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## DRINK CAUSED MURDER.

**CRAZED BY LIQUOR A POLE KILLED ONE AND INJURED TWO.**

The Village of Midvale, near Wilkes-Barre, the Scene of a Terrible Crime on Thursday Evening—Citizens Want to Lynch the Murderer.

In a large house situated at the intersection of two roads, in the village of Midvale, near Wilkes-Barre lived John Saunders, a Polisher and his wife Anna and a boarder, Mike Boshock. About half past six on Thursday evening the neighbors were startled by hearing a pistol shot and immediately afterward the boarder, Mike Boshock, rushed from the kitchen and began climbing the fence which tops the embankment in the rear of the house. As he did so Saunders rushed to the window and fired at him. The bullet missed but sped onward fifty feet and found its billet in the breast of the two-year-old son of Mrs. Philip Hendershot, killing him instantly.

Hardly had the shriek of the child's agonized mother brought several people to her side when there were piercing screams in the house and Mrs. Saunders rushed out. Her husband followed, firing from his revolver. The first shot missed, but the second pierced her right leg near the thigh and she fell head foremost down the embankment to the street below.

By this time a large crowd had gathered around the house, and there was intense excitement. Several men made a dash for the house to capture the murderer, but as they approached the kitchen door he appeared with two large revolvers and exclaimed: "I shoot the first man who comes in."

This threat drove the men back, and for the time being their attention was given to the dead and wounded. Supervisor Patrick McGroarty, one of the leading men of the township, guarded the back door of the house to prevent Saunders' escape, lying on the embankment with a loaded Winchester in his hands, while Joseph Frail with a loaded revolver, was stationed under the windows at the front of the house to guard against the murderer's dropping out and escaping. Then messengers were sent to Wilkes-Barre for County Detective Whalen and waiting his coming the wounded were cared for.

Mike Boshock, the boarder, had all this time been lying on the sidewalk with the blood oozing from a big wound in his side. He was unconscious and was placed in a wagon and driven to the city hospital. There the physicians found he was shot in the left side directly under the heart and they say he cannot live.

## CAUGHT THE MURDERER.

After the wounded had been cared for the crowd that had gathered around the house turned their attention towards capturing the murderer inside. By this time Detective Whalen had arrived and he with the constables at once assumed charge of the affair. Twenty men were selected and advanced towards the house.

While all this had been going on Saunders had made preparations for the siege and had evidently determined not to give himself up without a fight. He had closed and barricaded the kitchen door and was seen moving about from room to room with a lamp as if examining the means the besiegers had for reaching him. Whalen shouted to him that if he gave himself up he would be protected from the mob and taken safely to jail.

The fellow, though he must heard, did not answer and the besiegers held a parley. As it was evident that he would not give himself up, it was resolved to force an entrance into the house and with a view of testing his watchfulness a stick was thrown through the window of the front room where a light appeared. Hardly had the glass been shattered than two shots were fired in the direction of the besiegers and they hastily scattered.

Many of the citizens who were on the scene were armed and these were selected and placed in various positions near the house. At a signal they commenced a bombardment on the front and one side of an outbuilding, under cover of Detective Whalen, Supervisor McGroarty and Constable Frail crept around to the rear of the house to gain an entrance by the rear door. Saunders was not deceived by the false attack in front and was watching for them. When they were within a few feet of the rear door Saunders opened fire and they retreated.

## TWICE REPULSED.

The forces finally resolved to make a general attack upon the three sides of the house where there were windows. Under the terrific shouting of the mob, which was intended to confuse him, several armed men advanced on all sides, keeping up a steady fusillade upon the windows, and while several marched on the rear door a number of others

placed ladders against the house on the front and sides. The besieged man seemed to be possessed of the activity of a half dozen men, for with his two revolvers he ran from window to window and kept up such a hot return to the fusillade of the besiegers that they were compelled to retreat, though fortunately none were injured.

By this time every window in the place was shattered and even the sashes had been torn out by the hail of shots which had been directed at the building.

The men who had some ammunition left were then distributed in various parts of the battle ground, and they began sharp-shooting, firing every time they saw the shadow of the man through the windows, as he still kept lights burning in the front room and the kitchen. Some of these shots must have gone pretty close to him, as he very shortly put out the lights and kept the house in total darkness.

Thinking his ammunition had given out, one man approached a window and cried, "Come out, John, we won't hurt you." The reply was a pistol shot, and the man hastily retreated.

