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ANOTHER SUICIDE.

A Man's Dead Body Found in the Woods Near Morrellville.

HE HAD BEEN DEAD SOME DAYS.

Two little girls make a startling discovery while on the hunt for wild flowers. They give the alarm and the local authorities make an investigation. The inquest and the jury's verdict. The body taken to Henderson's morgue.

The usually quiet town of Morrellville was thrown into a high state of excitement late yesterday afternoon by the announcement that the body of a man who had evidently committed suicide had been found in the woods above that place.

The particulars are as follows: A number of little girls were hunting wild flowers in the woods on the hill above the farm occupied by John Hyder on the south side of the Pennsylvania Railroad, a short distance east of Morrellville. Two of the girls—Jennie Marsh and Annie Bingell—were a little distance away from the others of the party. They were moving onward plucking flowers as they walked, when Jennie raised her head to look for more flowers. Her fright can better be imagined than described, when she saw within a few feet of her the dead body of a man, the face bespattered with blood, in a reclining position at the foot of a large tree. It need not be said that the two little girls didn't take the second look. They ran homeward as fast as girls ever did. On their way they passed the house of Albert Pindley, whom they briefly told of their extraordinary experience. He directed them to tell Constable Bart Ribblett, of Lower Yoder township, who lived near. They did so, and Mr. Ribblett asked them to go with him to show where the body lay.

Returning with Mr. Ribblett the girls pointed out to him where they had made the startling discovery. And there he found the dead man's body, the feet planted against a large stump, while partly sitting and partly lying against the base of a tree, so close to the stump that his knees had been raised somewhat to enable him to get into the space. His body lay partly on the left side, resting on the left elbow. Between the knees lay a revolver. A bullet hole was near the right temple, the hair on the right side of the head was scorched, and the face was streaked with blood. The right hand was sprinkled with blood, evidently when the shot was fired. Apparently the man had taken his own life.

Mr. Ribblett, after briefly viewing the situation, returned to Morrellville and notified Squire J. A. Ambrose, who in the absence of the coroner, empaneled a jury composed of James Spealman, Henry Doyle, Albert Finley, Thomas Risinger, Solomon Carl, and J. T. Harnish.

The Squire and jury repaired to the scene of the finding, and proceeded to investigate the matter as far as they were able. The body was carried out of the woods to the road, when it was loaded on the morgue wagon—the morgue authorities having been notified in the meantime, and the wagon dispatched at once—and taken to Squire Ambrose's office on Main street, Morrellville. There the inquest was concluded, and the body was taken to the morgue.

There was found on the body and with one 32-calibre center-fire Hopkins & Allen double action revolver, box of cartridges, \$1.34 (in half dollar, two quarters, nickels and other smaller change), red pocketbook with five pockets, center pocket closed with clasp, one vial of cologne, brass watch chain with large and small links alternating, tooth brush, key ring with two flat keys and patent needle-lock fastener, door key loose in pocket, memorandum book—three leaves that had contained writing torn out—part of P. R. R. schedule, lead pencil.

DESCRIPTION OF THE BODY.
The body is described as follows: Height, five feet ten inches, weight 170 pounds, light cassimer pantaloons with narrow black strip, black low-cut coat and vest, sandy hair and mustache, white shirt, turn-down linen collar No. 16, linen cuffs, black cravat, fastened to shirt breast below, black stiff hat, aged probably twenty-eight or thirty years.

THE JURY'S VERDICT.
The jury after concluding the investigation rendered their verdict:

We the undersigned, jurors find by the evidence in case of the deceased that he came to his death by a pistol shot wound in the right temple about two inches above and in front of right ear, and it is our belief that the pistol shot was fired by his own hand.

JAMES SPEALMAN, Foreman.
ALBERT FINLEY,
HENRY DOYLE,
THOMAS RISINGER,
SOLOMON CARL,
J. T. HARNISH.

REMAINS UNIDENTIFIED.
Hundreds of people from Morrellville and the lower wards of the city viewed the remains, but no one was able to identify them. Mr. Doyle, one of the jurors, keeps a restaurant. He thinks the man

got something to eat at his place some days ago, but can't say just how long.

