that he had, in a saloon soon after he fled from the scene.

Reminsky was asked to go to a long and severe cross-examination by Mr. Baillentine. The drinking during the afternoon and early evening was again described at length. Witness and young Gouse sat down to supper at 9 o'clock. There was nothing to eat for them but cold meat. Gouse complained of the food and scolded his mother for being drunk and neglecting her household duties.

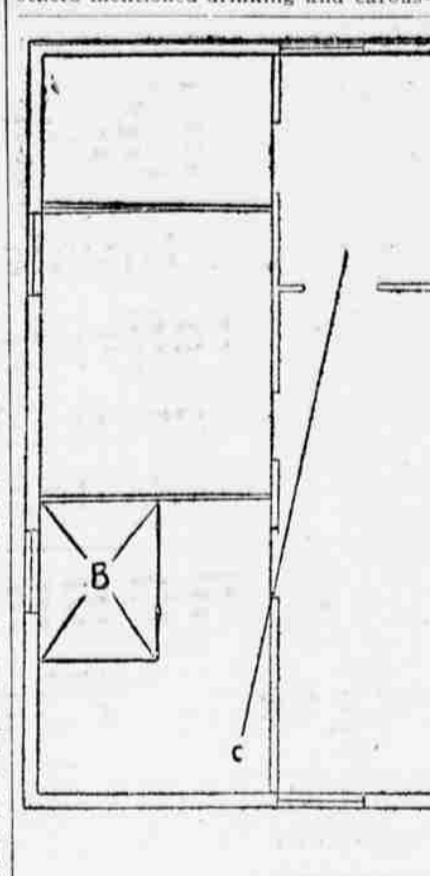
COMMONWEALTH RESTED. After offering the iron last-holder in evidence the commonwealth rested. Susannah Weiss was recalled for cross-examination by Mr. Baillentine and stated that she had received a letter from young Gouse three weeks after the murder but denied that Gouse himself returned.

Mr. Baillentine in his opening for the defense said he did not expect the jury to convict Gouse of murder of either the first or second degree, and that he would be surprised if they convicted him of manslaughter. The defense, he said, would stand for acquittal on the ground that the law says when a man is assaulted and beaten until he does not know which way to turn he has a right to strike down his assailant, even though that assailant be his father.

County Surveyor Hart, the first witness called, exhibited a diagram of the house and swore that it was an impossibility for a person to see into the room where the murder was committed from any point made from the room where Scrapa slept.

len face and was otherwise out and bruised when he came to their house. Then the defendant himself was put on the stand. He was on from 3:10 until 4:45 o'clock. He told his story in a straightforward way, in fairly good English and never made a single mistake during the entire recital. He told that he was born in Poland twenty-two years ago and came to this country with his parents when 11 years of age. They first lived at Alden and then successively at Wilkes-Barre, Carbondale, Peckville, Carbondale again, Forest City, again at Carbondale, Archbald, Plymouth, then at the Ridge and then back to Archbald. The reason they moved so often was that the father would get drunk and lose his job. He was continually drinking and fighting and swearing and the mother was just as bad. Once he left them and went to New York to work in a hat factory, but they wrote for him to come back and he did.

EVIDENCE NOT ADMITTED. After an unsuccessful effort to adduce evidence concerning the relations between Mrs. Gouse and Reminsky, Mr. Baillentine directed the defendant to tell the story of the day on which the trouble occurred. He said 9 o'clock. Gouse went on to say that he came back from a churning trip at about 5 o'clock in the afternoon and found his father and mother and the three others mentioned drinking and carous-



A--Where the blows were struck. B--Scrapa's bed. C--Point from which it is possible that Scrapa could have witnessed the occurrences in old man Gouse's room. D--Living room, where the carousing was carried on.

ing. They had a gallon of beer and a quart of whisky on the table and after finishing that sent out for two quarts more of whisky. He drank during the evening two or three glasses of whisky. He said he did not see Gouse strike his father but Gouse told him that he had, in a saloon soon after he fled from the scene. Reminsky was asked to go to a long and severe cross-examination by Mr. Baillentine. The drinking during the afternoon and early evening was again described at length. Witness and young Gouse sat down to supper at 9 o'clock. There was nothing to eat for them but cold meat. Gouse complained of the food and scolded his mother for being drunk and neglecting her household duties.

Reminsky later went for more beer and as the night progressed the disturbance increased. Witness cautioned his father about the noise and told him he had ought to know better than disturb the neighbors. Later the father and Reminsky had a quarrel about some money and witness again interfered and told his father that he had better wait till the next day when he would be sober and then settle with Reminsky about the money.

DIDN'T MEAN TO KILL. When the witness had finished describing how the struggle had occurred he turned to the jury and said: "Gentlemen I hit my father, but I didn't mean to kill him." Witness then told that he went out by the fence and cried. He didn't sleep in the house that night because Reminsky told him his father would kill him if he went back. Witness and Reminsky went to a saloon together. Reminsky told him to wait there for a few moments. He waited for nearly a quarter of an hour and when Reminsky did not return he went back to his home. After Reminsky again cautioned him against his father's anger he went to the house of Thomas Weiss. Reminsky followed him there and tried to induce him to flee from the town offering even to loan him his shoes and telling him that his father had the constable after him. Mrs. Gouse also came to Weiss' house and asked the son who stabbed the old man. Witness knew then for the first time that his father had been stabbed.

