



CHARLES W. HANE.

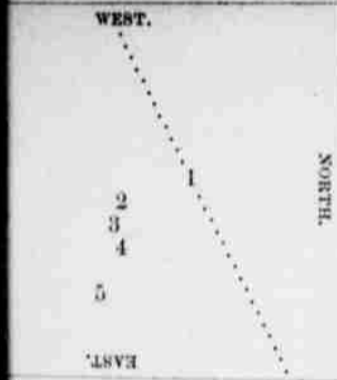
Cold Blood!

Charles Hane Cruelly Murdered!

Body Found Surrounded
Lowling Herd of Cat-
Thirty-six Hours Af-
ter The Tragedy!

Who Did It?

MAP OF THE FATAL FIELD.



of blood, knife, and tobacco,
of pencils,
fruit tree.

County has again been made
one of the most cruel
blood murders in the his-
tory. The victim is Charles
Hane, son of George H. Hane of
Dam. The editor of the
greater part of two
neighborhood of the
during which time we were
kind friends in getting at
om facts of the horrible af-
are now prepared to give to
ers probably the most au-
account that will be pub-
rior to the arrest, conviction,
ing-up of the scoundrel
mitted the deed.

Hane was a quiet, peace-
loved young man, who had
maturity, and in con-
on of matrimony with Miss
ross, a most estimable young
Shamokin Dam, was about
rk in the mercantile busi-
the young lady's father,
the day of the tragedy assisted
an inventory of the store
y Gross & Gaugler.

the store at about 9 o'clock,
ing Miss Gross that he was
to attend a ball at the Fer-
that night to which she
ed him to take her. After
the store he started as if to
but on the way he noticed
alking ahead of him down
He whistled as if to call
e person stopped and prov-
Peter Trait, who asked the
ate young man to accom-
down the road. "No," re-
rley, "I forgot something
go back." He went back
rner of Main and Hellen
here Jonas Aurand lives
heard to whistle twice as if
signaling somebody. About
arters of an hour after that
Smith and wife, residing
e mile immediately west of

Mr. Hane's residence, heard three
shots. They think the first shot fell
and after a brief pause the other
two followed in quick succession.

Charley Hane did not come home
that night as was his custom. The
next day, Friday, passed without
any intelligence of the young man
and the family began to be alarmed.
On Friday evening the children of
Peter Long in passing through a
field about a mile north of town saw
a man lying in the grass about 30
yards from a path leading from a
blind lane back of Hellen Street
across the fields and close to a large
chestnut tree. They ran home and
told their parents who paid no fur-
ther attention to it until the
next morning, when in passing
through the same field on their way to
cut corn, they were attracted by the
lowing of cattle near the chestnut
tree and went there and found the
body of a young man cold in death.
They called to Jacob Long who was
in an adjoining field cutting corn,
to come quickly. Unable to recognize
him, they sent the intelligence of
their ghastly discovery to town. It
spread with the wind, and fears
were at once expressed that it was
Charley Hane who had so myster-
iously disappeared thirty-six hours
before. The apprehensions were
soon turned into a certainty, for it
was the young man lying in a pool
of his own blood. At first it was
suspected that he had committed
suicide, but an investigation soon
exploded that theory and established
murder.

Mr. Hane was at once sent for and
a coroner's jury impaneled with
Justice Gaugler at the head. The
body, as stated was lying about thirty
yards from the path leading across
a field on the farm of John Bassler.
Aside of a pool of blood lay the
young man's knife and tobacco,
eight feet farther east in the
direction of his home lay his lead pencils
and ten feet still farther east lay
the poor boy on his right side with
his left leg drawn up, and both
hands above his head tightly grasp-
ing the earth and filled with tufts of
grass. Twenty-five dollars, which
he was known to have had in his
pocket was gone with his pocket-
book, but his gold watch and chain
remained intact. A one-dollar bill
was found in his vest-pocket buried
in the lining.

