

THEY WERE NOT MURDERED

Crime Not Revealed at South Side Fire Inquest.

VERDICT OF CORONER'S JURY

Inquest Brought Forth Evidence That the Fire and Death of the Two Brothers Was Accidental--They Had Been Drinking.

Among the unwritten tales of mysterious deaths the account of the responsibility of the death of the two Italian brothers Antonio and Martin Abate, who were burned to a crisp among the ruins of a Stone avenue building yesterday morning, will have to be recorded. A coroner's jury found no definite knowledge of the true understanding connected with the loss of the two lives. Of only one point did the jury become satisfactorily convinced, and that was that neither Gaspare Abate nor his wife knows the least clue to the origin of the fire or the unaccountable features surrounding the entire affair.

In the narrow bed room where the men slept, the fire had reduced the walls and ceiling to a heap of embers. There was no trouble in finding the body of one of the brothers, Antonio. His blackened and charred remains presented a repulsive spectacle. Not an ounce of flesh had been left on the skeleton. The remains of the other brother had to be dug from beneath the mattress of the bed. When this body was lifted from its position a pool of blood was noticed where the head had lain. This gave rise to the suspicion that foul play had been committed.

No Marks of Violence. The bodies were first viewed at Starr's undertaking rooms and Coroner Kelly examined carefully the body of Martin, which had not been deformed except at the feet and hands. There were no marks of violence on the body, only on the nose, and when the coroner laid bare the fossil of the nose no fracture was discovered. It is supposed that in the throes of death the man rolled out of the bed. The dead men were brothers of Gaspare Abate and boarded with him at 145 Stone avenue. The three were stone masons. Saturday was pay day and according to the accounts of some of the neighbors liquid refreshments were purchased largely during the day. The surviving brother, his wife and their three children went to bed about 8 o'clock Sunday night and left the back door unlocked to admit the brothers. There was an ordinary fire burning and a kerosene lamp was left lit. The first he knew of the fire was when his wife aroused him, and then the house was filled with smoke. He dashed to the room where the children slept, caught all three up together and ran out with them. Then he shouted to his brothers. He also said that he fired three shots to alarm the neighbors, but he contradicted himself in this story.

Origin of Shooting Theory. Reports like to be that a revolver was heard, but that is accounted for by the theory that he kept powder and cartridges in the house and the fire exploded them. The verdict of the jury was to the effect that death was accidental and Gaspare Abate and his wife were exonerated from all culpability. The bodies will be buried this afternoon in Hyde Park Catholic cemetery.

IN LOCAL THEATERS.

For its Thanksgiving attraction the Frothingham has engaged Joseph Jefferson in "A Cricket on the Hearth," matinee, and "Rip Van Winkle" in the evening.

"McKenna's Filtration," which has stood six years of favorable criticism, will be given at the Frothingham this evening. Of the play and company the Bridgeport Farmer says: "Those who went to the Auditorium last evening, expecting to witness an inferior production of 'McKenna's Filtration,' because William Barry did not appear in the leading role of Timothy McKenna, the part made famous by him, were agreeably disappointed. Dan Williams who, for the past seven years has been Mr. Barry's understudy, and who played the part almost as many times as Mr. Barry, essayed the role in a most excellent manner. The entire company is one of the best and strongest which has appeared at this house this season. The comedy will be repeated tonight and again tomorrow, matinee and evening."

Children on the stage are always attractive and interesting. It requires natural talent for a child to make a success of acting, and when bright children like little Winnie get a chance to display their talent, the result is astonishing and delightful. John E. Brennan in his comedy-drama, "The Tinker," which appears at the Frothingham tomorrow and Thursday evenings, includes in his company a sweet, lovable little actress of only 6 years. Her success has been remarkable.

It is not generally known that there are two great wrestlers by the name of "Muldoo," but the fact remains, both are champions, the one a man and the other a shetland pony. It is of the pony "Muldoo" we would speak. He was trained by Professor Wood, who with his excellent school of shetland ponies will be seen in the "Country Circus" at the Frothingham Friday and Saturday nights and Saturday matinee, Nov. 23 and 24. June, the colored groom, is his opponent in all of his wrestling bouts, and try as the man man will he has never succeeded in throwing the pony. This is only one of the many attractions of C. B. Jefferson.

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Charles Hartley, of New York, formerly of Scranton, and of whose escapades by means of ventriloquism have been commented upon by the metropolitan newspapers, will be at the Academy Thursday evening. His company includes a number of first-class specialists.

Austin's Giganteans scored a decided success at Davis theater yesterday. The large company has an unusual supply of talented vocalists, comedians and dancers, and the performances throughout are bright, interesting and free from rudeness. The musical oddities of Russell and Pearl are of great merit. The living shadowgraphs are exceedingly funny and created a roar of laughter. Professor Austin's living pictures are absolutely free from any display in the least degree suggestive or indelicate.

YESTERDAY'S COURT CASES.

Many Decisions and but Few Important Cases--Three Judges Presided.