## SENT FOR THE SHERIFF.

The leaders of the attack were now in a quandary. Some one suggested that the house be burned down and the murderer burned to death unless he surrendered. The idea met with favor at once, and there was a rush to the nearby houses for kerosene oil and straw to start the blaze, but Detective Whalen objected to this, and a message was despatched to Wilkes-Barre for Sheriff Walters.

In the meantime Squire Perkins, of Wilkes-Barre, headed a party which entered the house. They found the murderer helpless, his ammunition having been exhausted. He was found lying under the bed with the rifle and two empty revolvers lying by his side. Blood was streaming from a wound in the back of his head which was thought to have been inflicted by a stone thrown through the window.

When the murderer was brought out of the house the crowd wanted to lynch him to the nearest tree. Sheriff Walters, who had arrived, appealed to them to let the law take its course. Several men attempted to take the prisoner by force, but the wisdom of the better element prevailed, and Saunders was finally safely lodged in jail.

Mrs. Saunders was taken to the house of a friend. She has a bullet wound in the thigh, is very weak from loss of blood and may not recover.

## CAUSE OF THE TRAGEDY.

The detectives have gathered the following facts concerning the cause of the tragedy. Saunders and Mike Boshock had worked a half-day in the Midvale mines. They left the slope together and on the way home went into a saloon and drank several glasses of whiskey. When they reached Saunders' house they found several men there drinking and quarreling. Saunders became angry with his wife for allowing such a crowd at the house, and in a jealous rage seized an axe and attempted to strike her with it.

Mike Chutosko, who seems to have been the instigator of the fight, interfered and Saunders turned on him. The fighting then became general. Chutosko was cut on the head with the axe and John Polochink was seriously cut and stabbed by Saunders. Finally Boshock got possession of the axe and carried it away and it was when he returned afterward that the shooting occurred.

Saunders bears a bad reputation in Midvale. He has been in this country about four years. Two years ago he got into a fight with a fellow countryman and stabbed him twice in the back. He was arrested for this crime. At the last fall election he got into another fight and stabbed a fellow countryman and was in return seriously stabbed and cut himself. He is about 65 years old and was married two years ago.

## TROUT NOT TO BE KILLED BEFORE APRIL 15.

The Freeland Game and Fish Protective Club will pay a reward of \$10 for information that will lead to the arrest and conviction of any person or persons catching, or having in his or her possession after being caught or killed, any brook trout or California trout, in any of the streams or waters within fifteen miles of Freeland, Pa., before the 15th day of April, 1894.

Hugh Malloy, President. Freeland, Pa., March 23, 1894.

## PLEASURE CALENDAR.

March 26.—Annual ball of St. Patrick's corner band, at Freeland opera house. Admission, 50 cents.  
March 27.—Ball of Slavonian Young Men's band, at Freeland opera house. Admission, 50 cents.  
March 30.—First grand ball of the Actor Club, at Freeland opera house. Admission, 25 cents.  
March 31.—"On His Track," comedy-drama, by Freeland Juvenile Dramatic Company, at Freeland opera house.  
April 21.—Grand opera, "St. Luigi Gonzaga," by the Tirolese and Italian residents, at Freeland opera house. Children, 10 cents; ladies, 20 cents; gents, 30 cents.

## JEDDO NEWS.

The civil engineer corps is at Berwick where they will remain for a few weeks surveying a course for a water way to carry the water of the tunnel to the Susquehanna river.

The wages of the men working on the platform at the breakers here have been reduced from \$1.16 to \$1.05 per day.

A great many of the Italians and Hungarians of this place are leaving, owing to the scarcity of work.

A number of men were suspended from the chain gang last week.

No. 5 colliery will remain idle today.

Miss Maggie Gallagher, of Beaver Meadow, is visiting friends here.

Mrs. Bridget McLean, of Summit Hill, who was visiting her parents here, has returned home.

A number of our sports attended the shooting match between Herron and Lafferty, and won considerable money on the result.

The old steam shovel at the No. 2 stripping is being repaired.

Owing to the breaking of the hoisting engine the Oakdale collieries worked but two hours on Saturday.

Night school closed here last week after a full term for the first time in its history.

Miss Bridget Haggerty is visiting her parents at Oakdale.

An infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Snyder, of Oakdale, died on Tuesday and was buried at Freeland on Friday.

