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PATRICK GIBBONS ACQUITTED OF CHARGE OF MURDER.

On Sunday, Oct. 6 last, While Insane, He Attacked His Wife With a Water Pitcher at His Home on Cedar Avenue and Killed Her. Physicians Testified to His Insanity—Dr. William Haggerty Said He Has Been Insane at Intervals for Thirty Years.

Patrick Gibbons, who on Sunday, Oct. 6 last, while insane, killed his wife at her home on Cedar avenue, was yesterday acquitted on the ground that he was insane and therefore irresponsible.

Gibbons is a man 65 years of age and according to the testimony given yesterday has had periods of insanity for the last thirty years, it having been necessary to remove him either to Danville or the insane department of the Hillside home many times.

For a few days prior to Oct. 6 it was noticed that his manner indicated the approach of one of his insane periods and arrangements were under way to have him confined at the Hillside home.

On the morning in question Lewis J. Murphy, who boarded at the Gibbons house, arose about 6:30 and left the house to go to mass at St. John's Catholic church.

As he was leaving Mrs. Gibbons called from her room that breakfast would be ready when he returned.

SAW AN AWFUL SIGHT. There was no sign of life about the place when he returned so he got his own breakfast and soon after 9 o'clock, believing that Mr. and Mrs. Gibbons were over sleeping, went to their room to arouse them.

He called and receiving no answer opened the door. Mrs. Gibbons lay in bed covered with blood, her head terribly crushed and Gibbons sat at the foot of the bed in a chair, with a wild glare in his eyes, and muttering incoherently.

Dr. William Haggerty, Dr. M. H. Quinn, Dr. J. J. Roberts and Dr. J. M. Corrigan, resident physician at the Hillside home, all testified that they saw Gibbons after the killing and he was undoubtedly insane.

Dr. Corrigan said that when Gibbons was received at the Hillside home he was suffering from melancholia, but by now much improved. Dr. Haggerty, who has been the physician of the deceased, said he has been insane at intervals for thirty years.

George Beemer, superintendent of the Hillside home, testified that Gibbons has been there on ten different occasions since 1882. He was insane when he arrived there on Oct. 7.

A number of neighbors, and relatives of Mrs. Gibbons and the accused were called and testified to the periods of insanity and the symptoms observed for a few days before the killing.

Judge John P. Kelly charged the jury that if they believed that the defendant was insane when he committed the crime they would have to acquit him as he could not be held legally responsible.

The jurors who sat in this case were Charles H. Pond, manufacturer, Scranton, foreman; W. A. Sanford, insurance agent, Waverly; William White, machinist, Carbondale; Charles Wheeler, laborer, Lehigh; D. P. Warriner, sorter, Scranton; William Bell, carpenter, Lehigh; Eben Frace, farmer, Elmhurst; John D. Finch, carpenter, Scranton; Joseph Judge, hotel, Carbondale; James McGinley, miner, Carbondale; J. J. McCormack, weighmaster, Olyphant; Putnam Morris, laborer, Scranton.