Yesterday morning the second week of civil court was begun and three courts were begun with Judges Archbald, Edwards, and Albright, the latter of Allen-town presiding. There was an expectation that the contest papers against Frank H. Clemons for the office of sheriff would be filed by the attorneys of the defeated candidate James G. Bailey. The law allows thirty days grace from the date of election.

The first case called was the trespass suit of Robert Tinsley and Michael Donovan against John Walsh. It was assigned to Judge Albright in court room No. 2. Attorneys Hulander & Vosburg represented the plaintiffs and ex-Judge Stanton the defendant. Both parties to the suit live in Moosic and it is another fence line war. The plaintiffs allege that the defendant is in possession of a strip of land belonging to them. Judge Albright will deliver his charge this morning.

City Is Defendant. In court room No. 3, before Judge Archbald another trespass suit was in progress during the day and at adjournment the evidence of the plaintiff was not all heard. Mrs. Ann Munley is the plaintiff and the city of Scranton is defendant. Attorneys Joseph O'Brien and L. H. Burns represent the plaintiff and Major Everett Warren and City Solicitor Torrey the city. The husband of the plaintiff died from injuries received by falling into an "air lot" on lower Lackawanna avenue a few years ago. Damages are claimed in the sum of \$20,000.

An ejectment suit before Judge Edwards in the main court room took up the day and made very little progress. Edward B. Sturges, trustee, is suing to recover a strip of land situated on North Washington avenue near the Suburban Electric Light works. Dagobert A. Fetzer is defendant. He is represented by Attorneys Hannan and Price and the plaintiff has engaged Attorney Charles L. Hawley. The end of the case will depend altogether on the verification of the map from which the deed was drawn.

Minor Cases Heard. John D. Taylor's Sons vs. the Hamburg-Bremen Fire Insurance company; by opinion of Edwards, J., new trial refused. C. D. Winter & Co., assigned to John Kimball vs. A. Thompson and Thomas Henry; judgment for plaintiff. N. Y. L. E. & W. R. R. Co. vs. Mrs. F. L. Ayers; proceedings on attachment refused. John Silkman, use of H. A. Deppy vs. J. A. Brady; rule for new trial refused. Depue & Stott vs. L. O. Mosher, et al.; rule to strike off judgment made absolute.

William Collins vs. William Cox; rule to open judgment made absolute. The City of Scranton vs. Globe Gas Light Co. vs. the City of Carbondale; exceptions to the report of referee dismissed. Shaker vs. Bright; rule to amend record made absolute. Longstreet vs. Esterbrook; proceedings affirmed. Rothschild Bros. vs. Frank Grambo; rule to amend judgment made absolute. S. H. Yerkes vs. M. Stupp; rule to open judgment made absolute. Edward O'Neill vs. John Thompson; rule for judgment discharged. Phelps, Dodge & Co. vs. Henry Battin Co.; rule for judgment made absolute. J. J. Moran vs. B. E. Leonard; rule not to set aside new trial granted. The Guarantors Liability and Indemnity Co. vs. the Carbondale Traction company; judgment stricken off. In re Estate of Eugene Klueber; bond of Charles Tropp, committee, in sum of \$20,000, with Conrad Schroeder and F. L. Wormser, sureties, approved. Charles Tropp vs. the Scranton Traction company; by agreement of parties case referred to F. W. Fleitz, esq.

Mutual Life Insurance company vs. Albert D. Winton; reasons for new trial granted. E. Frank & Bro. vs. Gross, Foster & Co.; by agreement of parties referred to A. H. Deitz, esq. Michael F. Handley vs. Mary Barrett; ejectment; continued. George H. Tryon vs. John W. Altkin, assumpsit; continued for settlement. J. A. Barton & Son vs. Becker Bros.; appeal; settled; off list. Spruks Bros. vs. Catherine Norton, set. fa.; continued.

Medart Patent Pulley company vs. James Nolan; appeal; continued. August Dising vs. B. M. Bausehris; appeal; settled. Wallis Branch vs. Alvis Branch, divorce; discontinued. Wiggins vs. Bovans; rule for new trial granted. Mutual Life Insurance company vs. Winton, et al.; filed reasons for a new trial. The hotel license of John F. Clark, of Fourteenth street, was transferred to John Wrench and his bond approved. James Casey was sentenced in two cases of assault and battery, of which he was convicted at the recent term of quarter sessions court, to the costs and given ten days to comply with the penalty. Michael Augustin was sentenced by Judge Edwards to pay the costs in the case of which he was convicted. Court granted an order extending the time ten days for taking testimony of the respondents in the contested election cases of James J. Manley and Morgan Sweeney.

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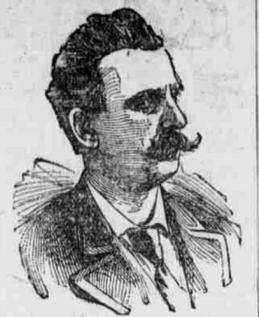
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