His father was overcome with
grief and grasped the boy around
the body, and, lifting him, begged
for him to speak. It was a scene no
one will ever forget. He was re-
moved in his father's wagon to his
home where was met a mother whose
heart was breaking with anguish, a
sister (Mrs. J. H. Rhoads) and an
only brother. The terrible blow
and sufferings of the family were
indescribable. Drs. B. F. Wagen-
seller of Selinsgrove, and Bordner
of Shamokin Dam were summoned who
announced that all hope had fled.

One bullet hole was found in
the back of the head ranging upward
and passed out at the mouth, an-
other had entered the left eye close
to the nose and ranged downward—
the ball lodging in the mouth, and a
third ball entered a few inches be-
low the heart and ruptured the aorta
(the great artery or trunk of the ar-
terial system). The two shots in
the head were not necessarily fatal,
but the last one which ruptured the
great artery caused a hemorrhage
which must have resulted in death.
These statements were justified by
the findings of County Coroner
Weiser at the autopsy on Sunday
morning. The shot in the back of
the head was fired out of a weapon
held so close to the head that the
fire singed the hair. The ball which
passed through the abdomen was
found lodged against the skin on the
back of the body. It was from a .32-
calibre short, rim-fire cartridge.

The general belief is that the as-
sassin, after performing his work of
murder, dragged the victim from
the first pool of blood to the place
where the body was found. Horri-
ble as is the thought, it is not only
possible but very probable that the
poor young man revived sufficiently

to drag himself the eighteen feet,
from the first pool of blood to where
he lay and then died. His vest-
pocket, which held his pencils, was
torn, indicating that the pen-
cils had caught in the grass and
drawn out. Death resulted from
hemorrhage, and hence was by no
means instantaneous. The cor-
oner's verdict will no doubt reveal
the possibility of this theory, but it
has not yet been made public.

WHO DID IT?
"Read the answer in the stars."
Every eye has turned detective, and
there is an opinion for every star. A
crucial theory was given weight at
first which implicated the young
man's affianced, Miss Mary Gross.
It is reported that this young lady
had used some very threatening lan-
guage to him a short time ago. We
saw her and spoke to her and con-
cluded it did not require the trained eye
of a detective to read in the counte-
nance of that young lady that inno-
cence and purity of heart which
alone would acquit her of any sus-
picion of cruelty. It is most unkind
to give countenance to any such sus-
picions, and we hope Public Opinion
will call a halt in this desperate
grasping for clues and not drag into
outrageous notoriety so precious an
article as a young lady's character
unless they have better grounds for
suspicion than the present case af-
fords.

"Who did it," is as yet a mystery,
but it will not remain so long. Able
detectives have been employed and
the guilty party, who probably had
the temerity to look at the corpse of
the day of the funeral will be hanged
down. No arrests have yet been
made, but it is only a question of a
short time when the sleuth-hounds
of Justice will strike the right trail,
run down the scoundrel and bring
him up with a quick turn at the
short end of a hempen rope.

THE FUNERAL.
The funeral, which took place on
Monday afternoon was the most
largely attended affair of the kind
ever held in the east end of the
county. Rev. Dr. Dinnun and Rev.
Murray Klepfer officiated. The ter-
rible anguish of the stricken family
were painful to witness, and the sad
scenes will live long in the minds of
the people.

Charles W. Hane was aged 21
years, 5 months, and 13 days. He
was a young man of great promise,
the hope of his parents, the pride
of his friends.

"Breathe low, then gentle winds,
Breathe soft and low,
The beautiful lies dead!
The joy of life is fled!
And our lone hearts are woe
Henceforth to woe!"

"The green earth mourns for thee,
Thou dearest one!
A plaintive tone is heard,
And flower and leaf stirred,
And every favorite bird
Stings soft and lone."

"Pale is thy brow, and dimmed
Thy sparkling eye!
Affection's sweetest token
Is lost for ever and broken!
The last kind word is spoken—
Why didst thou die?"

