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AKRON, OHIO, THURSDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 16, 1899.

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PARDON

For Romie Cotell.

A Detective's Surprising Testimony

May Cause Attorneys For Cotell

To Lay the Facts Before the Governor

And Ask That Cotell be Released.

The State in the trial of the Cotell case.

"The entire contention of the defense," said Attorney Musser, "was that the murderer had not used the ball bat which had been brought into the case by the state, but that it was committed by use of some blunt metallic instrument very much in the nature of a coupling pin."

It will be remembered that the defense, in the course of the trial of Cotell, produced expert testimony to show that there were no blood stains upon the ball bat which the State claimed had been used in committing the murder, and that the ball bat could not have produced the sort of wounds found on the bodies of the murdered people. The contention was that the instrument used was a coupling pin.

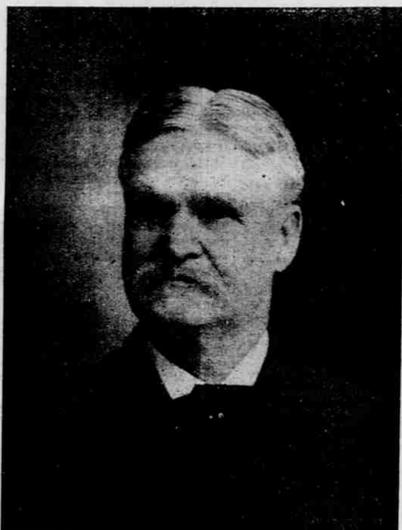
This recalls the fact that the defense attempted to show that it was some one other than Cotell who committed the murder.

The defense assumed that Anson B. Strong was on mysterious business in the Stone neighborhood upon the night of the murder; that a horse was stolen from the barn of one of the neighbors of the Stone family that night; that witnesses heard and saw a solitary horseman riding past their homes at breakneck pace from the direction of the Stone premises; that the stolen horse was afterwards found upon the railroad tracks near Kent; and furthermore, that Mr. Strong never disclosed his whereabouts on that night to anybody so far as could be learned, not even to his attorney, the late L. D. Walters.

"What will we do about the case?" said Attorney Musser today in response to a query from a DEMOCRAT reporter. "Well that's not determined. Perhaps the best that could be done under the circumstances will be to apply to the governor for a pardon for Romie Cotell. It is too late to reopen the case. If another is guilty of the murder that will be a matter for the grand jury and the court to determine. I consider it very strange that the State did not bring out at the trial the matter of the finding of the coupling pin."

DEATH OF J. W. LITTLE.

One of Akron's Best Known Business Men--Had Suffered For Several Weeks--Had Hosts of Friends.



MR. J. W. LITTLE.

Mr. J. W. Little died this morning at 8 o'clock.

For about two weeks Mr. Little had been suffering from a carbuncle at the base of the brain. As early as last Saturday the doctors despaired of saving his life, the carbuncle being complicated with threatened blood poisoning, and an operation being prevented by the proximity to the brain. Mr. Little's strong constitution had enabled him to rally slightly after each intermittent sinking spell, but within the last 24 hours he suffered a relapse which terminated in his death today.

Mr. Little was aged 61 years, 10 months and 18 days. He was born at Windham, near Newton Falls, in Portage county. He was given a good mercantile training, and early in life engaged in the millinery business. Sixteen years ago he opened his store in Akron and by courteous treatment of his patrons and his genial disposition toward all who sought his aid, he has won the hearts of his friends. He was also engaged in the shoe business at Newton Falls.

On March 16, 1894, he was united in marriage to Miss Gertrude H. Ford, of Madison, O., and to this union three children were born. They are, Mrs. H. S. App, of Cleveland; Jay W. Little, with Hart & Co., the milliners in Cleveland, and Henry A. Little, who is at home. Three sisters and one brother survive him as follows: Mrs. May Ames and Mr. Geo. Little, of Newton Falls; Mrs. Frank Barnes, of Cleveland, and Mrs. Geo. Everett, of Cincinnati.

Deceased was an ardent member of the G. A. R., a member of the Masonic and Pathfinder lodges and a prominent worker in the First Congregational church.

The funeral services will be held at the First Congregational church at 11 o'clock Saturday. The body will lie in state at the church from 9 to 11 o'clock, with a guard of old soldiers and Sons of Veterans in charge.

Mr. Little was one of the members of the celebrated G. A. R. Quartette, which has sung its way into the hearts of the people of Summit county.

EVENING

With the Liedertafel.

The Society Entertains Its Friends

With a Fine Musical Program and Social.

Local Talent Assisted by a Visiting Artist.

Forty Members of the Liedertafel Will go to Canton.

An evening of song, music, mirth and social pleasures, constituting a program in whose rare completeness blended a charm of beauty and versatility, gratifying to the most aesthetic, was that given by the Akron Liedertafel at its hall Wednesday evening.

In attendance upon the event was a representative assemblage of Akron's cultured society people—members of the Liedertafel society and their friends, in number exceeding 300. This was the annual concert and social of the society, and preparation for it began several weeks ago, the committee on arrangements—Messrs. Julius Kroffke, Prof. Gustav A. Sigel, Arthur Holm and Prof. C. W. Lantz—neglecting nothing that would contribute to the success of the event.

Rossini's overture, "William Tell," by Prof. C. W. Lantz's orchestra of 20 pieces, was the initial feature of the program. Throughout, the rendition was correct, each part with its own peculiar melody contributing to the harmony of the whole.

