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PERSONAL. Dr. E. G. Sawyer has returned from a trip to New York.

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Regular meeting of Crystal Hose company will be held Friday, May 5, at 8 p. m. A full attendance is requested.

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THE FIREMEN'S FAIR. Mayor Moir Will Make the Formal Opening Address. The state firemen's convention executive committee headquarters and fair manager C. B. MacQuivey's office, which were located at the city hall, were removed yesterday to the armory on Adams Avenue.

On Monday evening next at 8 o'clock Mayor Moir will deliver the opening address on behalf of the firemen, and welcome the guests in his happy off-hand way. Assistant Chief George Wallinger, of the Philadelphia fire department, will also be present and respond to the mayor.

The electric wire and light men are now busy in the armory wiring the building and the booths are fast assuming shape under the skillful touch of the carpenters. The painters go in today to touch things up where color is required and tomorrow our leading stores commence to dress and decorate the booths.

WORK OF THE LIGHTNING. Struck the House of Benjamin Simonson and Stunned Children and Set Fire to the Building.

Dr. Kneller, of Elmhurst, had a thrilling experience during the severe thunder storm Tuesday afternoon. He was on his way to the home of Benjamin Simonson, near the new reservoir of the Scranton Gas and Water company, and had succeeded in reaching the barn, where he put his horse, and was on his way through the field to the house when a terrific flash and report caused him to hasten his steps, realizing that the lightning had struck very close by. He was not aware that it had struck the very house for which he was bound, until he heard a cry. On reaching the house a terrible sight met his gaze.

Mrs. Simonson was carrying out one child apparently dead, an older son was carrying another and a third lay upon the floor unconscious. Miss Simonson, the patient whom the doctor went to visit, had been thrown from the bed by the force of the shock and the bed was literally torn to pieces. The house was on fire in several places upstairs and down, and wallpaper and plaster were strewn about the floor. After putting out the fire, the doctor hastily applied and administered the necessary restoratives and the stunned children were, after some time, restored to consciousness.

IN PRAISE OF MADAM FISK. What the Denver Republican Says of Her Singing.

Madam Katherine Fisk, who is to sing here next evening, is so well known in connection with the Fanny Mendelssohn concert at the Lyceum, sang recently in Denver, and this is what the Republican of that city says of her: "The second evening concert of the Tuesday Musical club introduced to us Mrs. Katherine Fisk, the contralto, a singer well deserving of the high fame she has gained in this country and Europe. Her voice is warm, rich and glowing. Her enunciation is perfect in any language she uses, adding immensely to the pleasure of her audience, and her manner is so sweet and gracious she charms her listeners by her very presence."

PLEASANT EVENING EVENT. Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Lewis, Jr., Entertain Friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Lewis, Jr., of 1235 North Main Avenue, who were recently married, entertained a few friends at their home last evening. A pleasant time was enjoyed by all the guests. Refreshments were served before departure.

CARPENTERS ENTERTAIN. Affair Was Held in Carpenters' Hall, on Wyoming Avenue.

A fair-sized audience was pleasantly entertained last night in Carpenters' hall, on Wyoming Avenue, at the affair given by the members of Carpenters' union No. 56.

Crandall and Randall, minstrel specialists, gave a series of songs, dances, recitations, instrumental selections, etc., many of which were new. The whole was fully appreciated.

THE SCAFFOLD. The plain but strongly built engine of death was of wood and stretched from wall to wall. Behind it on the right and concealed from view was the cell which contained the condemned prisoner.

Privileged persons, including District Attorney John R. Jones and Rev. Thomas de Gruchy, of the Jackson Street Baptist church, occupied positions on the balcony footway running along the upper tier of cells and overlooking the gallows.

Only the occasional harsh clank of a heavy door of oak and iron revealed to the witnesses that preparations for bringing the condemned to the scaffold were in progress. Though the wait was only of four minutes' duration, it seemed ten before footfalls were heard on the scaffold stairway and the head and shoulders of Rev. R. R. Bulgin, Van Horn's spiritual adviser, appeared above the scaffold landing.

Following him came Van Horn. With slow but firm and steady steps he mounted to the trapped floor. Sheriff Pryor on his right and Warden Simpson on his left, had a supporting grasp on Van Horn's arm, but he walked with such apparent assurance that the majority of those present will probably declare that he could have easily built a figure which, until the hour of his death, had usually been seen at a disadvantage owing to his indifferently worn or carelessly selected attire. He wore a pair of black leather slippers.

NEEDED NO SUPPORT. Without a supporting hand, until after his knees had been strapped, when Sheriff Pryor put his hand on Van

VAN HORN EXECUTED Showed No Evidence of Fear as He Walked to Scaffold.

NECK BROKEN BY FALL Before Leaving His Cell His Last Act Was to Sign a Statement in Which He Declares That He Had No Intention of Killing Mrs. Westcott, and Made Some References to the Witnesses Who Testified Against Him on the First Trial—His Remains Were Taken to the Home of His Mother After the Execution and Early in the Afternoon Were Buried in Dunmore Cemetery.