Miss Sadie Orwig has returned
from a two-month's visit at Watson-
town.

Capt. Ryan Post G. A. R., intends
going to Sunbury in a body on
Grand Army Day, Oct. 9th.

We will have a few extra copies of
this week's Post for sale at 5 cents a
piece. First come, first served.

We were compelled to cut down some
of the communications from our local
correspondents and leave others
entirely out for want of space this
week.

All our merchants who cling to
the Jewish faith will have their
houses of business closed on Satur-
day of this week owing to it being a
Hebrew holiday.

The Harrisburg Telegram will ap-
pear on Saturday evening with a
graphic account of the Hane murder.
Extra copies can be secured
of their agent here at 5 cents a copy.

A merry-go-round, built by Henry
Herman, will be erected near the
builder's residence on Saturday
evening and the world is cordially
invited to come and take a ride.

Thrilling Adventure With a Monster She-Bear.

A CLOSE CALL FOR CHRISTIAN BOONEY,
THE OLD BEAR-HUNTER. HE PUMPS
BRUIN FULL OF LEAD AND THEN
CLIMBS A TREE TO SAVE
HIS LIFE.

On Sunday afternoon last, while
the old hunter, Christian Booney,
was rummaging through the Seven
Mountains back of his home a few
miles north-east of Troxelville, with
his trusty double-barrelled gun on
his shoulder, he saw the brush move
and out walked two young bears.
His long experience as a woodsman
convinced him that bears of that age
must have a chaperon near by in the
shape of a mother. He had not long
to wait, for the next moment the
huge bulk of the cubs' mother part-
ed the brush and she stepped out—
a magnificent specimen of the
American black bear. He raised his
rifle and fired a ball square in her
breast. The two cubs turned and
surrounded the mother who set up
a terrific growl. This gave the old
hunter time to reload his rifle-bar-
rel—the other being loaded with
bird shot. The bear started down
the mountain, and Booney in trying
to head her off, ran square against
her. Booney fired his second shot
into bruin's rump, and then ran for
a big rock in sight. He reached it
just in time, and, turning around, he
saw the load of bird-shot into the
bear's breast. His gun was empty
and the now terribly enraged animal
began to climb the rock. Fortunately
for Booney, a hemlock tree top
lay against a neighboring tree and
he flew up its branches, gun in hand,
with the agility of a squirrel. The
bear was perceptibly growing weak-
er and contented herself with tear-
ing at the stem of the tree, and snap-
ping his jaws like a steel trap.
Booney hastily reloaded his gun,
and awaiting his opportunity, fired
a ball into her head immediately
back of the ears which laid her out
ready to skin. To say that Mr.
Booney was scared is putting it
mild and he declares it to have been
the closest call he ever had and don't
want any more of them.

He that courts and goes away
May live to court another day;
But he that weds and courts girls still,
May get to court against his will.

We are greatly indebted to Scott
Ritter, post-master and prince of
good fellows of Shamokin Dam, for
the invaluable assistance he render-
ed us this week.

The First National Bank of Mid-
dleburgh will be established to a
dead certainty. The fifty thousand
dollars of stock has been subscribed,
and ten thousand more offered,
which of course could not be accept-
ed.

The attempt to cut a new road in-
to the hunting grounds back of
Troxelville has been abandoned and
an attempt was to have been made
to open the old one on Tuesday of
this week. We hope the boys suc-
ceeded.

Old Abe Lazy, the Prince of Va-
grants, was in town this week, and
is still as independent as a hog on
ice. He travels with two canes by
the aid which he make a mile in
about six hours. He is kept by
families residing in and around Rich-
field, but about once a year takes a
"spurt" through the county and al-
ways makes it a point to visit his
friend and sympathizer, the editor
of the Post. He called on us on
Monday, and asked us for a photo-
graph of himself, probably the only
one in existence, which is in our
possession. It was taken about
four years ago, when we paid
him fifty cents for a sitting. We
refused to give it to him. Then he
took a good look at our power press
and asked?