There were signs of decomposition, from which it would appear that the body had lain some time before being found. Those who saw the remains differ in their estimates of the time the man had been dead, some being of the opinion that death had taken place one day before the body was found, while others thought it might have been several days.

A Novel Cause of a Bad Boy's Death.

Freddie McQuade is a twelve-year-old school boy of Lowell, Massachussetts, whose pernicious practice of indulging in profane language so tired the patience of his teacher, Miss Georgia A. Herndon, that she decided to discipline the lad, in a way that was novel to say the least. She called Freddie to her in the presence of the older boys and girls, and scoured his mouth with a cloth wet with soap. Freddie screamed and made all sorts of wry faces, and through the soap suds in his teeth there were emitted some swear words even more profane than any in his ordinary vocabulary.

That night he was taken sick. He vomited continually and tossed on his bed with a fever. Later the doctor found he had diphtheria, from which he died after a long illness. Now the boy's parents have decided to enter suit against Miss Herndon for the loss of the child's services. They claim that the application of soap was the original cause of death.

Miss Herndon, for her part, says that the parents of many of her scholars had complained of the McQuade boy's profanity, and she rubbed his mouth with soap, as it appeared to be the most effective curative at hand, and she noticed no ill effects from its use. Her counsel advises her not to pay damages without contesting the suit.

THE SUMMER AT ATLANTIC CITY.

The Pennsylvania Railroad's Great Facilities.

The prospects for a brilliant summer season at Atlantic City were never so bright as at the present time. The extraordinarily liberal patronage which it has gained during the winter and spring season, largely due to the magnificent transportation facilities maintained by the Pennsylvania Railroad is still manifesting itself in the well-filled hotels, which bid fair to hold their visitors well through the early summer season. The city by the sea is in better condition to entertain and amuse its friends than ever before. New hotels have been built, and older ones remodeled and enlarged. The great ocean boulevard has been completed, so that Atlantic City now possesses the handsomest and most attractive ocean front of any seaside resort in America. All indications point to the largest summer season in the history of the place.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company has kept well in line with the spirit of improvement which has pervaded the seashore. Its facilities for promptly and comfortably handling large numbers of people have been increased so as to supply any possible demand; the roadbed of its double line has been improved greatly, and the terminal facilities both at Philadelphia and Atlantic City have been enlarged and improved. The betterment of the tracks will enable the management to materially reduce the time between the Delaware River and the sea, and the summer schedule will present the quickest, best equipped, safest and most satisfactory service of trains for everybody ever enjoyed by the hosts of Atlantic City's summer patrons. The comprehensive system of excursion tickets leading from all points on the Pennsylvania System will be available, as in the past years, at the exceptional low rates that have heretofore prevailed. It would be well for our readers to remember that a summer trip that does not include Atlantic City lacks the spice that would make it memorable.

Ill-Fated Day Express.

For several days persons in the interest of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, and Mr. Tarbell, of Pittsburgh, have been in East Conemaugh, subpoenaing witnesses to give testimony in the case of Tarbell vs. the Railroad Company, at Pittsburgh, before Judge Ewing next Monday.

The wife and three children of the plaintiff were passengers on the Day Express lost at Conemaugh in the great flood, and the plaintiff claims that the loss of their lives was due to gross negligence of the company in allowing the train to stand where they knew the reservoir was in danger. The plaintiff claims that, as they knew the track could not be repaired for some time, they should have run the train back to Pittsburgh. The yardmaster, telegraph operator and other officials at Conemaugh have been subpoenaed to testify.

The suit is for \$5,000 damages and is regarded as a test suit for others who lost relatives on that train.

Bishop Hurst, of the Methodist Church, intends making a trip to Europe, for the purpose of visiting the principal universities of Great Britain and the continent, and the securing of plans and ideas for the proposed Methodist University at Washington.

ENROUTE FOR HOME.

THE CONSPIRACY CASES POSTPONED UNTIL SEPTEMBER.

