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PIKE COUNTY COURTS.

Herman Paul Schultz on Trial For Murder.

John Shields and Ticket Scalping—Bridge Over Big Bushkill and at Mast Hope—Notes of the Shohola Murder Case and Evidence Witnesses Who Testify Against Schultz.

The regular term began June 7th with Hon. G. S. Purdy, president judge, and associates, Honck and Klier, present.

Constables made return as follows: Lehman, W. S. Van Aukon; Milford Borough, Almer Terwilliger; Milford Township, C. Hermann; Westfall, B. C. T. Steen; Shohola, George K. Englehart; Lackawaxen, Frank Kelly; Palmira, Alva Quick; Delaware, Jas. D. Brooks; Blooming Grove, Eliska M. Pierson.

The court appointed W. S. Van Aukon to wait on Grand Jury. E. W. Pierson, Almer Terwilliger and Frank Kelly to wait on the Court.

The Grand Jury was called, Fred Dryer, of Westfall, was a local foreman and the usual charge given them by the Court.

On calling the trial list all civil cases were continued except that of Marvin vs. Conking, adjournment for land in Westfall.

In the case of the Commonwealth against John Shields indicted for selling railroad tickets. Defendant who had at last term pleaded not guilty, by leave of court withdrew that plea and entered one of guilty.

It was stated that the company had only desired to establish the law in relation to ticket scalping to protect itself and having done so there was no wish on its part to punish Shields, who was technically guilty of the offense. The Court sentenced the defendant to pay a fine of one dollar and the costs of prosecution.

Henry Eanco and Philip Eckley, of Lackawaxen township, naturalized. Accounts were confirmed as follows: Estate, Julius Schmesler, accountant of Christians Miller, administratrix; Meyers estate account of J. E. Olmsted, administrator; Mary Marten's estate, first and partial account of William Mitchell, executor; Widow's appraisements of \$300 to Margaret A. Cuddeback and Augusta Bennett.

Report of inspectors on bridge across Big Bushkill between the counties of Pike and Monroe near Hometown filed, and also report of inspectors of bridge at Mast Hope, both confirmed at. si.

Commonwealth vs. George Young, nol. pros., entered by leave of Court. Commonwealth vs. Ross B. Van Aukon, nol. pros., entered by leave of Court.

Barlett L. Smith who last term pleaded guilty to taking a small roll of wire and on whom sentence was suspended was still further respited until October term.

Peter B. Hayward, a lunatic, final account of Louis Wagner filed and petition for his discharge.

Estate of Eleanor Baum, Hy. T. Baker, Esq., continued auditor to report at first adjourned term.

Commonwealth vs. Wilhelmina St. James, indictment, selling liquor without license.

Commonwealth vs. Henrietta Driller. Aggravated assault and battery.

Commonwealth vs. Abraham O'F. and B. Ignoramus, county for costs.

The case of the Commonwealth vs. Herman Paul Schultz was called and the defendant being brought in Court and arraigned pleaded not guilty. A motion was then made by his attorneys to quash the panel of jurors on the ground that the venire issued by the Court directed 350 names to be placed on the wheel, and in fact but 310 were placed thereon. The motion was held under advisement and Court adjourned until 2 o'clock p. m. On reconvening the Court overruled the motion on the ground that to sustain it would largely affect the finances of the county and also jeopardize cases now before the Grand Jury which is drawn from the same wheel. A jury composed as follows was then selected: Robert Vennie, John M. Decker, Alfred Kellam, Edward Shepherd, Peter Mager, Jr., Jacob Rose, George E. Hoffman, M. B. Pitney, Walter H. Warner, B. F. Schooner, B. F. Holbert and James Logan.

Hon. D. M. Van Aukon then opened the case for the Common-

wealth, and outlined the evidence of the prosecution.