"H-H-H-How how d-d-do-do you
r-r-run-run that thing?"

"By mule power, we replied. "Do
you want a job, Abe?"

"T-T-T-Tom y-y-y-you you are the
d-d-d-d-ah-ah-de-devil's pup!"

THOSE BRIDGES.

Selinsgrove wants a 250 foot iron
bridge across Penns Creek connect-
ing Bough and Chestnut street on
the Isle of Que, and threaten to have
the Commissioners indicted if they
hesitate longer about building it.
The bridge expenses resulting from
the flood, and a petition signed by
some four hundred citizens of Sel-
insgrove and Penns township to
have it vacated, caused them to hesi-
tate about building it so soon, but
they have now concluded to erect an
iron bridge on the old abutments and
take their chances. They may
change their minds, but it is not
probable, and Selinsgrove's mod-
est (?) demand will be only partly
complied with. A great deal of
other complaint is heard about the
delay in putting up the iron bridges
in the county and we "bounced"
them about it. For an explanation
they handed us the following letter
which explains itself and we took
the liberty to copy it and present to
our readers:

CLEVELAND, O., September 25, 1889.
To the Hon. Board of Commissioners of Snyder Co.
GROOMEN.—Your telegram, "Is bridge ship-
ped? Public becoming impatient. Don't delay,"
has been received by us.

Replying to same, would say that we are doing
all possible to get your bridge off. We have
been delayed in getting material very much.
At the time your order was placed with us, the
mills had a strike, and after the adjustment of
the strike there seemed to have been a boom in
orders, rendering it almost impossible to get
anything like delivery. We have nearly all the
material for your bridge in our works; are ex-
pecting some 7 channels tomorrow, having al-
ready received the bill of lading and invoice,
should we get the channels all right will ship
your bridge within a week. This delay has
been no fault of ours, but through a combination
of circumstances over which we had no control.
You may rest assured we will do all we can to
get you this bridge promptly.

Yours truly,
THE VARIETY IRON WORKS CO.

Rev. Orwig attended Lutheran
Synod at Loysville this week.

Kleekner & Finkbinder's sale of
Illinois horses in Middleburgh on
Tuesday was not so well attended
as on former occasions, owing prob-
ably to the inclement weather. The
animals were all drivers and most of
them brought a fair price.

Dr. J. Y. Shindel, administrator
of the estate of Mrs. Sallie G. Shin-
del, dec'd, will expose to public sale
the personal effects of said dec'd, on
the premises on Saturday, Oct. 19.
Among the articles mentioned are
3 shares of stock in the First Nation-
al Bank, of Selinsgrove.

Queen Victoria has a remarkably
fine head of hair, for a lady of her
age; but her son, the Prince of
Wales, is quite bald. Had he used
Ayer's Hair Vigor earlier in life, his
head might, to-day, have been as
well covered as that of her royal
mother. It's not too late yet.

Go to G. C. Gutelius, Middleburgh,
Pa., if you wish to see great bar-
gains in Clothing for men and boys.
He has just opened a large new
stock of choice goods, substantial,
and latest patterns. Prices reduced
to low water-mark—believing in the
old motto: quick sales and small
profits. He will not allow himself
to be undersold.

Last Saturday evening another
surprise party was given to Mr.
Joseph Bowersox and wife by their
children. The children, who came
home on a visit recently, had made
arrangements some time previous
for the occasion, as it was among
themselves. They had taken great
pains to prepare everything to greet
and make old age happy. In fact, it
put us in mind of a silver wedding.
Casting our eyes over the table filled
with delicious fruits, &c., caused us
to think, "Oh, how well prepared."
After every one was served with suf-
ficiency, and a few exchanges with
the aged couple, some of the chil-
dren addressed their parents in very
neat little speeches, and greeted
them with a brighter future and a
happy old age. After which the
parents were presented with some
very costly presents. The gathering
was a most enjoyable one. Mr.
Bowersox took the measure of his
new suit on Sunday, but his friend,
Trix, did not know him.

