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CITY AFFAIRS.

METEOROLOGICAL Observations for the *Gazette*, by G. E. Shaw, Optician, 59 Fifth St.—corrected daily:

	IN SUN.	IN SHADE.
9 o'clock, A. M.	60	32
12 " M.	67	37
6 " P. M.		40
Barometer		29 4-10

The Late Tragedy in Juniata County.

A few days ago we reported the brutal murder of Henry Ancker, an old citizen of Juniata county, by two ruffians who entered the house for the purpose of robbing him. The old man was seventy years of age, and reputed to be quite wealthy. He sold one of his farms some time ago, and it was supposed that he had considerable money in his possession. The Juniata *Sentinel* gives the following particulars of the terrible tragedy:

"Between seven and eight o'clock, Saturday evening, two men came to the house and asked for admission. There were, at the time, three persons in the house, Mr. Auker, an old lady who acted as housekeeper, and a grand daughter of Mr. Auker, aged about fourteen years. Mr. Auker and the old lady had retired. When the two men knocked at the door, the girl went to her grand-father and told him that two men desired admission into the house. Mr. Auker told the girl to admit them. As soon as they entered, one sat on the wood-box near the stove, and the other sat on a chair near the door at which they entered. They then informed the old man that they wanted his money. Mr. Auker told them that there was not $10 about the house. He and that they might search if they desired to. He then got up and went to the door leading to his bed room, over which hung his rifle. He opened bed room, over which hung his rifle. He opened the door and reached for his gun, and as soon as he got it in his possession, the tall man went up to him and shot him with a pistol through the arm, near the elbow. Failing to penetrate him with the pistol, he drew from under his garments a hatchet, and struck him three times on the head, which caused him to fall on the floor in an insensible condition. The ruffians, as if alarmed at their own work, immediately fled, without making any search for what they came after. The little girl ran at once to the nearest neighbor's and gave the alarm, and soon the whole neighborhood was apprised of the atrocious murder. Mr. Auker died in about an hour and a half after receiving the injury, without being able to speak a word.

The next morning a man upon observing the tracks leading from the house, immediately said that one of the men was John Lovering. Suspicion immediately rested upon him and a man named Zimmerman, and men started off in pursuit of them. Zimmerman was arrested but at once proved his innocence and was discharged. Lovering and a man named Samuel Howder had left Zimmerman's residence about six o'clock on Saturday evening. Howder was arrested in Saturday evening. Howder was arrested in Mt'Allisterville about ten o'clock on Sunday evening, and said he had left Zimmerman's in company with Lovering the evening previous to hunt roots. It Lovering the evening previous to hunt roots. It was supposed that Lovering, if in the State, was at the house of Peter Varner, in the Shade Gap at the house of Peter Varner, in the Shade Gap at the Shade Mountain, about four miles north west of the Shade Mountain, about four miles north west of Mt'Allisterville. About eight o'clock a party of men, of which the writer hereof was one, started for the house of Varner, which they immediately surrounded. On inquiring of Varner whether Lovering was in the house, he said he was about somewhere. Some of the men searched the house and after searching, found them entered the house and after searching, found them entered the house and after searching, found Lovering crouched under the bed. A loaded pistol was found in his possession.

After the capture of Lovering, Howder turned State's evidence against him, and related substantially the above facts. The little girl who was at Auker's at the time the deed was committed, was brought into the office of the Justice where some twenty-five persons were congregated, and she at once recognized Lovering as the man who had shot her grandfather, although she swore he had whitened his face when he committed the act. Varner then here when he committed the act. Varner then swore that he had shaved Lovering on Sunday morning. Both Lovering and Howder were then remanded to jail to answer to the charge of murder

A Disorderly Party.

Yesterday morning, about four o'clock, four men named Frank Otis, Milton Davis, John Sell and Frederick Vile visited the bakery of Franz Nibel, on Penn street, in the Fifth Ward, and demanded some bread. As they had no money, the baker refused to furnish them with the "staff of life," and one of the men, Frank Otis, committed an assault and battery upon the baker. The whole party was arrested by the Night Police, and locked up. It subsequently appeared that they had rolled a barrel of cider from a store during the night, and having plenty to drink they determined also to get something to eat without the trouble of paying for it. Otis was committed to jail for assault and battery, and the other three were sent up in default of fine for disorderly conduct.

Subsequently commitments were lodged against Otis and Davis, by Aldermas Taylor, on complaint of Christopher Lyons, who charged them with the larceny of a quantity of fancy soap, which was taken from his store on the night of the fire at Kelly Ban iron his store on the night of the fire at Kelly ban iron and steel works on the Allegheny. Mr. Z. Glass' board yard, on Duquesne Way. Mr. Lyons also made information against Otis for assault and battery, and a commitment was lodged by the same magistrate.

A New Railway Project.

We are informed that a bill was recently read in the Legislature, for the incorporation of "The People's Passenger Railway Company."

Among the corporators named are several prominent citizens of Pittsburgh and Allegheny. The act provides for the construction of a line of railway from the corner of Smithfield and Water streets, along Water street to Liberty, and along Liberty to the Fair Grounds, on Carson street. Also, the construction of a line along Smithfield street, from Liberty street to the Custom House. The project will depend upon the removal of the tracks of the Pennsylvania Railroad from Liberty street, and the Company is authorized to carry freight over their line. We have not yet seen the bill, and cannot speak definitely in regard to its provisions.

MONONGAHELA AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.—The members of this Society have elected the following officers for the ensuing year:

President, D. McCurdy; Vice Presidents, Col. Joseph Taylor, John King, W. Wickersham, Wm. Patton, John Wallace, Yeaworthis. Secretaries, W. H. Wilson, Chill Hazzard. Treasurer, W. J. Alexander. Corresponding Secretary and Librarian, Ard Moore. Auditors, Joseph Wilson, C. B. Beach. Board of Managers, Daniel Pierce, Bris Bon Wall, James Williams, Moses Scott, John Stover, F. Beatley, H. M. Bentley, James Stogsdale, Dutton Shannon.

The receipts last year were $617,16, and the expenditures $666,71. Whole number of entries last fair 1002, exclusive of voluntary contributions.

AN ADDRESS BY THOMAS G. RUTHERFORD.—A card will be found in our advertising columns, from the pen of Thomas G. Rutherford, late Superintendent of the House of Refuge, in which he announces a lecture at City Hall, on Wednesday evening next. Mr. Rutherford has been lecturing in the east, under the name of "The Unknown," and he now sais as a hearing in this community, and he now sais as a hearing in this community, and he now sais as a hearing in this community,