A valuable cow belonging to Mrs. McGill, of Japan, was stricken with a disease that is unknown to the people of town on Sunday and is in a very critical condition. It is hoped it is not the disease which killed so many cows on the South Side lately.

## DRIFTON ITEMS.

The second number of *Camp Chat*, published at this place, has made its appearance in an enlarged form. It is a quarterly newspaper devoted to the interests of the P. O. S. of A., and is filled with bright, original and interesting reading for the members of the order.

The editor, J. H. Travaskis, is to be congratulated upon his journalistic venture, and his friends here wish him much success.

Patrick Dougherty has secured work at Stockton and will remove his family to that place today.

Several of our young men tried to get going on their bicycles last week, but the condition of the roads would not allow it.

John Brogan, of Beaver Meadow, spent yesterday with friends here.

Miss Mamie Moudon, of Hazleton, spent a few days with friends here last week.

A large crowd went from here to Milnesville on Saturday to witness the shooting match between Pat Herron, of that place, and Lafferty, of Silver Brook.

Miss Maggie Malloy, of Wilkes-Barre, visited her parents here last week.

George Birkbeck removed his family from this place to Freeland last week. He is now employed at Sandy Run.

Wm. J. Bellos removed from here to Freeland last week.

Very poor time was made at the collieries last week. They worked but two days.

The new D. S. & S. coal gondolas are beginning to come in rapidly now. They have all the latest coupling and air-brake attachments.

## New Band Uniforms.

The members of the Young Men's Slavonian band will receive their new uniforms this evening and will wear them for the first time tomorrow evening in a street parade before opening their ball at the opera house. The uniforms were made by Tailor R. W. Jones, opposite the postoffice, and for neat fitting and handsome finish are something to be admired. They cost about \$250.

## George Malinky Shot.

George Malinky was shot at 10 o'clock today by John Zap. The shooting occurred at Malinky's residence and was accidental. Zap was cleaning a revolver and did not know the weapon was loaded.

While handling it carelessly it exploded and the ball went into the left arm of Malinky, inflicting a painful wound. Dr. A. S. McKnight was probing for the bullet when the Tribune's went to press.

## Unavailable.

Close Merchant—Yes, sir, I want a new bookkeeper; but you won't do. Applicant—May I ask why? Close Merchant—You are bald as a billiard ball, sir. A man with no hair to wipe his pen on will rust out a whole box every week.—N. Y. Weekly.

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## How the Money is Divided.

The total amount received for liquor licenses by the county treasurer is \$182,075, of which amount the county gets \$31,915 the localities \$127,660 and the state \$25,200. The following figures show the number of licenses in this section and how the money is divided.

In Hazleton there are sixty-four licensed places, from which the city will receive \$25,600 and the county \$6,400.

Hazle township has ten licensed places, and receives \$600 and the county \$150.

Freeland borough has twenty-two licensed places, and receives \$2,640 and the county \$660.

Foster township has thirty-three licensed places, and receives \$1,980 and the county \$495.

Butler township has eight licensed places, receives \$480 and the county \$120.

In addition to the above the several districts have each the following wholesale and bottlers' licenses:

Hazleton city, wholesale, 6; bottlers, 11. Hazle township, wholesale, 5; bottlers, 5. Freeland, wholesale, 2; bottlers, 5. Foster township, wholesale, 1; bottlers, 1.

## More Bodies Found in the Gaylord.

At 5 o'clock on Friday morning the body of the fifth victim of the Gaylord disaster was removed from the mine and taken to the undertaker's to be prepared for burial. The body was that of James Kingdom, a laborer, and was crushed and bruised almost beyond recognition. As nearly as could be ascertained the body was found about sixty-five feet from the spot where Richard Davis, the fourth victim, was unearthed a week previously.

At 4 o'clock on Saturday afternoon the sixth body was uncovered by the rescue gang. It was in a terrible condition and unrecognizable except by the clothing. It was identified by the clothing as that of Thomas Cole, an English miner, whose family is still in England. It was taken to an undertaking establishment and was buried during the night.

## Markie-Kemmerer Suit.

In the litigation that is going on between M. S. Kemmerer on the one side and the firm of G. B. Markie & Co. on the other, Judge Woodward on Friday filed an opinion by which he discharged the rule to strike off the appearance and plea which were entered in the case on behalf of Congressman Lily, since deceased. This an important victory for Mr. Kemmerer, as an adverse decision on this point would prevent a recovery from the old G. B. Markie & Co. firm, by permitting the running of the statute of limitations.

