

DANVILLE RAILROAD.

Annual Meeting of the Stockholders.

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WEATHER REPORT.

PROBABILITIES TO-DAY.—Washington, December 14, 1876. The weather is generally clear and bright, with a few light clouds.

LOCAL MATTERS.

MURDER OF MARGARET SHELTON.—Inquest, continued yesterday morning, held an inquest upon the body of Margaret Shelton, the negro woman who was so foully shot on the night of the 8th of December, and who died from the effects of the wound on the 11th.

The jury made a post-mortem examination of the body, which revealed the fact that the shot entered the abdomen below the umbilicus, cutting into the intestines, filling the cavity of the bowels with blood, producing intense inflammation, from the effects of which she died.

There were many witnesses examined at the inquest yesterday, and all concurred in the statement that Paul Jasper, the negro charged with shooting her, was seen in the yard a very short time before the shooting, and that he was the only person with the woman during her last moments, and to each one she made the statement that Paul Jasper shot her.

Policeman Henry W. Dabney testified that the dead woman told him that Jasper shot her. Policemen A. R. Cousins also made the same statement. On going to Jasper's house he found a gun hanging up over the window. This was the night succeeding the shooting, and the gun appeared to have been very recently discharged.

The deceased said to Cousins that the shooting occurred, and that she was the only person with the woman during her last moments, and to each one she made the statement that Paul Jasper shot her.

Mildred Harris, the woman who nursed the dead woman, testified that she had her repeatedly before she died that Jasper shot her.

The jury decided that as far as they could determine from the evidence Margaret Shelton died on the 11th of December by a gunshot wound received on the night of the 8th of December at the hands of Paul Jasper.

MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE OF HORSE AND BOGGY.

Yesterday evening about 6 o'clock the horse and buggy of Dr. James, left standing in front of Todd & Elliott's, on Broad street, in charge of a small colored boy, were taken off by an unknown man. It was about the time of the fire-alarm, and the boy says he got out of the buggy and went to the