

LOCAL DEPARTMENT.

Harrity is in the soup. The McKinley bill did it. This is truly Indian Summer. Tammany rules in York State.

Election, as usual, passed off very quietly at LaPorte. Glidwell received a good vote in the two LaPortes.

The weather on Tuesday was just right for the occasion. Meylert & Co. are still offering great bargains in goods.

The Republicans of Philadelphia elected their full city ticket. John V. Finkle now occupies the Brick Mansion, on Meylert St.

The old Key Stone State as usual shouts loud for Republicanism. Major McKinley of Ohio is now Governor of the Buck Eye State.

Which will it be, Governor Flower or ex-President Cleveland in 1892? Dr. Waddell of Dushore, was called to LaPorte, professionally, on Sunday.

The W. C. T. U. will meet at the home of Mrs. J. L. Smyth Friday Nov. 6, at 3 p. m.

Flower, the Democratic nominee for Governor of New York State, was elected by 25,000 majority.

It would seem that the earth had opened up and swallowed the Democratic party, body and britches.

The Prohibition vote in Sullivan county is falling off at a lively rate. Two more years will wind up their career.

The Y. W. C. T. U. will meet at the home of Miss Fannie Meylert, Friday evening Nov. 6. All are invited to attend.

Our eagle screams very loud for the late victory of Republicanism. Have you noticed how he flaps his wings?

Harrity is a close campaign guesser. Only about 80,000 votes out of the way. That is'tat many for a new boss, is it?

E. J. Messenger of LaPorte twp., left for Susquehanna county, on Tuesday, where he will visit friends for a week or ten days.

Sullivan county in 1890 gave a Democratic majority of 515 on Tuesday it dropped to 325. What do you think of that?

Now that election is over let us all proceed to business. The political anxious seat will be vacated until February election, some four months off.

Miss W. F. Miller, head nurse in a Baltimore Hospital, is visiting her father and sister Mr. Frederick Miller and Miss Lottie Miller, of LaPorte.

It is as the REPUBLICAN predicted, last week. The Salt River will be over burdened with boats loaded with Democracy. Get in the car, Josh will be the Captain.

Several flocks of wild geese have passed over this vicinity during the past week. They were southward bound. Our sportsmen were more than anxious for them to roost on Lake Mookma.

Messrs Chas. Lauer and Wallie Hackley of LaPorte, cast their first ballot, on Tuesday. The former is a Democrat and the latter a Republican. We have some hopes that Charley will be a liberal Democrat, however.

Miss May Lee aged 8 years, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Lee of LaPorte, died, on Wednesday of typhoid fever. Deceased was a pupil of the LaPorte graded school and was much admired by her associates.

The extraordinary session of the Senate, called by Boss Harrity and Pattison proved a boomerange to Democracy; just as Senator Quay predicted. That Junior Senator is entirely too great for Harrity and Hensel.

The people of LaPorte and vicinity will enjoy a dance in the Hall on this Thursday evening. There will also be served in connection with the dance an oyster supper at Hotel Kennedy at 11:30 p. m. All are invited. Bill \$1.50.

There was an eruption in what was only a year or two ago known as the big Prohi. four, of LaPorte, on Tuesday. It was caused by one of the number jumping the traces and voting in his old party. It was a surprise to his associates.

Quay is making it warm for the several editors of Democratic newspapers and Democratic State Chairman Kerr. The editorials on that Bardsley certificate, was too much for the Junior U. S. Senator to endure, hence he has brought proceedings against these parties for libel.

The REPUBLICAN is first of the county papers in giving the official vote of the county. The REPUBLICAN always takes the lead. Subscribe for the best.

NEW YORK, Nov. 5.—Reports received by the Associated Press up to this hour (1 a. m.) indicate that the State Senate will stand 17 Republicans to 15 Democrats, and that there will be 64 Democrats and 64 Republicans in the Assembly.

Some years ago Col. McClure of the Philadelphia Times, was looked upon as the most official guesser of a campaign in the State. His long miss, on Tuesday, however, was no feather in his cap and has placed him with the retired weather prophets of the country. Mr. McClure is growing quite aged and his use in this direction has about ceased.