Mefa Wohlfarth was the first witness called and she testified substantially as follows: In the summer of 1896, we had Lizzie Smith to work for us at our boarding house in Shohola. She came July 5th and remained until September 20th. The last time I saw her alive was that evening about 8 o'clock p. m. The first time I ever saw Herman Schultz was September 18th in the afternoon when he came in the house and asked if he could stay a few days and I said he could. In a few moments Lizzie Smith, who had been picking grapes in a field near by, came up and said to him, "What the hell are you doing here, it seems you folks follow me wherever I go." Schultz replied, "I came to bring good and bad news." His wife said, "Come let us go up stairs and hear it," and they went up together. In the evening he said he would not take a room in the old house where a room had been given him, he wanted to be near her so a room was prepared opposite hers. The boy Paul occupied the room with her. I saw her Saturday she came down stairs as usual, and he came down to breakfast. She did not appear the same as usual, was down hearted, and did not eat. Saturday he went to Shohola with my husband and Paul. In the evening they all went up stairs and Sunday Lizzie Smith came down as usual to her work. He was around the house in the forenoon, and in the afternoon he and Lizzie took a walk together. During the afternoon some friends came in and Schultz was in the sitting room. His wife entered and introduced them to him as her husband. He said, "I am not her husband, wait until to-morrow morning a good many things can happen before to-morrow. That night I retired after 11 o'clock, a few moments before 12, I heard an unusual noise over in the new part, my room was in the old part on first floor. Did not know what it was and went to sleep. The Schultzes but all gone up stairs that night about 8 o'clock. She told me that evening they were going to New York in the morning to get married, and asked if my husband could take them to the station.

Monday morning, Mrs. Haas knocked against the ceiling under the room she was in but getting no response went up stairs and soon returning I sent her up again. I heard her rap but heard no reply, until I heard a voice saying, "Folks come up, help, Lizzie has shot herself." That was Schultz's voice, I went up stairs to the room where he was and saw him standing at the foot of the bed and the woman lying on it, rather on her left side with her head turned to the left, a revolver in her right hand which lay on her breast, the clothes were nice and smooth. The quilt was under her arm, Schultz said to me, "Liz has shot herself," and I said, oh the deuce she didn't do it herself where did she get the revolver. He said it was his, he had it in his satchel and she told him to take it out and put it in his pocket which he did. I had a conversation with him later in the day and told him Wohlfarth was going for the coroner and to get a coffin and wanted money. He said he had none he gave it to his wife Friday night. I again went up to the room where he was and asked if he did not want to send a dispatch to the boys, said he had no money and I told him I would give him some. He said, "What is the use of it. I have to go down to New York Wednesday and will tell them." He said he slept in the back part of the bed that he was her husband and they had been married 19 years.

Carrie Haas testified that Lizzie Schultz came there July 5th, and Herman September 18th. She related in substance the same transactions and conversations as the previous witness, except that Schultz and his wife took supper together both Saturday and Sunday evenings. Monday morning I went up stairs to call them after having rapped on the ceiling, looked in the room where I thought she was and saw Paul in bed and I went down stairs again, but soon returned and rapped on the door just across the hall. Heard someone call, "Help, Liz has shot herself." I ran down stairs and then went up again with my mother and went in the room where Schultz was. I saw a little blood on the woman's face and a revolver in her right hand lying on her breast. The bed appeared smooth. Schultz said in reply to my mother's question as to

where she got the revolver that it was his, that his wife told him to take it out of his valise and put it in his pants pocket. He said they were awake until 4 o'clock. He took hold of her hand and said it was cold. Wednesday morning, Schultz told me he wanted to go to New York, but had no money. I told him I had a ticket which I would give him. His wife had given me the ticket the Saturday previous. He said he wanted to go to New York to get clothes for Paul and to straighten up with us, and he left Wednesday morning. John Wohlfarth saw Schultz around the place at various times and took him to Shohola with him Saturday. Monday morning went to his room and saw him there with dead wife. The revolver in her hand pointed over left shoulder, saw the wound in her temple, but did not examine it particularly.

