

SINCLAIR BELIEVED TO BE INNOCENT

According to Reports, Miss Anna E. Steckel Declares She Never Liked Mr. Sinclair and Scarcely Knew Him—Girl Believed to Be in Love With Sinclair.

Allentown, Pa., Jan. 14.—That Samuel Sinclair, fourth, the young state highway inspector and former Swarthmore athlete, is innocent of any attempt to abduct Miss Anna E. Steckel of this city and that the young woman really consented to an elopement, but lacked the courage to carry it through, is the belief of the Sinclair family. This is according to intimate friends of the young man.

Sinclair, with R. Walter Starr, Jr., of Philadelphia, attempted to carry off Miss Steckel from her home. They took her away in a motor car, but the chauffeur turned the party over to the police, and the arrest of the two young men followed.

The \$3,000 ball was furnished for Sinclair and Starr, and they were brought back to Philadelphia by relatives. Both have denied themselves to interviewers since.

The belief of the family, according to friends, is that Miss Steckel was in love with Sinclair, but that her father objected to the match. They believe that Miss Steckel consented to be "abducted" in the belief that after she was married to Sinclair her father would forgive her. This plan was launched out by Sinclair, but the young woman, according to accounts, changed her mind at the eleventh hour and refused to stand by him.

Miss Steckel herself, according to reports, denies this version of the affair. "I never liked Mr. Sinclair and scarcely knew him," she is asserted to have said. "How could I have thought of marrying the man? I met him only a few times—once at a dance, once at a dinner, and on another occasion I went to the theater with him."

Reuben P. Steckel, father of the young woman, who is about twenty-five years old, is a wealthy retired business man of this city. He refuses to accept any version of the affair other than it was a case of abduction, and he declares that he will prosecute the young men to the limit. This under the statutes of the state would mean long terms of imprisonment if they are convicted.

FORMER JUDGE STOUT DIES.

Jurist Passes Away at Doylestown, Pa., After Long Illness.

Doylestown, Pa., Jan. 14.—Judge Mahlon H. Stout died at his home here after an illness lasting four years.

Mahlon H. Stout was born in Rockland township, this county, March 10, 1852. He was graduated from the Millersville Normal school and Franklin and Marshall college and in 1879 began studying law with Adam J. Eberly in Lancaster, being admitted to the bar in 1880. He was elected district attorney of Bucks county in 1888 and re-elected to succeed himself. In 1903 he defeated Judge Harmon Yerkes for presiding judge.

Judge Stout's first wife was Miss Harriet Miller of Downingtown, who died Dec. 24, 1899. His only son died the following day. His second wife, who was Miss Clara M. Search of Harrisburg, is living. He also leaves one sister, Mrs. George W. Kratz of Souderton.

4 SEEK DEATH, 1 SUCCEEDS.

Woman Hangs Herself With Rope Made of Bed Sheets.

Philadelphia, Jan. 14.—Miss Johanna Erickson, forty-eight years old, 142 Wolf street, hanged herself with a rope of bed sheets. She was despondent because of illness.

Morris Pasternan, thirty-six years old, jumped from a boat at the Kaighn avenue ferry, Camden, but was rescued. He came from Russia two weeks ago and had been unable to obtain employment.

For the third time in a year Mrs. Rebecca Fink, twenty-four years old, attempted suicide by inhaling gas at her home, 1227 South Fourth street. She was taken to Mount Sinai hospital and revived. Mrs. Maud Wright, fifty-five years old, 708 North Eighth street, attempted suicide by inhaling illuminating gas. She was taken to the Roosevelt hospital.

State Pastor Accepts N. J. Call.

Harrisburg, Pa., Jan. 14.—The Rev. D. E. Lewis, pastor of the Market Street Baptist church here, announced to his congregation that he had decided to accept the call from a church in Bridge-ton, N. J.

STEENE.

Steene, Jan. 14.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Theobald returned to their home at Honesdale Saturday after visiting a week with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Emmet Swingle here.

Mrs. J. E. Haley is visiting a few days with her daughters, Mrs. W.

ROCKEFELLER REPORT READY

Dr. Richardson of Pujo Committee Found Financier Very Ill.

Washington, Jan. 14.—Dr. C. W. Richardson, who examined William Rockefeller at Miami for the house money investigating committee to determine if the financier was physically able to give testimony, has made his report. Mr. Pujo will not make it public until after it has been presented to the full membership of the house banking and currency committee.

It is understood, however, that Dr. Richardson found Mr. Rockefeller suffering from the ailments described in affidavits filed with the committee by his physicians as "gouty inflammation of the larynx," which had necessitated six operations. Dr. Richardson will testify regarding his examination before the committee tomorrow.

Miami, Fla., Jan. 14.—Mr. Rockefeller is being guarded with great care in the Royal Palm hotel here. Particular effort is made to prevent photographers getting pictures of him. His apartments are under guard. None but certain servants, mostly his own, and relatives can approach. He refuses to see reporters. His son, William G. Rockefeller, emerged from the apartment to see a reporter after a card had been sent up.

"Father is in no condition to see any one," he said. "Further than that we have nothing to say."

VERBECK DEFENDS PURCHASE.