Governor Hill, of New York is in a very happy frame of mind. The Democrats of that state are already pointing to him as their only salvation, and it may be set down as almost certain that the distinguished office-holder, who will soon retire from the Governorship, will resign the Senatorship (which he has not yet accepted) and draw his lines for the purpose of capturing the Presidential nomination. Grover is no longer in it.

Only 10 majority for Wright in the Borough. How is that for high? Still better, only 5 Democratic majority in LaPorte twp. The day is not far distant when these two districts will be included in the Republican ranks. Our county ticket ran ahead of the State ticket in both of these precincts, hence our neighbors will perceive that there was no trading to accomplish this result.

Vote of Thanks. The students of the LaPorte Public School, unanimously tender a vote of thanks to the editor of the SULLIVAN REPUBLICAN for donating a copy of his valuable paper to their Reading Room.

Com. B. F. CROSSLEY. Hallow'en was duly observed by the boys at LaPorte and the signs, gates and other loose property were removed as of yore. At 8 p. m. a procession of some twenty or thirty kids was formed on Muncy street and who presented a suspicious appearance in their black cloak wear, proceeded to the second ward where they enjoyed an hour's recreation, when they returned to the first ward and held forth until their parents requested their presents.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Faries of Philadelphia, who have been spending the summer at the Mountain House, LaPorte, will leave Monday for their home. Mr. and Mrs. Faries had expected to return to their home some time ago, but owing to the loud talk of Boss Harrity that Pennsylvania would give the Democratic State ticket an overwhelming majority, felt that his vote was needed for Gregg and Morrison, hence, remained and helped along the worthy cause.

Prof. M. F. Albert and Miss Annie E. Ettinger, teachers of the LaPorte graded school with the assistance of their pupils, on Monday last, established a reading table in the school department. The papers addressed to this new and worthy enterprise are: The Philadelphia Inquirer; The Philadelphia Times; The Youths Companion and all three of the county papers. The scholars are very much elated over the undertaking, which will no doubt prove a success. Prof. Albert is a hard worker in the school room and spares no pains to advance new ideas and put them in operation for the advancement of his scholars. Parents, as well as our school board, welcome the new reading room.

Fatal Accident, on the W. & N. E. at Muncy Valley, on Thursday Oct. 25. While Thos. Minier a young man of about 23 years of age and an employe of the W. & N. B. R. R., was in the act of coupling freight cars over a wagon road crossing at Muncy Valley, his foot unfortunately slipped between the iron rail and the plank, where he was held fast. The cars were moving at the time and the unfortunate young man tried hard to release his foot, but with no avail. The result was most horrible. His associates ran to his assistance but were too late, the cars had crushed him beyond assistance. Both legs and arms were broken. The right leg was smashed at the knee and broken five inches below. He was conscious, however, and was immediately taken to the Hospital at Williamsport where he died three hours after the accident.

Deceased was a resident of Hughesville and had been in the employ of the R. R., in the neighborhood of two years. He was very much admired by his associates all along the line. The funeral took place, on Sunday at Hughesville and through the kindness of General Manager, B. G. Welch, the employe of the road in this section, were furnished a special train, to witness the last rite of their brother companion.

THURSDAY SESSION. [We omit the evidence of several witnesses who swear about the same as those given above.]

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ABE ROAT, THE DETECTIVE, who arrested Painton, was the next witness called. He stated that he did not know Painton before last April. Mr. Roat said that he in company with Mr. Anderson went to Sonestown in April and arrived there in the evening about 9 o'clock. Mr. Anderson and he, in company with a constable, went to the house, where they found Painton. They proceeded to search him for weapons. After this he asked Painton for his coat and when told where it was proceeded to search it. In the meantime Anderson and Painton had a scuffle, when Painton gave his mother a purse (which was handed to the witness and identified) containing \$145 in gold. The constable had some trouble to get the purse from Painton's mother. After Painton's arrest he was brought to Harrisburg, where another purse and some money was found on his person. In conversation at the jail with the prisoner, he told the witness that he had some goods at the Reading railroad which he wished shipped to Sonestown to his mother; that they searched these goods and the black slouch hat was found in the springs of the lounge and the boots in the side board.