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New Silks and Dress Goods For the Holiday Trade. We are displaying fine assortments of strictly new goods. Every yard of silk guaranteed to give serviceable wear. Black Dress Taffeta Silk, 19-inch \$ .63. Black Dress Taffeta Silk, 27-inch .75. Black Dress Taffeta Silk, 36-inch 1.00. Extra weight, Double Warp, Black Taffeta Silks, Haskel and Cheney Bros., 27-inch 1.00. Old Time Oil Boiled, soft and beautiful, 57-inch 1.25. Old Time Oil Boiled, soft and beautiful, 70-inch 1.50. Black Dress Peau de Soie, 26-inch .75. Black Dress Peau de Soie, 27-inch .95. Extra Weight, fine and soft, 24-inch 1.00. Haskel's Best Silks—20-inch for \$1.00, 24-inch for \$1.35, 24-inch for \$1.50, 24-inch for \$1.75, 27-inch for 2.00. New Silk Waists. Fancy Silks in tucked stripes and spots, all solid colors, made to sell for \$1.00. Special .60. Cheney Bros., Cashmere Silks, 27 new shades .75. Cheney Bros., Peau de Soie Silks, in all shades .85. French Flannel and Worsted Stripe Cloths in great variety 50c, 75c. 1.00. High Class Dress Goods. Black Cheviots, Worsteds, Poplins, Peau de Soie, Coatlines, Armures, Drap de Almas, Venetians, etc 75c up 3.00. Colored Dress Goods. Granites, Venetians, Whip Cords, Satin Armures, etc, in dress lengths. All fine grades of goods \$1.50 to 2.50. Broadcloths and Venetians. \$1.00 to 2.00. German Hard Finish Double Warp Whipcords, in illuminated mixtures 1.00. Coatlines, 5-inch, new shades, French fabrics 1.50. Albatrosses, new shades .50. Corduroys, 15 shades, a bargain .50. Silk Stripe Challies, advance Spring styles, beautiful effects .59. Heavy Skirtings, Cheviots, Kerseys, etc., in all shades 75c to 3.00. Mears & Hagen 415-417 Lackawanna Avenue.

U M B R R E L L E S Meldrum, Scott & Co. No. 126 Wyoming Avenue. For many weeks stock has been quietly and surely moving, to prepare the way for the Christmas invoice of Beautiful Umbrellas. There was a little delay, but at last they are here, in all their silvery, shining attractiveness. Listen—if their beauty of design and superior quality appeals to you so strongly, would it not likewise satisfy that friend of yours for whom it is so difficult to choose a gift? Prices from \$1 to \$15 Each. The New Handles are a triumph of the jeweler's art, round, square and odd shapes in silver, gold, pearl, silver and pearl, gun metal and natural wood, with silver mountings. The covers are made of silk, from Gloria to the soft, glossy quality on that \$15.00 Umbrella. One beauty that is a reigning favorite in this city this month has a circular, lustrous white pearl handle with silver trimmings and a beautiful soft silk cover of the very finest quality of silk. An umbrella any one would be proud to own.... \$9.50 Initials or Monograms on all Umbrellas Engraved by an expert, absolutely free. Holiday Suggestions in Gold, Silver, Ebony and Glass. Rings, Watches, Clocks, Brooch Pins, Scarf and Hat Pins, Chains, Bracelets, Pens, Etc. Watches, Jewelry, Forks, Spoons, Fancy Serving Pieces, Novelties, Toilet Articles, Desk Furnishings, Etc. A Beautiful Line of Toilet Articles. Great variety, lowest prices. Fruit Dishes, Water Sets, Water Bottles, Mustard Cups, Berry Bowls, Celery Trays, Vinegar Cruets, Cream Pitchers, Spoon Holders, Sugar Bowls, Toothpick Holders, Cologne Bottles. I Give Green Trading Stamps. A. E. ROGERS, 213 Lackawanna Avenue. Scranton will be \$7.75 for the round trip. Lackawanna Railroad Excursion to New York City. Ticket agents of the Lackawanna road will sell special round trip tickets to New York city, good going on any regular train December 12, limited for return to five days, exclusive of going days, at rate of one fare plus one dollar. D. P. A. D. L. & W. R. R. Mounted Pocketbooks, Reynolds Bros. Newest Calendars, Reynolds Bros.