George P. Haas corroborated the above as to position of body, but did not examine the wound. Paul, the 12-year-old son was then called and related a very straight forward story. He said that on September 18th he was with his mother in the field picking grapes that she first saw his father coming down the lane and told him to go and tell his father that he must say at the house he was an uncle to him. That he went and said, "Papa, mother says you must call yourself my uncle to which he replied I'll do nothing of the kind." The boy saw little of Schultz around the place, but on Friday at Shohola he gave Paul 25 cents with which to buy candy. He did not know whether his mother slept with him Saturday night as he retired before she did and was not awake in the morning when she went down stairs. Sunday night Paul retired about 9 o'clock, his mother went in his room lit a lamp put him to bed, blew out the light and went back to her room leaving both doors open. His father wished to change his room and the mother made no objection or protest. They did not quarrel or appear to be angry at each other. Monday morning the boy heard his father call and went in the room and saw his mother lying dead on the bed. The father did not go down to his meals that day and took nothing but a cup of coffee which Paul carried to him. Paul sat crying in the room and Schultz walked the floor from one room to another. Once he took hold of his wife's hand and squeezed it closer over the revolver. He also shed tears and said if the Coroner did not come soon he would shoot himself. Henry L. Canine made plans of the house which were introduced in evidence.

Lorenz Geiger, Coroner testified that he held an inquest on the body of Lizzie Smith September 18th or 19. The body was on the bed lying somewhat on the left side. A revolver was in the right hand clasped around the barrel with the muzzle pointing over the right shoulder. The thumb was under the revolver. On the right temple a little wound and streak of blood. The hair stuck fast and was not burned. Had great difficulty in getting the revolver out of the woman's hand her fingers and arm were so stiff. Examined the room very carefully for money looked over every thing but found none.

Joseph F. Terwilliger who accompanied the coroner to the place stated that the woman was lying as described and her hand with a revolver in it pointing over her left shoulder. The hair on temple was so matted with blood could not tell if it was singed or if there were powder marks. The thumb was just above the pistol and fingers all around the guard. The covering was ruffled about the woman but smooth in rear part of the bed. The body was not cold or rigid, the arms were slightly so from being exposed. Geo. P. Haas one of the coroners jury testified to seeing the body lying as described but did not make close examination and did not notice where her thumb was on the pistol or any powder marks or singeing of hair.

L. J. Swayne one of the jury saw the bullet wound in right temple, hair clogged with blood. Body was warm in bed. Hand on stock of revolver. Helped put body in coffin. Kate Haas was at Wohlfarth's and heard Lizzie Smith introduce Schultz as her husband. He said I am not your husband I am your intended husband and many things can take place between now and to-morrow morning. This was about 2 p. m., Sunday.

John Wohlfarth testified as to the burial of the dead woman on Tuesday afternoon. Said he was instructed by the Coroner if no Doctor or lawyer came by 4 o'clock to bury her.

Wm. J. Sadler a jury man testified in corroboration as to position of the body and hand.

PERSONAL.

E. M. Pierson, of Blooming Grove, was in town this week.

William Wagner of Matamoras, was a caller at this office Tuesday.

Prof. John C. Watson will spend his vacation with his family visiting friends.

Floyd Cole, of Dover, N. J., has accepted a situation with Druggist Armstrong.

Mrs. Poillon has rented her house on Broad street to a family of New York people.

W. S. Ryan and family are visiting among relatives in Sussex county, N. J.

Frank Van Why of the Porter Lake House, and P. B. Clark, Esq., attended court.

Madam C. M. Schmecker the well known traveler is a guest of Dr. Bible at the Normal.

Floyd Steel has accepted a position as conductor on a trolley railroad in New York.

George Jennings and family, of Brooklyn, spent last Sunday at the home of John Ryder.

"Jim" Bennett of the Gazette has been reporting the court proceedings for that newsy paper.

Dorothy Baker gave a birthday party to a number of her little friends last Saturday evening.

Mrs. Susan Grandin has returned to Milford after an absence of some weeks visiting in Newark.

Mrs. Brown, of Binghamton, a sister of L. R. Mott and of ex-Sheriff W. K. Ridgway is visiting here.

George R. Ball is a member of the graduating class at Blair Hall. The exercises will take place June 15.

Miss Carrie Van Wormer, of Port Jervis, met with a bicycle accident near here a few days ago but was not seriously injured.

Charles Beck, whose family occupied the Horton cottage on Catharine street last summer, was in Milford on business Tuesday.