True Bills Found by the Grand Jury at Danville Yesterday in all the Cases—All the Johnstown "Conspirators" Will Have to Answer at the Bar of Justice—The Other Side Indicted Also—Our Party Homeward Bound.

Special to the Johnstown Democrat.

DANVILLE, Pa., May 28.—The Johnstown party arrived here early this morning. Court convened at 10 o'clock. In the cases of the Commonwealth against A. J. Moxham, R. S. Murphy, Henry O'Shea, and E. B. Entwisle, the Grand Jury, without any lengthy deliberation, returned true bills for conspiracy. The three latter gentlemen were also indicted for larceny, and, after some delay, a true bill was found against them for entering a house to commit a felony.

LATER.—The Grand Jury returned true bills against Frank H. Howe, Henry H. Leisenring, and James Williams, of the North Branch Company, for conspiracy. All the cases have been continued until the third Monday in September. The Johnstown party will start for home by special train this evening.

ONE MORE FLOOD VICTIM.

The Body of James M. Rosensteel Found Yesterday Afternoon.

Yesterday afternoon about 3 o'clock a man, who had gone to the lower end of Lincoln street with a wheelbarrow for a load of sand, uncovered the remains of a human body under about a foot of sand. The body was not found in the river but on the lower end of the street in the deposit of sand left by the flood. The body was taken to the morgue in a wagon dispatched by Mr. Henderson for the purpose. It was subsequently identified as the remains of James M. Rosensteel, a flood victim.

The identification was made by means of articles found in the pockets. A bunch of keys with key ring were found. On the ring was a bone plate having on it the name of James Rosensteel. Other articles were also found that made the identification unmistakably correct. At the time the flood came, Mr. Rosensteel, his wife and daughter and step-daughter were at No. 26 1/2 Maple avenue, Woodvale. Their house shared the common fate of that part of the town and all the inmates were lost. Mrs. Rosensteel and the step-daughter were found some time after the flood and buried. Mertie, the daughter, has not been found. William R., son of Mr. Rosensteel by his first wife, was absent and was the only member of the family saved.

It is a strange coincidence that young Mr. Rosensteel left the city yesterday to be gone some time. Mr. Scott Dibert, the young man's uncle, telegraphed to him of the finding of his father's remains. The remains will be buried in Grand View this afternoon at 5 o'clock.

The Lesson of Memorial Day.

On this Memorial Day, with happy children bearing flowers for the dead heroes, with the generation succeeding the war already in active manhood and womanhood, and the surviving veterans already a small minority of the men of the country, we reopen the book of remembrance, and before the eye of the aged arises a field peopled with forms of wondrous interest. The men of 1861! Who and what were they? It cannot be too often repeated that they were men who loved peace and long strove to secure it, but did not weakly shrink from war when it became a necessity to national life and honor.

And this is the great lesson which Memorial days must teach the young. "Most fondly do we hope, most fervently do we pray," in the language of Lincoln, that the scourge of war may never come to this rising generation; but, if it does come, let them think upon the firmness of their fathers and shrink not from the trial. Let the young men of the new day that is to try men's souls look upon these monuments and drink in anew the spirit of patriotism, of firm resolve for the right and unyielding devotion to duty.

DEATH OF MRS. ROBERT H. BRIDGES.

After a Brief Illness She Passes to Her Reward.

Yesterday evening about 6 o'clock Mrs. Robert H. Bridges, wife of the well-known mail carrier, died at her husband's residence, No. 319 Front street, Fifteenth ward. Her illness was of short duration, many of her friends not knowing that anything was wrong until they received the news of her death. She leaves a large family of children, some of whom are nearly grown up.

The choicest flowers that spring can bring
We'll plant above each tomb;
The sweetest songs our hearts can sing
Shall lighten deepest gloom;
And wreaths of laurel for our braves
Who fought and passed away
We'll lay upon their honored graves
On Decoration Day.

THE COMMON COUNCIL.

Proceedings of That Body at the Meeting Last Evening.