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WILLIAM H. PAINTON

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The Evidence in Full.

Michael Strominger Husband of the Murdered Woman on the Stand.

WEDNESDAY OCT. 28, 1891.

The prosecutor, the husband, of the murdered woman, Michael Strominger, was the first witness called and feebly walked to the witness stand, where he was affirmed.

After a few preliminary questions as to his place of residence and the age of his wife, which stated would have been 63 the past September, and that his age was 75 last May, he proceeded to detail the facts of the murder on the night of the 31st of March last, as follows:

There was a rap at the door and she (Mrs. Strominger) went and opened the door and had started in, with Painton right after her. He seized her, and tied her, after which he demanded their money, and Mr. Strominger was compelled to go with him into a back room, where he got \$700 in paper money, fifty or sixty dollars of silver, and he did not know how much gold there was. After he got the money he came back in the kitchen and he (Painton) untied her and set her against the lounge and rubbed her with something. Mr. Strominger told him she was dead and Painton said, "Oh no. She would soon come too." After placing her on the lounge and working with her, he said Mr. Strominger had better go for a doctor. The only words remembered by the witness spoken by the defendant and Mrs. Strominger when he first came in were, she said, "Wait till I get it." He stated further that the man had false whiskers on. They fell off when he was struggling. He had a light mustache, just like he has now. The whiskers were of a sandy color, somewhat reddish, he had a black slouch hat on, a darkish sack or frock coat. He did not know what kind of pants he had on. He stated that he first saw the man after the murder in the jail.

Mr. Strominger then proceeded to identify Painton, and said that (pointing to Painton) was the man who committed the murder.

The witness was then turned over to Mr. Zeigler, who proceeded to the cross-examination.

In the cross-examination Mr. Strominger said he only noticed what kind of a coat and hat he had on. He did not know what he said when he came in, as (Strominger) was hard of hearing. The whiskers fell off his face on the floor while they were tussling. When the whiskers fell off he got a side view of his face. There was some money left that had not been taken, but he did not know how much. The money was not all in the same package. In answer to the question, What did the man do when he found Mrs. Strominger was dead? Mr. Strominger said, the man took a looking glass from the wall and put in front of her face. After finding Mrs. Strominger dead Painton said he would go for the doctor.

In answer to the question, Whether he had not described the man as a heavy set man, the witness stated that he had not described the person that committed the deed as a heavy set man. He didn't know the parties who were with him at the jail when he identified Painton. The witness' recollection was not clear concerning the fact surrounding the identification of the prisoner at the jail and he was unable to name the parties with him or what was said. He did not know how the prisoner was dressed. He merely looked at the prisoner's face. When the prisoner was brought in he stood up awhile and he saw that it was the very man who murdered his wife. When asked to tell how he identified him, he said he could tell by the appearance; that he had no beard, but had a mustache. He could tell by the shape of his face. He repeatedly stated that no one had asked him to go along to the jail. He went because he wanted to. He stated further that when Dr. Stem came to his house in the evening of the murder he had David Crumlich with him. Dr. Stem examined Mrs. Strominger as soon as he got to the house.

Dr. J. C. Stem, the resident physician of Lewisberry, was the next witness called. The Doctor is a fine and intelligent looking gentleman, and in a fluent way detailed the manner in which he was summoned to Mr. Strominger's on the night of the murder; how he got Mr. David Crumlich to go along with him; how he entered the house and found Mrs. Strominger lying on a lounge in the house; how he after examination found she was dead, and then he hastened up town to give the alarm.

The Doctor then described the man who summoned him as an athletic built man, tall, who kept moving towards Mr. Park's residence all the time he could not see him in the face. After he came on the man had disappeared.