Mr. Kemmerer's claim is for \$250,000 damages done by the flooding of the Ebervale mines in December, 1888, owing to the defendant company's alleged negligence.

## Flagg Lived Pad Company.

The above-named company will give free entertainments at the Cottage hall every evening for the next two weeks, commencing tomorrow night. Dr. Flagg is a first-class physician and during his brief stay here will dispose of some of his valuable medicine to such as may require it. There is nothing of the "fake" business about these people, as their reputation in the towns they have stayed in will testify. Everybody is invited to attend and enjoy a good entertainment.

## Bondsman Must Pay.

The case of the city of Wilkes-Barre vs. the bondsman of the ex-city treasurer, F. V. Rockafellow, was ended on Friday, Judge Lynch charging the jury to return a verdict in favor of the city for \$51,876.96, the full amount of the claim, and it was done. This was the amount of money in the hands of Treasurer Rockafellow when he failed. The case will be taken to the supreme court. The bondsman are J. W. Hollenback, Robert C. Mitchell and Isaac Livingstone.

## Band Ball Tonight.

The annual Easter Monday evening ball of the St. Patrick's corner band at the opera house tonight will be a large one from all appearances. The members are preparing for a big crowd, and have decorated the hall handsomely for the occasion. Refreshments of every kind will be served in the building, and the band insures all who attend an excellent time. The dancing music will be furnished by DePierro's orchestra.

The entertainments given by the Flag Liver Pad Concert and Advertising Co. are free four nights a week.

Don't fail to see Billy Wigg, the man of many faces, with the Flag Liver Pad Co., at Cottage hall, commencing tomorrow evening.

If you are suffering with any disease of the stomach, liver or kidney, wait for Dr. Flagg. Will be at Cottage hall for two weeks, commencing tomorrow.

## BRIEF ITEMS OF NEWS.

LOCAL JOTTINGS GATHERED FROM VARIOUS SOURCES.

Little Ones of Interest About People You Know and Things You Wish to Hear About—What the Folks of This Vicinity Are Doing.

B. F. Shelhamer has purchased a team of fine horses to be used in his ice wagon the coming summer.

Jacobs & Barasch, of this place, expect to open a branch store at Conyngham in the early part of next month.

A grand opera entitled "St. Luigi Gonzaga," will be given at the opera house on April 21 by the Tirolese and Italian residents.

John Herron, of Front street, who was severely injured in the Drifton mines recently, is very low, pneumonia having set in.

Joshua Santee, who was severely burned at the sawmill fire in the Oley valley last week, died at his home in Drums on Thursday.

The Lansford Leader came out on Saturday enlarged and greatly improved, and Editor Davis appears to be making good headway with his paper.

A special meeting of the council will be held this evening, and it is expected that some definite action will be taken on the question of electric light.

The grocery business of M. Zemany has been disposed of to his sons, and after March 28 will be conducted under the firm name of Andrew Zemany & Co.

Raphael Lyon, proprietor of an Italian boarding house at Hazleton, was badly cut with a razor in the hands of Goetus Yecino, during an altercation over a board bill yesterday.

The Actor Club will hold its first grand ball at the opera house on Friday evening. The admission has been placed at 25 cents in order that everybody may have an opportunity to attend.

Old workings under Madison street, Wilkes-Barre, began caving in on Saturday, and nearly a dozen families had to move from their houses. Among those forced to vacate was County Commissioner Smith.

"On His Track," a comedy-drama, will be produced on Saturday evening by the Freeland Juvenile Dramatic Company at the opera house. Several rising young actors will take part and give a creditable performance.

The Herron-Lafferty shooting match at Milnesville on Saturday was won by Herron, who killed seven of the nine birds. Lafferty killed four. The match drew a large crowd from various parts, and much money changed hands.

The Shenandoah Herald has secured a judgment for \$468.35 against that borough for advertising a special election for public water works in 1892. The council thought the bill too high, but when it was taken to court the amount, with \$40 interest added, was ordered paid.

United States Commissioner Hahn has discharged a man who was arrested at Edwardsville for passing counterfeit money. He had passed Confederate bills on several saloon keepers, but Commissioner Hahn holds that a Confederate note "is not an imitation of the United States currency."

## BUSINESS BRIEFS.

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