Witness then told that he went to Forest City to Joe Germain's house where he remained until 4 o'clock Monday afternoon. He was in Germain's house upstairs when County Detective Shea called there looking for him. After the detective had gone he went to Carbondale and then to Wilkes-Barre. Three weeks later he returned to Archbald and visited Thomas Weiss, with the intention of returning home if he discovered that his father had relented. Then for the first time he discovered that his father was dead and on the advice of Weiss, who said that Reminsky had been arrested and was blaming the crime on him, he decided to flee.

WORKED IN THE MINES. He went to Centralia where he worked in the mines for eight months. He returned to Carbondale to visit his mother and remained for two days, flying again when the police got after him. He went to Mahanoy City and secured work in the store where he met William Sivitski. He denied that he asked Sivitski never to mention the murder or that he ever confessed to him that he had killed his father. He never admitted to anyone that he killed his father and never denied but that he struck him.

Gouse claimed that when he left the house after striking his father the door was open but when he returned shortly afterwards it was shut, showing that someone had been in there in the meantime. He denied emphatically that he had the stab wounds inflicted. Mr. Baillentine asked him if anything had ever occurred to cause him to believe that Reminsky and his mother were criminally intimate, the purpose of the question being to show that the witness could not have entered into a conspiracy with Reminsky to kill his father and to also show that Reminsky would desire the death of Mrs. Gouse's husband. Mr. Jones objected to the question, and court sustained the objection.

ON CROSS EXAMINATION. District Attorney Jones asked Gouse on cross examination if he had told Justice O'Brien, Klaus, Reminsky, Officer Russell or any of the others to whom he admitted he struck his father, that he struck him in self-defense. Gouse said no. When those people asked him if it was true he struck his father he merely answered that he had. In answer to questions by Mr. Baillentine on re-direct examination Gouse said positively that he was not drunk on the night of the affair, that he had all his senses and was responsible in every way for his act.

This morning County Detective Leyshon will be put on the stand to testify

that it was possible from a point within the room where Scrapa slept to see into the room where the murder was committed. Two other witnesses will be called in rebuttal, but no indication was given as to who they will be.

MANY MINOR CASES HEARD. Two South Side Burglars Sent to the Penitentiary. An open confession may be good in some cases but it proved of no avail to James Crolley who, on Monday pleaded guilty of complicity in the burglary of Alderman Christian Storr's furniture establishment last November.

MARRIED. PHILLIPS-MELECH-In Scranton, Pa., Feb. 2, 1897, by Rev. Richard H. Hays, at his residence, on Erie street, William H. Phillips and Miss Dorothy Melech, both of this city.

DIED. AMMAN-In Scranton, Pa., Feb. 2, 1897, Michael Amman, at his home, 120 Linden street. Funeral services at Zion church, Main avenue, Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Deceased leaves a widow and four daughters: Mrs. Conrad Luther, Mrs. Jacob E. Diem, Mrs. F. C. Michelbach, of Binghamton, and Miss Tillie Amman.

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COST OF THE NEW WEST SIDE SEWER

City Engineer Estimates That It Will Require \$55,000 to Build It.

ITS CONSTRUCTION IS DIFFICULT

At One Place the Sewer Will Be Laid at a Depth of Fifty Feet and It Will Be Necessary to Tunnel--Proposed Sewer Will Drain a Territory Embracing Three Hundred and Sixty Acres of Land.

City Engineer Joseph Phillips has made an estimate of the cost of the main trunk sewer to run from the Lackawanna river to Luzerne and Twentieth streets near Keyser valley, and he is intended to drain a territory west of Main avenue which has given the board of health untold trouble for years. The trouble grows worse as the district becomes more thickly populated and councils realize that something must soon be done to put this region in a more sanitary condition. The city engineer estimates that the total cost of the improvement will be \$55,000. The sewer will be somewhat difficult to construct from an engineering point of view.

There is a stiff grade from the Lackawanna river to Main avenue which will render that part of the work comparatively easy, but west of Main avenue there is also a down grade. In the words of Main avenue is the apex of an ridge and to answer the district west of it the sewage conveyor must pass under that thoroughfare. The measurements and figures in the possession of the city engineer show that the sewer will have to be fifty feet below Main avenue to get a proper pitch. As it would be impossible to dig a ditch that deep a tunnel will have to be constructed running from Tenth to Fourteenth street, a distance of about 2,300 feet. The great depth of this main sewer will make it necessary to lay layers over it with which the house connections can be made. At short intervals connections between the lateral and main sewers will be made.

At the Lackawanna river the sewer will be 35.25 feet and will be constructed of brick. As it extends back it will decrease in size and before it reaches Twentieth street a terra cotta pipe will be substituted for the brick arch. There are two spurs which are considered by the engineer as part of this main sewer. One will run along Ninth street from Luzerne to West Locust and the other on Meridian, Hampton and Sixth avenue from Luzerne to West Locust street.

The proposed sewer will drain a territory comprising 360 acres of land which contains 1,620 lots. No decided action has been taken by councils with regard to the construction of this needed improvement, nor will there be until the city engineer has prepared his plans and an estimate of cost which will be done in the near future.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION.

Four Sessions Will Be Held in the County Next Week.

The executive committee of the Lackawanna County Sunday School association has arranged for a series of Sunday school institutes for the week of Feb. 15, as follows: Monday, Feb. 15, at Moosic; Tuesday, Feb. 16, Dalton; Wednesday, Feb. 17, Moscow; Thursday, Feb. 18, Dickson City; Friday, Feb. 19, Jermyn. Each one will have an afternoon session at 2 o'clock and an evening session at 7:30 o'clock. State Worker Dr. Rupp will be present at each institute and speak both afternoon and evening. He is a very eloquent speaker. Other workers from different parts of the county will be present. It is hoped that every Sunday school teacher in the county will endeavor to be present at one or more of these institutes.

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