Frank Rudolph and "Ed" Brown say they made the run to Matamoras and back in 45 minutes last Sunday on their wheels. Well!

Ed Reed, of Port Jervis, visited Milford last Monday taking back his wife and son who have been spending several days here with friends.

Lorenz Stetler, of Shawnee, was married last Thursday at Stroudsburg to Miss Eva Van Aukon, of Bushkill by Rev. C. H. Whittaker.

The wedding of James R. Ball to Miss Mary Wakeman took place Tuesday evening. Mrs. Josephine Bessell, of Milford, was one of the guests.

BRIEF MENTION.

Milford schools are all closed and there is no longer fear of the trout officer.

Hon. E. B. Hardenburg has been endorsed as a candidate for Auditor General by the railroad employees of the State.

President Judge William B. Waddell, of Chester county, died at Westchester June 8th of heart trouble, aged 62 years.

Dr. H. C. Swallow was nominated for State Treasurer by the Prohibition State Convention which met at Altoona June 8th.

Sacrament of the Lord's supper was administered at the Presbyterian Church last Sabbath. Several new members were admitted on letters.

At a special term of court in Monroe county last week a judgment was rendered against the East Stroudsburg and Matamoras Railway for \$101.

In the history being published in the Sussex Register this appears among marriages under date of Oct. 24, 1838. Jacob Westrook to Hannah Jane Van Gorden, by Rev. Richard B. Lansing.

The Normal nine of East Stroudsburg was defeated at base ball last Saturday by the Blair Hall boys. Score 17 to 19. George R. Ball was one of the players with two runs to his credit.

The Forest Park summer hotel will be managed this season by Mrs. Jacob Ottenheimer. She will be aided by Arthur Lederer her son-in-law. The resort will probably open during the latter part of this month.

Prices of grain at Easton are given for June 6 same year as follows: Wheat flour, \$7.55; Rye, \$4; Wheat per bushel \$1.60; Rye, \$1; Timothy, \$3; barley, 73 cents; oats, 43 cents; butter, 15 cents; eggs, 10; hickory wood per cord, \$4.50.

The Pike county Sunday schools will hold their annual convention in the Reformed Church at Bushkill, June 15th. Miss Lizzie Butt and Miss Lizzie Schimer represent the Presbyterian Sabbath school here, Mr. W. R. Neff and wife, Mr. Rusling DeWitt and Mrs. Gregory the Methodist Sabbath school.

The commencement exercises of the Pennsylvania State College will be held June 15-17. Hon. J. S. McFarrell, speaker of the house will address the alumni and the commencement address will be delivered by Governor Hastings. Thirty-five will graduate, the largest class in the history of the college.

Both the Armour and Swift companies have closed their meat business at Stroudsburg. No reasons are assigned for this rather mysterious withdrawal. Last December there was a wild rush to see which company could put up a building soonest and every effort made to do so as rapidly as possible. The buildings are each assessed at \$10,000 and stand only forty inches apart.

Chauniqua Literary Society closed its course for the winter at a meeting held last Thursday evening at Mrs. E. E. Brown's. French history and traits, and Greek art and civilization have been the studies of the past year, and they have been pursued with profit and pleasure. At the closing meeting Mrs. Frank Criseman read a very able paper on "Plutarch's Lives." The society will resume its meetings in the early fall.

Board at reasonable rates for five to ten persons at a cosy cottage, 1 1/2 miles from Milford, Pa. Nice grounds. Milk, eggs, vegetables, all from farm. Address P. O. Box 167, Milford, Pa. June 8th.

Methodist Church Notes.

Sunday will be Children's Day and in the morning will be observed by a special sermon to children prepared by a baptismal service. In the evening the Sunday school will have charge of the service and has prepared a very interesting program.

There will be preaching at the Schoepes school house, the weather permitting, at 2 30 o'clock Sunday June 13.

Strawberry and Ice cream festival on Thursday June 10th in the lecture room of the church.

W. & G. Mitchell have just opened a few cases of new SPRING GOODS comprising Gingham, Outing Percales, Chastillon stripes, Chastillon habit cloths, etc. See them before buying elsewhere.