Among the entertainers were the Huan children, the remarkably clever child musicians; Eddie Walsh and Frank McDonald, vocalists, and the Lawrence orchestra. President James Haggerty, of Local 134, was toastmaster of the banquet. All the guests and a number of the local members made speeches. The affair was in charge of a committee composed of P. J. Durkin, chairman; Thomas O'Brien, vice-president; Robert Wharton, secretary; Thomas O'Brien, treasurer; Frank Scanton, James Major and Charles Zang. The officers of Local 134 are James Haggerty, president; Thomas O'Brien, vice-president; John E. Grimes, treasurer; Henry Zeldler, financial secretary; Harry J. Warren, chaplain. Resounding Secretary of Central Labor Union at Scranton, and Member of Convention Committee of Arrangements. Charles Zang, inspector and walking delegate; Patrick Carden, sergeant-at-arms. Local No. 68, of the National Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees, also gave a banquet last night. It took place on the spacious Lyceum stage, at the close of the Nevada concert. The tables were set in a gorgeous palace, and everything the theatre could afford to make the scene surpassingly beautiful was utilized without stint. The guest of honor was Lee Hart, of Chicago, national secretary-treasurer of the stage employees, and national representative of that organization at the federation convention. Other guests were John J. Pallas, of New York, national delegate of the actors; A. J. and P. J. Casey, owners of the Lyceum; A. J. Duffy, manager; Charles Stevens, treasurer of the Academy of Music; Reese Richards, treasurer of the Lyceum; Manager A. G. Herrington, of the Star; Treasurer Edward Shaffer, of the Star; E. J. Bauer, Al Lawrence and Edgar Lewis, leaders of the orchestra in the three local theatres. A feature of the evening was the presentation of a double ink-well, made of coal, and a gold pen. The presentation was made in the name of the local stage hands by President Charles Colwell. Committee in Charge. The committee in charge of the affair was composed of Charles Colwell, George Lowder, William Jones, Frank J. Morgan, David Martin and Thomas Mulderig. The officers of Local 68 are: President, Charles Colwell; vice-president, David Martin; recording secretary, George Lowder; financial secretary, Frank Morgan; treasurer, Fred Soffly; walking delegate, William Jones. Tonight the painters will give a ball to their visiting delegates at Music Hall. The clerks give a banquet at the Terrace Thursday night. The convention will adjourn at 5 o'clock this afternoon to give the hall over to the preparations for tonight's banquet. Resumption of Sunset Limited Service Between New York, Philadelphia and San Francisco, Season 1901-1902. Commencing November 20 and each Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday thereafter, the Washington and Southwestern Limited, operated daily between New York, Philadelphia and New Orleans via the Pennsylvania Railroad and Southern Railway, leaving Philadelphia, Broad street station at 6.55 p. m., composed of dining, Pullman drawing-room, sleeping, observation and library cars, in addition will carry a special Sunset Limited Annex Pullman drawing-room compartment sleeping car to connect with the Sunset Limited operated between New Orleans and San Francisco. The elaborated trans-continental service offered by these luxurious trains makes a trip to the Pacific coast not only very quick, but most delightful. Charles L. Hopkins, district passenger agent, Southern Railway, 328 Chestnut street, Philadelphia, will be pleased to furnish all information. Tourist Cars on Nickel Plate Road. Semi-weekly transcontinental tourist cars between the Atlantic and the Pacific coasts are operated by the Nickel Plate and its connections. Tourist cars referred to afford the same sleeping accommodations, with same class of mattress and other bed clothing that are provided in the regular Pullman sleeping car service. These tourist cars leave Boston Mondays and Wednesdays, and leave San Francisco Tuesdays and Fridays. Berths in these tourist cars are sold at greatly reduced rates. Conveniences are offered without extra cost, for heating food or preparing tea or coffee, affording every facility for comfort on a long journey, especially for families traveling with children. Lowest rates may be obtained always via the Nickel Plate road, for all points in the west. For special information regarding all trains on the Nickel Plate road, including these tourist cars, consult your nearest ticket agent, or write P. J. Moore, general agent, 291 Main street, Buffalo, N. Y. A Trip to California or Florida. Those contemplating such a trip need but to call on the local ticket agent of the Lackawanna railroad and he will arrange every detail, including transportation, berths, reservations and checking of baggage, through to destination; also will furnish rates, folders, descriptive literature and any other information desired on the subject. Through sleepers and day coaches to Chicago. Only one change of cars to California. Lackawanna Railroad Excursion to Washington, D. C. Special excursion tickets to Washington, D. C., will be sold, good going on any train December 21, and good for return at any time up to and including December 31. The rate from