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## AT KEITER'S.

## THE BRIGGS TRIAL!

Witnesses Forget Their Coroner's Inquest Testimony.

## SOME PARTS REPUDIATED

The Commonwealth Has About Exhausted Its Supply of Witnesses and May Close To-day Hints as to How Briggs and Brown Escaped.

Special to HERALD.

POTTAVILLE, Jan. 11.—When the court adjourned last evening it was understood that Thursday's session would wind up the Commonwealth's case and the defence would begin to tell its story of the unfortunate affair at Gilberton on the night of August 21st, last, either towards evening, or Friday morning. Before the close of that side, however, three or four witnesses will be recalled by the Commonwealth. One of the most attentive spectators at Wednesday's sessions of the trial was a pretty young woman of Mahanoy City. She has an attractive face, a fine figure and dresses neatly in black. After the afternoon adjournment the young woman critically examined the photographs of the riot scenes which are in use at the trial. The young woman was the betrothed of James Parfitt, for whose death John Briggs is on trial. The couple had been lovers for seven years.

CROSS EXAMINATION.

My house is just about 210 feet from Trevelhan's house. I know the distance because I thought I would be asked that question and I figured it. I thought I would be asked that question because I read the testimony in the newspapers. I did not shoot anybody that night and didn't have any firearms. I didn't see any one with firearms that night, except those in the dinkey and didn't see any shooting, except by those on the dinkey. I was playing cards on the hill with other fellows when the Chief Burgess came up and told us that they were going to tear up the track and he asked us to go down. I went down and the others went down, too. I helped to tear up the track and was employed to do it on the Saturday night previous by the Chief Burgess and Michael Leahy. I believe Michael Murphy helped to move some of the stuff away off the street towards the pavement. I got \$1.50 a shift for the work. After we tore up the rails they wanted us to tear up the sills and we wouldn't do it unless we got another shift and we got it. I got full that night after the shooting was over. I didn't see any firearms, only those from the dinkey and didn't see anybody under the influence of drink. There was not a good deal of drinking while the track was being torn up, or after. Not as much as usual, because the people were all around the track. I was also a special officer that night, employed by the Chief Burgess. I got \$2 for that and \$3 for helping to tear up the track. I did nothing as a special police officer. I only took the \$2. I was not armed that night, not even with a club. I didn't throw any stones that night or see anybody throw any, or see any thrown. I heard stones were thrown. I saw Briggs fall back on the platform that night but can't tell the reason why. I didn't see him put his hand to his head or see that he was shot. After the shot was fired by Briggs it was 3 or 4 seconds when he fell back. I didn't know how long Briggs and Mahony struggled for the gun. I saw Briggs fall back 3 or 4 seconds after Mahony grabbed the gun. I misunderstood your previous question. It might have been 3 or 4 seconds between the first and second shots. Mahony grabbed Briggs' gun just after Briggs fired the shot. Weavill fired three shots from the same gun. I didn't see Hulihan try to get on the dinkey to grab Briggs, or see him knocked with a stone, or after. I saw him about 20 minutes after under John Stone's awning. I saw no blood or marks on him. Briggs pointed his gun in the middle of the crowd and fired in a easterly direction. Parfitt stood on the south rail and about 5 feet from the dinkey. I didn't see Weavill until after Amour had left. I don't know what direction he came from, only out of the car. When Weavill fired he stood on the platform of the car. If I swore before the coroner that Weavill stood in the center of the door way of the car it is the truth and I swore to it. When Mahony grabbed the gun he got hold of the leather strap with his right hand. I saw him.

Q. You are positive of that?  
A. Yes, sir.  
Q. Quite positive?  
A. Mahony grabbed the gun first with his left hand and then grabbed the strap with his right hand and that is the reason why I can identify the strap of Briggs' gun. Although I saw Weavill shoot three shots north, then south, and then north. I can't identify his gun, or say it had a strap on it, but I could tell that of Briggs.

JAMES MACHER.  
I live at Mahanoy Place and was in the East ward on the night of August 21st, last. I saw the dinkey pass through Mahanoy Place that night at about 11 o'clock. I noticed people on the dinkey but did not recognize any of them on it. I noticed guns on it. The dinkey was going towards Gilberton. I didn't go on it, but took the following car, about 5 or 10 minutes later. I