A meeting of the Common Council was held last evening.

The absentees were Messrs. R. Davis, Arthur, Greene, McConnell and Slater. The ordinance relating to the mode of the payment of the City Assessors passed finally.

The ordinance relating to the fees to be charged by the City Engineer for services rendered to citizens, passed finally.

An ordinance repealing all ordinances enacted and ordained by any of the boroughs now forming the city of Johnstown before consolidation, except those relating to streets, etc., passed finally.

Mr. Flanagan presented a resolution asking the placing of a telephone in the Fourteenth ward station. Referred to Committee on City Property.

Mr. J. M. Davis presented a resolution requesting the Mayor to take the necessary steps to have viewers appointed to assess damages and award benefits caused by the widening of Iron street in the Thirteenth ward. Passed finally.

Mr. Fearl presented a resolution directing the Solicitor to make inquiry as to the condition of the confirmation of Baumer street in the Fourth and Seventh wards, and report to Councils as soon as possible.

Mr. J. M. Davis made a motion requesting the Mayor to give to Councils the condition of the matter in regard to the bids for filling the streets in the First and Second wards, stating whether the contract has been made.

An ordinance making an appropriation for the purchase of safes for the city was referred and reported favorably. Adjourned to meet Monday evening.

THE PARADE TO-DAY.

The Formation of the Column and the Route of March.

The memorial ceremonies to-day will be similar to those held here formerly. The marching column will form at 1:30 o'clock at the Point. The organizations will report to the Chief Marshal upon their arrival on the ground.

The column will move at 2 o'clock sharp. The course will be up Main street, to Adam, to Bedford, to Sandvale, where the usual ceremonies will be held. The column will retrace, crossing the Poplar street bridge to Morris, to Dibert, to Somerset, to Franklin, to Vine, to Market, to Main and disband.

Quite a number of organizations have signified their intention of participating in the parade and exercises.

Captain Patrick Graham will be Chief Marshal. Messrs. R. M. Linton and A. E. Petrikin will be his aids.

Hon. Chas. N. Brumm, of Pottsville, will deliver the oration in Sandvale, if the weather is favorable, if not, in the M. E. Church.

The Woman's Relief Corps will attend to the preparation of the flowers for the decoration of the graves. Extensive preparations were made by them yesterday.

REAL ESTATE SALES.

The Hager and Levergood Properties Put Up For Bids.

Yesterday afternoon the Hager and Levergood properties were offered for sale as advertised. The first of the Levergood property offered for sale was the lot fronting fifty-seven feet on Main street, near the Bedford street corner. It was bid off by Dr. William Caldwell at \$38,000. The Levergood homestead, at the corner of Bedford and Stonycreek streets, was next offered and was held over on a bid of \$4,530 by Charles Von Lunen. Three other lots in that vicinity were knocked down to Charles Von Lunen for \$12,050. William L. Levergood got the "Seibert property" on Bedford street for \$5,470. The property at the corner of Fend alley and Stonycreek street was sold to Dr. William Caldwell for \$4,107. Harry Parks got the "brick row" on the South Side for \$5,150.

Only one lot of the Hager property was offered—that on the corner of Bedford and Levergood streets. It was held over on a bid of \$23,000, by George A. Hager. No more of the Hager properties were offered for sale.

He Will See Again.

BRADDOCK, May 29.—Prof. A. List, of this place, who has been totally blind for nineteen years, is recovering his sight. When only seven years of age Mr. List lost the sight of both eyes by cataracts that formed over them. About a month ago he went to Philadelphia to have his eyes operated upon by specialists. After the examination, to his astonishment, they informed him there was no necessity for the operation, that ere long he would regain his lost sight.

The cataract on the left eye is fast disappearing, and he can now distinguish the difference between the heights of persons seen walking on the street. All those who have heard of it pronounce it a remarkable case. Prof. List is a well known musician of this place.

Sir Frederick Leighton has had a glass house built off from his studio. Sir Frederick does not throw stones. He is a painter.

MILLINERY FAILURE.

The Firm Funnung a Branch Store in this City.