Shows That Sale of Old Buttons Helped Fund of \$46,000.

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 14.—The legality of the purchase by the state of the Hinkelman property was established by Adjutant General Verbeck when he presented to the committee of inquiry proof that the \$40,000 paid to the First National bank was raised by sale of old buttons, uniforms and other discarded furnishings and property stored in the New York city arsenal. This money added to a fund created by the sale of old junk by former Adjutant General Nelson H. Henry made up the amount necessary to purchase the property. The legislature provided that the New York arsenal property must be sold before the new arsenal could be purchased.

The imminent danger of a railroad company purchasing this property led Adjutant General Verbeck to call a meeting of the armory committee to approve the purchase, according to the testimony of the adjutant general.

FOUR SEEK RENO DIVORCES.

New York and Jersey Plaintiffs File Suits, Charging Desertion.

Reno, Nev., Jan. 14.—Among most recent divorce suits recorded here are those of Anne MacDonald against Charles R. MacDonald, a provision dealer of New York city, on grounds of desertion.

Albert B. Gilman of Rochester against Jessie O. Gilman, alleging desertion.

Jacob B. Wortzell against Flora Wortzell, charging desertion at Seabright, N. J.

Melvin Peterson, connected with the Standard Oil company in Mechanicsville, N. Y., against Minnie E. Peterson, also on grounds of desertion.

TALE OF THE WEATHER.

Observations of the United States weather bureau taken at 8 p. m. yesterday follow:

Temp.	Weather.
Albany	22 Cloudy
Atlantic City ..	32 Cloudy
Boston	30 Clear
Buffalo	28 Cloudy
Chicago	28 Clear
New Orleans ..	54 Clear
New York	26 Clear
St. Louis	28 Clear
Washington ...	28 Clear

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Who hasn't had difficulty in dislodging a cinder from the eye? Sometimes one can succeed with a corner of a handkerchief, but frequently the cinder is too deeply imbedded to be gotten out in that way. It would be hard to find a more sticky substance than chewing gum. The next time you see anyone with a cinder in his eye just chew a piece of gum until it becomes soft and pliant, twist it to a fine point and you will find as soon as you touch the cinder with it out the cinder will come.—Leslie's Weekly.

NEWFOUNDLAND.

Newfoundland, Jan. 14. A surprise party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Heffley in honor of their son Ernest, who celebrated his 21st birthday. A pleasant evening was spent. Many different games were played after which dainty refreshments were served by Mrs. Heffley and Miss Mae. Those present were: Misses Leah and Grace Smith, Laura Beehn, Ella Eck, Lila Carlton, of South Sterling, Lucy Stucker, Emma and Georgia Brown; Messrs. Lawrence Graser, Leo Graser, Elgin Kerr, John Voeste, William Eck, William Eck, Raymond Osborne, of South Sterling, Charles Wolf, of Green-town, Fred Brown, George Eck and Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Heffley, Ernest Heffley, Ira Heffley, Miss Mae Heffley, Marvin Heffley.

LOOKOUT.

Lookout, Jan. 14.

A little daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Lake January 5.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hawley visited Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Gillow at Equinunk on Sunday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gillow, of South Branch, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Gillow of Equinunk, were guests at Albert Gillow's on Sunday.

Wm. Varcoe and Floyd Bruce attended Odd Fellows lodge at Long Eddy Monday night of last week. Quite a number from this place attended the oyster supper at Braman on Friday night.

Miss Alice Turnberger attended a party at the home of Mrs. George Lott at Braman on Wednesday evening last.

There will be an oyster supper in the basement of the church Saturday night, Jan. 18. Proceeds to apply on pastor's salary.

BETHANY.

Bethany, Jan. 13.

Mr. Van Fleet, of Stroudsburg, who is thinking of taking the Pethlick blacksmith shop, after spending several days here was called to Stroudsburg Wednesday by the serious illness of his wife.

The dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Nat Sargent was largely attended and about ten dollars was raised.

In cutting down an old tree in the Square Wednesday, it fell in such a way that it took the telephone pole and wires with it so that the damage had to be repaired as about half the 'phones were effected. They were soon put in working order again.

The Union Home Missionary Reading Circle will meet Tuesday afternoon in the Methodist Sunday school room at 2:30. All are invited to attend.

The Presbyterians will serve a lunch at the home of John and Henry Lippert of Haines on Thursday, Jan. 16th, at noon.

Mrs. Charles Faatz and Mrs. W. O. Avery expect to attend the Sunday school convention at White Mills on Thursday, Jan. 16th.

BIDWELL HILL.

The Ladies' Aid held a dime social at A. F. Bidwell's recently.

Beima Race and Mrs. Albert Foster and children of Scranton, visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Race.

Helen Gilpin has returned to Wyoming Seminary, where she is attending school and Edna Bidwell has gone to Mansfield after spending the holidays here.

Rolland June has gone back to Elmira, N. Y., after spending five weeks at his home here, recruiting from an attack of inflammatory

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rheumatism that has disabled him from work for two months.

Mrs. Race has been confined to the house for some time with a severe cold, but is improving now.

Mrs. Clarence Stevens and daughter, Mildred, spent Friday at Lucian Brink's.

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