The Doctor then described the condition of Mrs. Strominger's body when he arrived there, saying there was a bruise on her right cheek, marks of a cord on her neck, her hands were lying along side of her, her hair was down, her dress was open, and there was a smell as though whiskey was poured over her body. He also saw the body at her late residence the time the Coroner made the post mortem examination; that he took no notes at the post mortem examination; that from his examination the cause of death was strangulation.

Dr. Stem then described the manner in which he tried to resuscitate the victim. When asked why he had not gone into further details to ascertain if there was any life, he said life was extinct to him.

Coroner Charles F. Spangler was the next witness called by the Commonwealth. Mr. Hentzel proceeded to examine the Doctor, who in a distinct manner stated that he had held a post mortem examination on the body of Mrs. Strominger, at her late residence, and then proceeded to describe the results of the post mortem examination, in which he stated that he found marks on the face, hands and limbs, and an abrasion on the neck. The brain was gorged with blood, the heart was contracted, the lungs congested, the abdominal viscera were intensely gorged with blood, the thyroid cartilage fractured at its posterior third, and that the cause of her death was strangulation.

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Mr. Roat was recalled by the Commonwealth, who offered to prove that he made a search of the house occupied by Painton and Wesley Smith on the 7th of April last, and there found in a chest up stairs \$200 in gold, and that on the 9th day of April last, in the Dauphin county jail, Wesley Smith identified the prisoner and said he (W. H. Painton) was the man who had given him the money found in the house on the night of the 7th.

This offer was objected to by the defence and after considerable discussion pro and con, and the citing of precedents, the Court said he was inclined to admit the evidence, but preferred to reserve his ruling until this morning and directed the Commonwealth to call another witness.

SAMUEL J. ANDERSON, DETECTIVE, who testified with Mr. Roat, in substance detailed the arrest of Painton the same as Mr. Roat had detailed it; that he had also spoken to him about property at the Reading depot, and that he was with Mr. Roat when they searched these goods and found the hat and boots.

MARJA PETROW, the housekeeper of Wesley Smith, a comely young woman, and who holds many material facts of this case, was called by the Commonwealth, and testified in substance as follows: I was living in Harrisburg on Broad street with Smith, on last March. Painton was with us. She then identified Painton by pointing him out. She remembered March 31, last. Saw Painton about 3 and 4 o'clock in the afternoon at the house, and saw D. W. Smith give him binder twine. Witness was shown the string and said it was like that. She saw Painton take his rifle volver from the cupboard and put it in his pocket. He wore a pair of light pants, dark coat, dark slouch hat, and black overcoat. Saw the hat on Painton's head on the 31st of March. He left the house that afternoon and she did not see him until she saw him next morning in bed in the house where they lived on Broad street. She supposed he returned between 2 and 3 o'clock in the morning. He was not in at 12 o'clock, because she was awake, and he was not in. She saw him at 6 o'clock in the morning in bed. He got up. She got up first and made breakfast. There are two rooms on the first floor of the house. D. W. Smith and Painton were in the front room before and after breakfast. Whilst there, after breakfast, she heard Painton say, "I made a bad job, I believe I strangled Mrs. Strominger." Painton then went to Broad Street Market and returned about 11 or 12 o'clock and said Mrs. Strominger was dead. He said it to D. W. Smith, and she heard it. He asked her to wash his pants the next day. They were muddy. They had a reddish mud up to the knees. They were the pants he had on the day before. Smith had a ball of binder twine there and Smith burnt it on the next Saturday.

On cross-examination she stated that she had been living with them about 8 months. She had her home there. Her sister is the wife of Daniel W. Smith. She then said that she had not seen Smith burn the twine, but saw him bring it down stairs and take it to the stove, where she saw a blaze. When Smith returned from the stove he had not the twine with him.

Part of this evidence was objected to by the defence as not proper evidence.

The time for adjournment being at hand, the court reserved his ruling in this matter until this morning.

Court then adjourned until 9 o'clock Friday morning.

FRIDAY SESSION. After hearing a few witnesses who testify the same as the above the Commonwealth [CONTINUED ON EDITORIAL PAGE.]

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