From the Philadelphia Record, May 29th.

The millinery goods store of Daniel W. Custer, trading as I. S. Custer's Son, No. 39 North Eighth street, was yesterday placed in the hands of the Sheriff on an execution issued out of the Court of Common Pleas. The judgment note on which the execution was issued is made in favor of Jacob M. Jettles for a total of \$29,033.92; in trust for Laura V. Custer, for \$1876; Sarah A. Custer, \$1550; George J. Zeigler, Jr., \$4000; Chestnut street National Bank, \$10,500; Boyd, White & Co., \$550.72; Rush J. Whitesides & Son, \$900; John H. Graham, \$7000; New England Mutual Insurance Company, \$457.20, and H. H. Rynear, \$500. Daniel W. Custer, the sole member of the firm, signed the note, which was dated May 23, 1890, and made payable on demand.

No assignment was made by either the firm or Daniel W. Custer individually, but it is understood that the failure is complete. Mr. Custer and the counsel for the judgment creditors, ex-Secretary of the Commonwealth Stenger, were both very reticent in the matter of the assets and liabilities, but it is estimated that it will require \$70,000 to make good the liabilities, while all the assets are included in the Eight street store and its contents.

No cause for the failure is known beyond the general depression in business during the last year.

King, Adkins & Co., through their counsel, Bumberger & Levi, also began an action in replevin against Daniel W. Custer, trading as I. S. Custer's Son, and George J. Zeigler for merchandise valued at \$175.

The New Lutheran Pastor.

The Hollidaysburg happenings of the Altoona Tribune contained the following: A large number of the members and friends of the Lutheran congregation of this place assembled in their church on Tuesday evening to give a farewell reception to their retiring pastor, Rev. W. A. Shipman and his estimable wife. A pleasant feature of the evening's enjoyment was the presentation of two beautiful pieces of silverware, a soup tureen and a berry dish, the gift of the members of the congregation to Rev. Shipman and wife. M. A. Young, Esq., made the presentation speech in his usual happy and graceful manner and Rev. Shipman, although taken entirely by surprise, responded in a way that touched the hearts of all present. The leave taking between pastor and people was very affecting and showed the high esteem in which he is held by his congregation. Rev. Shipman and wife were the recipients of a number of handsome presents from individual members of the congregation, among them being a gold-headed cane to Mr. Shipman, the gift of Hon. John A. Lemon. They leave on Saturday for their new field of labor at Johnstown.

A Beautiful Monument.

The beautiful monument that attracted so much attention at C. Keim's Monumental Works was erected yesterday to the memory of Michael Lynch, in the Catholic Cemetery, Lower Yoder. It consists of first and second bases, and a die, surmounted by four beautiful columns supporting a cap in gothic style. Surmounting this cap, is a beautiful cross and the monogram of I. H. S. gives evidence of being done by a master workman. The work done by this firm is unequalled, which is attested by the fact, that the standing reward offered for equal workmanship, has never been accepted. They have without a doubt erected the finest and most beautiful monuments and tombstones in all the cemeteries in and about this city. All their work is done in an artistic manner and guaranteed to excel or money cheerfully refunded, and parties in need of a fine monument or tombstone should give Mr. Keim a call at his works on Adam street, before purchasing elsewhere, as his work is the best and prices the lowest.

An Anarchist Arrested.

CHICAGO, May 29.—Joseph Kaiser, an anarchist from New York, who has been ostensibly peddling religious books here, has been arrested on suspicion of placing the dynamite under the policemen's Haymarket monument. He is said to be a "Red," but there is little evidence against him except that he was seen lurking in the vicinity of the monument last Friday night.

The Corpse Rolled Into the Street.

DETROIT, May 29.—About 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon the funeral procession of Mrs. Mary L. McLennan was proceeding toward Woodmere Cemetery, when a street horse car coming down a heavy grade crashed into the hearse. The casket was thrown onto the ground and broken open and the body rolled into the dirty street.

The City Getting Orderly.