Hundreds of thousands have been induced to try Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, by reading what it has done for others, and having tried it for themselves are to-day its warmest friends. For sale by Druggists and General Merchants in Pike county.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

President McKinley at Nashville, Tenn. This Week.

He Left on Wednesday Morning to Attend the Exposition There—More About the Tariff Bill—Post Office Department Matter—Civil Service Rule—Nomination—Bailey for Democratic President in 1900—Sherman Anti-Trust Law.

President McKinley is naturally of an obliging disposition and nothing would please him more than to accept all the invitations that have been extended to him by cities and towns through which he will pass on his way to and from the Nashville Exposition, but it is absolutely impossible for him to do so, as the time set aside for the trip is necessarily limited. He will leave Washington next Wednesday morning, accompanied by a distinguished party made up of members of the Cabinet, Senators, Representatives and other officials, many of whom will be accompanied by the ladies of their families. The party will be in Nashville on Ohio day at the Exposition.

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The first result of the investigation of the workings of the civil service rules is the unanimous report of the committee on Reform in the civil service in favor of Senator Galinger's amendment to the general deficiency Appropriation Bill, abrogating all civil service rules which apply to any class of laborers. This amendment is in line with common sense, and will be sure to become a law. Talk with Senator Pritchard and other members of the committee makes it reasonably certain that other and more important recommendations as to exceptions from the civil service rules will be made by the committee a little later.

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Richard Hummer.

When bilious or costive, eat a Cascaret, candy cathartic, cure guaranteed, 10c. 25c.

IMPROVEMENT NOTES.

Dennis McLaughlin, owner of the old Schimmel property on Broad street, has a large force of men employed thoroughly renovating and improving the house and grounds. An addition has been built, modern conveniences introduced, papering, painting, etc. done and the place assumes an entirely new aspect. It is very creditable to the new proprietor to take such an interest in beautifying our town and we welcome men of such progressive stamp to Milford.

Under the direction of A. D. Brown & Son, the building on Broad street, owned by Mrs. Cahill is taking on a new shape. A story which will contain nine rooms has been added, also an extension in the rear. The whole house will be practically rebuilt, and made an ornament to the street.

Now let the railroad come, and buildings will spring up on all sides and Milford will grow a pace as her beautiful location and surroundings merit. Could the time between here and New York be shortened by rapid transit to Port Jervis, city men would make this place their summer home. Push for a railroad.

Henry B. Wells is rapidly causing the annex to the Bluff House to assume form. The building will be large and furnished with a number of rooms for guests. The location is attractive, and with the known popularity of that well-established house there will be no difficulty in enlarging the number who annually resort there for health and enjoyment.

A lot of new straw and felt hats at W. & G. Mitchell's.

FOR RENT—A furnished house on Harford street. Modern conveniences, large grounds, plenty of shade, good garden, fruit, etc. Address PIKE COUNTY PRESS, Milford, Pa.

Sunday School Convention.

The 3rd annual convention of the Pike county Sunday School Association will be held at Bushkill on Tuesday June 15th.

The afternoon session will convene at 2:30. Address will be made by Mr. Keller, District President of the State Association by Mrs. Geo. Whitehead of Dingmans and the Rev. Thomas Nichols of Milford.

The evening session will convene at 7 o'clock addresses will be made by the Rev. J. A. Wiegand of Matamoras and the Rev. G. W. Gillespie, of Port Jervis.

Matters of business will be transacted at both sessions. The programme will be as follows: Mr. Keller—"The relation of the church to the Sunday school." Rev. Thos. Nichols—"The relation of the Sunday school to the Home." Rev. J. A. Wiegand—"Methods of Teaching." Rev. G. W. Gillespie—"The Sunday school teachers theme." Mrs. Geo. Whitehead—Subject not in the hands of the committee.

Something new, a spring tooth harrow with wheels. Syracuse plows and Planet Jr. cultivators at W. & G. Mitchell's.

Obituary Notes.

Henry M. Mutchler a well known and prominent East Stroudsburg merchant died June 11 of Brights disease aged 47. He was Treasurer of the Normal school and one of its organizers.