

OLD MAN KILLED ON HIS BIRTHDAY

On the anniversary of his 65th birthday, J. Rankin Edwards, a prosperous farmer of near Muncy, was shot down in cold blood and instantly killed by Ellis Deeter, whom he had many times befriended, Tuesday evening.

Mr. Edwards, his wife, and Sharon Castle, a brother-in-law, were sitting in the kitchen of the Edwards' homestead around the stove. At 7 o'clock Deeter came into the house very much under the influence of liquor.

Deeter placed the shot gun across the hot stove and then drawing a revolver said that he had taken it away from his sister-in-law, a woman also named Deeter, who acts as his housekeeper.

Deeter immediately picked up his shotgun, put it to his shoulder and exclaimed: "He could, could he?"

Then Deeter fired point blank at Edwards who was sitting in a chair not over two or three feet away.

Edwards was slain about 7 o'clock, and it was more than an hour after that the news of the killing reached Muncy.

"Well, I'll go out and kill myself now," said Deeter as he walked away, but he evidently changed his mind.

The messenger who took the shocking tidings to the down-river town stated that after Deeter had committed the terrible deed the murderer left the Edwards farm and went back to his home, which is located about a half mile from the scene of the murder.

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NOW SAY THEY CARRY HARRISBURG, Nov. 10.

The State department where returns are received was compelled to change its forecast of yesterday, and it is now believed by Chief Clerk Thorn that all of the amendments will pass except the seventh.

Philadelphia county will give at least \$4,000 for the amendments and Allegheny, which will give 8,000 or 9,000, will certainly overcome the adverse majorities in the other counties, and this result cannot be affected by Armstrong, which is yet to return about 900 majority against the amendments and Berks, which is also adverse.

Following are the majorities against the various amendments in the sixty-three counties that have made official returns: First, 30,244; second, 25,413; third, 24,972; fourth, 33,700; fifth, 22,580; sixth, 25,173; seventh, 79,302; eighth, 25,756; ninth, 26,801; tenth, 26,717; schedule, 34,478. All the amendments but the seventh will carry.

MARJORIE GOULD.

An American Beauty Who May Soon Become a Duchess.

An American girl whose great beauty and fortune have recently turned the heads of some of Europe's highest nobility is Marjorie Gould, the eldest daughter of George Jay Gould. She is now in her eighteenth year and was introduced to society in January last.

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SUES MONTOUR CO. FOR \$1700

Claiming that the county of Montour was negligent in not keeping one of its bridges, located in Anthony township, in good repair, by which his traction engine went through it and was damaged and himself injured, H. B. Mordan, of Millville, through his attorneys William and Neil Chrisman, of Bloomsburg, on Saturday brought suit against the local commissioners, claiming \$1700 damages. The suit was brought in this county. The engine was valued at \$1400.

Mr. Mordan details his expenses in the following manner: Money, time and labor expended upon repairs of the traction engine, extracting it from the bed of the creek, transporting it to and from the shop for repairs, including all expenses by reason of delay, \$500; injuries to the plaintiff's person, consisting of a sprained back, finger hurt, suffering and loss of time, \$500, total \$1700.

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TOO LATE FOR BUILDING MACADAM

It would seem that all idea of doing any work on the reconstruction of the extension of East Market street this fall has been abandoned by council. The change of plans and the effort to secure State aid to pave the street between Cook's court and the hospital macadam has entailed so much delay that it would be inexpedient to go on with the work, even if macadam be the form of road adopted.

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