George K. Van Horn was hanged in the Lackawanna county jail in this city soon after 10 o'clock yesterday morning. From a hangman's standpoint the execution was as successful and as free from revolting features as was possible. The condemned man's neck was broken by the fall, and, although his body was allowed to hang for nearly fifteen minutes, he was no doubt unconscious from the moment the rope straightened.

Van Horn went to his doom without an outward perceptible tremor. He mounted the scaffold with almost no assistance whatever from Sheriff Pryor and Warden Simpson, who walked on either side of him. During the short time necessary to adjust the noose, knee strap and black cap—his hands had been previously handcuffed behind him—he gave one or two steady, sweeping glances at the hundred heads below him, and then he turned away with no display of fear. He was the game, or the desperate man of gallow's history, according to the construction an individual might put upon it.

Despite the knowledge that nobody without one of the much-treasured tickets of admission could enter, a crowd of several hundred persons congregated on Washington Avenue in front of the jail up to the time of the execution. Meanwhile, the turkey stationed at the main entrance admitted only those who were properly credentialed. These numbered about a hundred, and a few folks of the feet. This evidence of violence, however, lasted not longer than twenty or thirty seconds, when the body again became motionless, excepting when it was disturbed at intervals by the jail physician, Dr. W. D. Dorn, and Dr. Wehler, who was present in a purely professional capacity at the request of the sheriff.

Eight minutes after the trap fell the physicians pronounced Van Horn dead, though they were probably satisfied he had become unconscious when his neck was broken and that he was motionless a few moments later. But they did not indicate that the body should be lowered until it had been hanging for nearly fourteen minutes. The trap was sprung about 10:03 o'clock.

DID NOT WANT TO SEE. Rev. Mr. Bulgin stood on the scaffold stairs when the trap opened, but his back was at that moment purposefully turned upon the scene. The minister stood with bowed head and with his hands clasped before him. He held a Bible and some papers, one of the latter being a statement signed by Van Horn yesterday morning. Faithful in his ministrations to the last second, the clergyman was praying during Van Horn's drop to the end of the rope and for a few moments following.

Van Horn's statement was dictated to Mr. Bulgin and was signed by Van Horn with a firm and steady hand just before he left his cell to mount the scaffold. It was given by the latter to the reporters just as soon as the body was lowered. It reads as follows: "I know I am near the end of this earthly life, and that it is but a short time ere I will pass through the veil that separates time from eternity to stand in the presence of the Sovereign Judge. Words of truth ought now to be spoken. If I do not act to falsify in this my last hour on earth. Naturally there are those who would like me to leave a parting message. If I can drop a word of warning, I will consider it a privilege and a duty to do so.

To everyone I would say: Leave the wine cup alone. This has been the curse of my life. To the young I would beg them to shun evil company. Had I heeded the advice of the Book of Books I would not be here today. I would not have lived a life of debauchery if I had been true to my mother's counsel. IT WAS AN ACCIDENT. This morning I am to suffer the penalty for murder. It has said I willfully and premeditatedly murdered Josephine Westcott. I confess that I killed the woman, but I still persist in this my last hour on earth that it was committed by accident, and not through maliciousness or angry premeditation. Josephine Westcott and I were friends that careful evening. The incident of my arrest had been settled satisfactorily. We had been meeting weeks before that fatal night on the most friendly terms. I make this statement to answer to the charge of the prosecution that the deed was done through anger and premeditation.

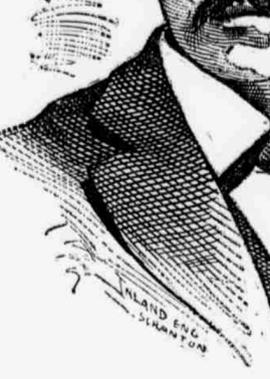
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Horn's shoulder, the latter stood apparently indifferent to his fate. He neither moistened his lips nor twitched nor opened them, each of which would have been a sign of fear. His only noticeable movement before the black cap was drawn over his head was to survey the crowd below him and to rest an unflinching look, longer than might have been expected, upon District Attorney Jones, who stood in a group on the balcony footway slightly above the condemned man and to his left.

In but a little more than a minute after the death march had begun at the cell door, Warden Simpson had placed the noose about the neck, drawn

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NO SIGN OF VIOLENCE. Those who expected to see any revolting evidence of the cause of death were agreeably disappointed on viewing the dead man's face. No sign of violence, pain or struggle rested there. The lips were closed, the expression was one of profound peace and the whole countenance indicated that his owner had passed forever into a calm sleep. An examination showed that the neck had been thoroughly broken. Such details would not be generally



GEORGE K. VAN HORN, Executed Yesterday in the County Jail For the Murder of Mrs. Josephine Westcott.

on the hooded head cover, given the noose a tightening tug and the trap was sprung. The body shot straight downward and remained motionless, except for a swinging motion for perhaps a half minute, when there was noticed a violent twitching of the handcuffed hands and a few jerks of the feet. This evidence of violence, however, lasted not longer than twenty or thirty seconds, when the body again became motionless, excepting when it was disturbed at intervals by the jail physician, Dr. W. D. Dorn, and Dr. Wehler, who was present in a purely professional capacity at the request of the sheriff.