Court Proceedings.

Court convened Monday, Sept. 23,
1889, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

J. G. Middleswarth, Henry Gem-
berling, Howard Schaubach, and J.
S. Stetler were appointed stipstaves.
COMMON PLEAS.

George Jacobs, Esq., of Juniata
county, was admitted to practice
law in the several courts of Snyder
county.

Philip Dreese, Adam J. Fisher and
D. Oldt were appointed to value and
appraise a site for school house in
Washington twp.

Howard McClure, Esq., of Nor-
thumberland county, was admitted
to practice law in the several courts
of Snyder county.

Malinda Yeager by her next friend
&c., vs. Henry P. Yeager, divorce
granted.

George Sholtzberger vs. P. H. and
John Sholtzberger, replevin verdict
for plaintiff. Reasons for a new
trial were filed.

Reuben Dreese, Sheriff, acknowl-
edged deed polls to John Long,
Sarah Gemberling, M. H. Taggart,
Louisa D. Jeffriest, Wilson Herrold.
ORPHANS' COURT.

Isaiah Walter was appointed guard-
ian of a minor child of Daniel
Kuhns, dec'd.

J. H. Bachman, Esq., W. Romig,
and Nathaniel Walter were appoint-
ed appraisers to appraise the estate
of Enoch Bingham, dec'd.

Thomas P. Derr was appointed
guardian of Samuel S., William L.
and Charles Leitzel, minor children
of Mary Leitzel, dec'd.

Returns to order of sale were con-
firmed in the estate Elizabeth Ship-
ton, dec'd, Daniel Maurer, dec'd,
Jeremiah Cooper, dec'd, Jacob A.
Brubaker, dec'd, John Spahr, dec'd.

Return to inquests were confirm-
ed and rules were granted on heirs
to come into court the 1st day of
next term and accept the real estate
of John G. Willis, dec'd, George
Martin, dec'd.

Auditor's reports were confirmed
nisi in the estate of Israel Woodling
dec'd, Isaac Swanger dec'd, Eliza-
beth Shetterly dec'd.

The following order of sales were
granted: In the estates of John G.
Gill, dec'd, Peter Zechman, dec'd,
Washington Wilt, dec'd, Geo. Hel-
wig, dec'd, Nathan Jarret, Reuben
Koch, dec'd.

The widow's appraisements and
accounts were all confirmed except
those hereafter mentioned.

QUARTER SESSIONS.
Commonwealth vs. Sarah Trutt,
the defendant was found guilty of
assault and battery and sentenced
to pay a fine of \$15.00 and cost of
prosecution.

Commonwealth vs. Charles Bilger,
indicted for fornication and bas-
tardy. The jury found defendant
not guilty, but he to pay costs of
prosecution.

Inspectors were appointed to in-
spect the several new bridges built
this summer in the county.

Wednesday, Sept. 25, 1889, court
adjourned till Nov. 8, at 11 o'clock,
A. M.

Mrs. Austin Winey, of Elkhart,
Ind., is visiting W. B. Winey and
family.

S. F. Deibert has moved his pho-
tograph gallery to town, and posted
a fine display of photographs in our
post office. He says he expects to
be ready for patrons the latter part
of next week.

MARRIED.

On the 26th, ult., by Rev. J. F.
Wampole, Mr. H. D. Kuster, of Sal-
em, to Miss Mary J. Boyer, of
Washington twp.

In Selinsgrove, on September 28,
by Rev. G. M. Klepfer, Mr. Ira E.
Ush, of Adamsburg, and Miss Hat-
tie Kreeger, of Swineford.

DIED.

In Middlebrook twp., on the 12th,
ult., Blanche Stewart, infant child
of John Nelson Malone Regina Ber-
ger, aged 2 months, and 17 days.

Amos E. Mitchell, after a short
illness died Sept. 22, 1889, aged 65
years, 10 months, and 19 days.