saw Mr. Jones on that car. He is the superintendent of the Schuylkill Traction Company. That passenger car stopped within 10 or 15 feet of the dinkey. I don't know how long it remained there. I didn't see it leave. When I got to Gilberton I walked to the front end of the dinkey and saw Amour talking to Reynolds and some of the Councilmen. They were trying to persuade Amour to take the guns back into the car and that was about all up to the shooting. I heard quite a good deal of talking and cries that the car was standing on the crossing. Mr. Amour said, "That is so," and moved the car back from the crossing, about 10 feet. I was standing on the middle of the road, where the track was torn up. I heard a cry of where are the Homesteaders and Girardville militia. A man came rushing out of the car and said, "Here we are" and fired instantly, over the platform rail. He fired between the starting lever and the brake, in a southerly direction. The man came from the dinkey. I did not recognize him at that time, but I recognize him now as Mr. Briggs. I don't remember having seen Amour at that time. I don't remember seeing anybody on the platform just before the shooting by the man who came out. The remarks the man made caused me to look up. After the shot was fired I didn't see anything. It seemed to me about two seconds after that somebody brushed past me with a revolver in his hand and fired at Mr. Briggs. He fired one shot. I saw Flo. Mahony at the discussions about the car being on the crossing and after the shooting and everything had quieted down. I saw Mahony standing around with a gun in his hand, after the affair was over. When Briggs fired the shot I didn't notice that it hit anybody. I thought it was a blank cartridge. The first shot that night came from Mr. Briggs. At the time Briggs fired the shot I was standing near the north rail, about 10 or 15 feet east of the dinkey. When Briggs threw his hands up to his head it was five or ten seconds after he fired the shot. I didn't see Mahony at that time. I didn't see any one have hold of the gun when Briggs fired the shot; no one beside Briggs.

CROSS EXAMINATION.

Q. If Mahony had hold of Briggs' gun at all you can't tell at what time?  
A. I don't know that he had hold of the gun at all.  
Q. If he did, of course you couldn't tell at what time he got hold of it?  
A. No, sir.  
Q. Whether before or after the shot was discharged?  
A. I feel confident that no one had hold of the gun before it was discharged.  
Q. If Mahony did have hold of the gun, either before or after the discharge, and you didn't see him have hold of it, then you couldn't tell at what time he grabbed it?  
A. I couldn't tell what time he grabbed it. If he grabbed it after I would have known it.  
Q. Why better than before if he had hold of it?  
A. I have a distinct recollection of seeing the gun come out over the dashboard.  
Witness: "I don't know how many people were between me and the dinkey. We were changing positions all the time. I was from 10 to 15 feet from the dinkey and can't tell whether there were any persons between me and the dinkey or not. I didn't see anybody at all when the shot was fired. I didn't see any firing only that by Mr. Briggs and the man who shot at Briggs. I heard other shots after.

## NEWS OF THE REGION.

Our Traveling Correspondent's Notes.

## ALL ALONG THE LINE.

Interesting News Items From Mahanoy City, Girardville, Tamaqua, Mahanoy Place, Centralia and Other Places Briefly Chronicled.

MAHANAY CITY, Jan. 11.  
Willie, a two-year old child of Dr. T. Lewis of East Centre street, died yesterday of diphtheria.  
W. L. Yoder departed for Philadelphia this morning.  
James Britts visiting the Quaker city.  
Andrew Wernig was found by officer Hassel at 2 o'clock yesterday morning lying in front of Henker's hardware store and exercising his lungs to their utmost capacity. He was placed in the lockup where he continued his serenade to the disgust of the rest of Mr. Hassel's boarders. "Squire May received pay for his fees and fun in the morning."  
Charles Guenter and wife, of Philadelphia, are registered at the Mansion House. Mr. Guenter was a resident of this city until ten years ago, and is now on his wedding tour through the east region.  
James Downing, whose leg was broken at Poets' colliery six weeks ago, by a fall of timber, was out yesterday for the first time since the accident.  
"Little Nugget" was played here last evening to a fair sized but highly appreciative audience. Carver's is an old favorite in this city and others of his company were not behind him in pleasing the theatre-goers.  
The Mahanoy City Game and Fish Protective Association met at the Grand Central Hotel last evening. There was a good attendance and nearly all the officers were present. \$155.00 were reported in the treasury after all bills were paid, and of 308 members, 45 were in arrears for dues. Secretary Miller was instructed to apply for thirty cases of trout fry and twenty five dozen quail for distribution in this district. A committee was appointed to receive the County Game League on March 6th, when representatives from all parts of this county are expected to be present.  
This organization has done a great deal in the part by enforcing the laws and protecting our game and fish from parties shooting, hunting, angling, and training young dogs when rabbits are out of season, and they do not intend to let the good work drop here. C. H. Anderson was the only new member elected at last night's meeting.  
FRACKVILLE.  
John Bergan, of Heckescherville, will be a candidate for Sheriff before the Democratic convention.  
The cold wave has reduced the number of grippe cases.  
Miss Hannah Scott, of Minersville, is the guest of Alex. Scott.  
Hon. Elias Davis, of Broad Mountain, seems to be the favorite here for Sheriff on the Republican ticket next fall.  
James Brady, aged 75 years, and an old resident, was buried here on Tuesday.  
Mrs. Barbara Hay, a widow aged 72, who was buried here last week, is survived by a son and two daughters.  
Mrs. Abe Taylor, who has been ill since Thanksgiving day, is not much improved.  
The chances of Joseph Schaefer for the postmastership here are very good, so we are informed from a reliable source. Daniel Keefe is looking for the same position.  
A race between "Bob" McCormick's champion dog of Ashland, and Judd Coton's canine, Maggie, at Lavelle fair grounds, on January 29th, for \$50 a side, is going to draw a large crowd. Charles Hildbrand, of Cloud Castle hotel, will be the referee.  
Alex. Scott is spoken of for Sheriff.  
MAHANAY PLACE.  
Little Annie Enterline is improving.  
Miss Nellie Kelly is visiting in Shunkin.  
William Miller, of Friesland, is the guest of his brother-in-law, George Kelly.  
R. W. Bodtall is convalescent.  
Council transacted little business on Monday evening.  
Joseph Lytle, who has been ill for a long time, is not yet out of danger.  
C. D. Mowery transacted business in Mahanoy City on Tuesday.  
GILBERTON.  
Thomas J. Foley is home from Minersville. Florence Mahony, Sr., is on the sick list.  
Miss Maggie Barry is recovering after three months illness.  
James Early was a Girardville visitor yesterday.  
Mrs. Frank McKeone and Mrs. Mary J. Burau visited friends at Ashland.  
Among those who attended Mrs. Hoban's funeral at Minersville were: F. Mahony, Jr., Thomas Cullen, John Michael, William O'Brien, Mrs. Garrett Keating, Mrs. Lawrence Keating, Mrs. Joseph Patton and Mrs. Dennis McCool.  
"Ail sore's end" is the expression of the needless sufferer with that terrible cough. Pan-Tina puts a stop to it. It's a remedy for Coughs, Colds and Consumption, 25 cents. Pan-Tina is sold at P. F. D. Kirwin's drug store.