No prisoners were confined in the lock-up last night. It is the first time that condition of affairs have existed since the city has been organized.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Ordination Services To-Day and Memorial Services This Evening.

Bishop Whitehead will hold an ordination services in the Episcopal Chapel this forenoon at 10:30. At this service he will be assisted by several of the clergy, the sermon being preached by Rev. H. L. Yewens of Franklin Pa.

This service is of much interest to the members of St. Mark's Church, on account of the person to be ordained. Mr. Charles E. Snavely was prepared for the Seminary by the late rector of St. Mark's Church, Rev. A. P. Diller. He graduated this week from the General Seminary in New York City, and is to be ordained this morning to the Diaconate. This was the plan formed by the late rector, and though rector and church are gone, so much of it will be carried out in the temporary chapel.

Last year Ascension day came on Decoration day, and the late rector had service in the church and celebrated the Holy Communion. This was the last service he ever held, and just one half of those present at that service were taken in the disaster of next day.

From the ruins in the Morrell yard were taken the communion vessel and the stole that Mr. Diller wore at that service. The vessels were repaired and will be used at the communion to-day. Also the stole, cleaned as well as it can be, will be put on Mr. Snavely at his ordination. We understand Mr. Snavely is to take work in Wyoming under Bishop Talbot.

This evening a memorial service will be held in St. Mark's Church in commemoration of the members of the White Cross Society who perished in the flood.

Last year forty-seven members marched in the procession on Decoration day. The next day ten of them were taken. To-night the company will march to St. Mark's Church, where memorial services will be held and a sermon preached by the Rev. Father Fields, Rector of St. Clements Episcopal Church, Philadelphia. Father Fields will be remembered as one who labored so well here after the flood.

To-morrow forenoon the general memorial service of those who died in the flood will be held at St. Mark's Church. Bishop Whitehead and many of the Episcopal clergy who worked here after the flood will participate. The address will be by Father Fields or his co-worker Rev. Father R. M. Ranson. At this service the Holy Communion will be celebrated.

OBITUARY.

BENJAMIN F. ROBB.

Yesterday evening at about 5:45 o'clock Mr. Benjamin F. Robb, a prominent and esteemed citizen of the Fifth ward, died at his residence, No. 73 Morris street. His illness was of only three weeks' duration, death resulting from stomach troubles.

Mr. Robb was born near Greensburg, Westmoreland county, a little over sixty-one years ago. He came to Johnstown about thirty years ago, bringing his wife and family with him. For the last eight or ten years he served in the capacity of Market Master in Johnstown borough. The deceased is survived by a wife and four children—two sons and two daughters. Of the latter, one is the wife of Mr. Curtis G. Campbell, the Main street druggist, and the other is the wife of P. A. Barnhart, of the firm of Barnhart Bros., plumbers, South Side. The sons—Matthew and Frank—are single and make their home with their parents.

Marriage of Mr. John W. Cramer and Miss Florence Haynes.

Last evening Mr. John W. Cramer and Miss Florence Haynes, were united in marriage by Rev. Dr. Chapman at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Napoleon Haynes, a well-known resident of the South Side. Mr. Cramer is one of Johnstown's foremost young men. For many years he was a prominent school teacher in this community and graduated from the Indiana Normal School in 1887. At present he is wigmaster at the Bessemer Department of the Cambria Works. Happiness and long life we hope will be theirs.

Probably a Horse Thief.

The police authorities have in custody a man arrested by Officer McCann yesterday afternoon on the suspicion of being the party after whom the Altoona authorities have been looking. They telegraphed his description here. The man answers the description, and will be held to await the arrival of the Altoona officer.

A Rich Gold Discovery.

DENVER, May 29.—A report reached here yesterday afternoon from Alamosa that a rich strike has been made in the Golconda mine, which is owned by ex-Senator Tom Bowen. Ore has been taken from the mine through which runs a solid streak of gold an inch thick. Ten days ago a pocket was opened from which \$300,000 has been taken.

Ex-President Hayes is said to be worth nearly \$1,000,000, which seems to confirm the statement that "eggs is eggs."