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The remains were removed to the residence of his mother, 125 Chestnut street, Dunmore, after the execution, where in the afternoon services were conducted. Only the immediate relatives were present, and the Rev. R. R. Bulgin, who had acted as spiritual adviser for the deceased, conducted the service.

LAIN IN THE GRAVE. At the conclusion of the service, the remains were borne to the Dunmore cemetery and interred in the family plot. At the grave the services were in charge of the Rev. A. J. Van Cleft, pastor of the Methodist church, the Rev. Mr. Bulgin having been ordered to his room by his physician, the former being on the verge of a serious illness, due to the strain of the last few weeks.

The pall-bearers were A. J. Saunders, W. J. Hall, Richard Webber and Dr. Henry Kachin. Van Horn was 44 years, 7 months and 2 days old yesterday. He was born in Clifton township, this county, and was twice married. He was the 6th man found guilty of murder in the first degree in this county, and the second who was hanged. The other was Crescenzo Merola, who was executed July 1, 1896, at Old Forge, on Sunday, June 17, 1894. As in the case of Van Horn, he died after his arrest.

Seventy-six homicides have been committed in this county since it was erected in 1855. Besides the men executed Frank Bozek, Giuseppe Boschino and Leonardo Rosa were convicted of murder in the first degree, Bozek and Boschino had their sentences commuted to imprisonment for life and Rosa secured a new trial and was afterwards convicted of murder in a lesser degree. All three men are now in the Eastern penitentiary.

accepted if they coincided with the accepted theory that a hanging causes an expression of horror, but in this case, where there was no slow and agonizing strangulation, the body was as fitted for view as any body could be. The man's facial expression in life as he stood on the gallows, he said, lifeless as a proof of his honesty in the last words he uttered. Just before leaving his cell and after thanking the sheriff and other officials for what they had done for him and after telling Sheriff Pryor he had no statement to make on the gallows and as he lay lifeless as a proof of his honesty in the last words he uttered. Just before leaving his cell and after thanking the sheriff and other officials for what they had done for him and after telling Sheriff Pryor he had no statement to make on the gallows and as he lay lifeless as a proof of his honesty in the last words he uttered.

HE SLEPT WELL. Van Horn at a hearty supper Wednesday night and retired at 10:30 o'clock. He slept soundly all the night and had to be awakened at 5 o'clock yesterday morning. This he had reported on retiring to Henry W. Loftus, one of the death watch. Van Horn said he had slept well. While he was dressing the conversation turned to himself and he said to Loftus that he did not mean to kill Mrs. Westcott, a statement he had made times without number.

A tempting breakfast, consisting of an orange, sirloin steak, creamed potatoes, coffee, cake, pickles and a relish or two was brought to the cell soon after 7 o'clock and Van Horn ate heartily of it. Mrs. Cora Johnson, one of the matrons, was in the cell when Van Horn was preparing to eat. She made some remark of sympathy and he said in one breath that his position could not be helped, there was no need for him or any one else to worry and that "he guessed he would begin with the orange, as it was good for a man's stomach in the morning and would make him eat well."

At 8:10 o'clock Van Horn dressed in the suit of clothes he wore when he was hanged. Mr. Bulgin had arrived meanwhile and thereafter nobody was present, except for a moment or two, Fred Wankel, Archie Brown, Marion Stuart Cann, Jacob Ritter, T. Hunt Rebeck, James Riley, L. C. Horner, Herman Landau, Stephen Jones, Patrolman Perry, Alex. Dunn, Jr., John M. Corbett, Al. Rose, John Lewis, Dr. W. P. Kennedy, Harrison Gardner, of South Arthur, Kelly, A. E. Rogers, August F. Schneider, Councilman T. J. Corcoran, of Pittston; Chief of Police Joseph Loftus, of Pittston; John J. Skelly, William F. Erbe, A. T. Raynsford, C. D. Wegman, Dr. Black, of the Lackawanna hospital; John P. Manson, of Carbondale; Jury Commissioner Frank Dougherty, Dr. O. J. Marcy, Dr. E. Ziegler Bower, A. V. Bower, H. B. Rilly, Carbondale; P. A. Duffy, of Carbondale; Dr. Charles A. Zeller, of Dalton; Dr. Morrison, of Philadelphia; N. M. Eicks, Theodore H. Dibble, of Philadelphia; John B. Grimes, of Ply-

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