## DEFRAUDING CREDITORS.

James S. Thomas is so Charged by Amanda Womer.  
Squire Dangler's court of justice attracted a large crowd of spectators last evening. James S. Thomas was before the justice charged by Amanda Womer with defrauding his creditors. It appears from the evidence submitted last evening that Thomas gave Jacob Frantz a judgment note for \$900, and upon the strength of this suit was brought against the defendant.  
The case was a spirited one, Lawyers Houghawant and Seltzer, who appeared for the defendant and prosecutor respectively, indulged in certain legal tilts as to the admission of certain evidence.  
The "squire demanded \$500 bail for Thomas' appearance at court, which has been furnished by the defendant.

## PERSONAL.

P. M. Duggan, Esq., of Minersville is in town.  
Joseph A. Bickert, was at Reading yesterday.  
Dr. G. M. Hamilton has gone to Sunbury to spend a few days.  
"Tom" Garner, of Ashland, spent yesterday afternoon in town.  
Tax Collector Seaman spent this afternoon at the county seat.  
William Szymanski transacted business in Hazleton yesterday.  
Miss Annie Morrison, the milliner, spent the day at Pottsville.  
Charles Burnhill and John A. Kelly were Mahanoy City visitors yesterday.  
William Weisinger, the Pottsville cattle dealer, attended to business in town today.  
Miss Ida Herring, daughter of Senator Grant Herring, of Bloomsburg, is visiting her uncle S. D. Haas.  
S. L. Brown, District President of the P. O. S. of A., paid an official visit to Ringtown last evening. He reports the camp at that place in good condition.

## A Social Gathering.

Shenandoah Commandery No. 14, S. of A., of town, is making extensive preparations to receive the various commanderies throughout the county in this town on the 16th inst. The local commandery during the past year has paid fraternal visits to its sister commanderies, and now proposes to extend to them the same cordiality with which it was received. It will be the occasion of the installation of their officers, after which an adjournment will be made to some other hall, where the visiting members and those from town will be invited to a sumptuous repast. After the dinner man has been supplied, speeches, recitations, singing and declamations will be indulged in by different members. The evening will, no doubt prove an interesting and pleasing one for the membership.

## GIRARDVILLE.

It is rumored that Thomas Gorman has purchased Charles Birchill's stand in Shenandoah and will occupy the place on Mr. Birchill's removal to the Derrick House in Mahanoy City.  
John Haas left town this morning for a trip through western Pennsylvania.  
Thomas McAndrews has been aiding General Manager Ash for the past few days in the maintenance of the new schedule.  
Dr. W. L. C. Farrater returned from New York.

Steve Horn, president of the Butler township School Board, is taking lessons in cutting under Richard Parnell.

William Johns, who was killed on the Reading railroad, near Ashland, Monday, was buried in town yesterday.  
A hundred or more beautiful girls and ruddy faced boys glided swiftly over the mirrored surface of "Lake Leffert's" in historic Wild Cat yesterday morning and made the woods ring with their chants and merry laughter.  
Terrence McHuley is another Democratic aspirant for the tax receivership.

Get your repairing done at Holderman's.  
12-27-11  
Preparing to Start These Plans.  
The Columbus Brewing Company of town have just received one of the handsomest delivery wagons ever seen in this section. It is built upon the plan of those used in the large cities. They have also received 2,000 beer kegs, and expect to have their plant in operation in a week or two. The machinery used in this brewery is all of the latest and most improved, and will thus enable them to turn out a product not now equalled by any brewery in the state.

Fried oysters a specialty at McEhany's.  
9-12-11

## Don't Tramp!

All over town hunting FRESH EGGS,  
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