A change by members selected from the Akron Liedertafel, followed. The program was in two parts—Es stahle eine machtige Linde, by Pashe, and B. In schoenen Male, by H. Zoellner. The singers were: First tenor—William F. Rutenberg; First tenor—Seldenspinner, Arthur Holm and August F. Smith; second tenor—Julius Kroffke, Herman Fisher, Gustav C. Jentsch, Louis Verkuiljen and John H. Behr; first bass—William Freudenauer, Christian Grad, Alvin Schuster, August Kraft and Paul Linkert; second bass—Carl Schoendube, Louis Miller and Eugene Huss. All sang together with an accuracy and harmony indicating not only individual ability on the part of each singer, but also complementing highly the superb skill of the director, Prof. Sigel. The audience was delighted with the singing, and gave substantial evidence of their appreciation by bestowing vigorous applause.

The succeeding feature was a Bedouin love song, by the baritone soloist, Mr. Francis J. Sadtler, of Cleveland, accompanied at the piano by Prof. Sigel. The song was one of Piniatti's triumphs, and Mr. Sadtler's singing was classical and full of melody. In range, quality and power his voice lacks little. His style was good and his notes well rounded and musical. Prof. Sigel's accompaniment gave an additional sweetness to the song, and the audience was delighted with the number.

Mrs. Richard Ward, Akron's gifted contralto singer, and the accompanist, Miss Clara Seybold, were greeted with applause when they appeared on the stage. "Thou art so like a flower" was the subject of Mrs. Ward's song, and her singing was with the usual characteristic sweetness of grace and melody which always win for her the warmest appreciation of the hearers. There is a subtle charm in the contralto voice whose mystic notes never fail of creating inspiration to the happiest feeling within those who hear it. Mrs. Ward has a style of singing and art of expression that belongs only to those thoroughly competent. That she pleased her hearers was evidenced by the Liedertafel's presenting her with a large bouquet of chrysanthemums—beautiful as only these rare specimens of the floral realm can be—and tied with a streaming bow of white satin. Miss Seybold's sympathetic, accurate and musical accompaniment was not unappreciated. She, too, was presented with a bouquet—a rare collection of pink and white carnations. Mrs. Ward was forced to return to the stage three times to enclose calls, but as the program was under limited time, no encores were sung or played.

Lantz's orchestra charmed the audience with another selection—"Ein Maerchen," by Bach, and Mr.

PRO AND CON.

The Commissioners

Hearing the Annexation Question.

Much Interest Manifest by Citizens.

Cases Appealed From Lower Courts--Probate News.

Sheriff Kelly Took George Carleton to the Pen.

The question of annexation occupied the attention of the County Commissioners Thursday. The meeting was called in the Grand Jury's room, which proved too small for the large number present.

Considerable time was wasted in agreeing upon the time limit for debate. The noon hour found nothing done, when the Commissioners adjourned to meet in the Council chamber.

It is understood that about 85 per cent of the people on North Hill oppose annexation; less than 50 per cent in South Akron.

A large number of citizens from Akron were present. The Chamber of Commerce is taking an active interest in the matter. The Chamber was represented by B. L. Dodge, T. C. Reynolds, D. A. Doyle, Secretary H. L. Snyder, Ike Reder, C. A. Barnes, Emil Gammeter and others.

A number of lawyers were on hand representing citizens opposed to the annexation.

Argument Begun.

The arguments in the damage case of Detectives Doran and DeCalle against the county were begun Thursday morning. Attorney Hogan of Cleveland made the opening plea.

New Cases.

Jane M. Collins, guardian of Beryl Collins has begun suit against A. A. Koplin et al. It is alleged that \$507.50 is due on a note.

Appealed Cases.

The case of E. P. Holloway vs. Henry Krause has been appealed from Squire Campbell's court.

The case of Harry L. Flory vs. the Cleveland Provision Co. has been carried up on error. The case comes from Squire Hoffman's court.

Michael Duffy vs. Peter Wynne is the title of a case from the court of Justice Hart of Northampton township. It is alleged that \$183.75 is due for labor.

Gene to Columbus.

Sheriff Kelly took George Carleton to the Penitentiary Thursday, where he will serve one year for forgery.

In Probate.

James Lube has been appointed administrator of the estate of John Jockers, Sr. Bond \$1,500. Jonas Conrad, Gotlieb Sittelman and Edward Vaughan were chosen appraisers.

Bridget Greeley has been chosen

CHALK-TALK

At Evangelical church, corner Bargar and Coburn st., by Prof. Frank E. Woodin, the lightning artist of Chautauqua and Exposition renown. His work is rapid, funny and fascinating. Don't miss seeing from 75 to 100 pictures executed. Every picture will be presented to the audience at the close. The admission is only 10c, children only 5c. A packed house is expected as the professor is a strong attraction and endorsed by press, clergy, professors of colleges and directors of Exposition. Come smile tonight.

administratrix of the estate of Andrew Greeley.

Expenses Filed.

Geo. W. Sieber has filed his expense account. He paid \$45 for railroad fare and \$85 assessment. Total \$130.

Wm. A. Durand, candidate for Clerk of Courts, spent \$104 as follows: Assessment \$25, livery \$16, printing \$21, lieutenants \$20.50, cigars \$21.50.

Sylvester Viall, Boston tp.; H. B. Graham, Stow tp.; M. M. McLoue, Cuyahoga Falls, and George C. Schaeffer, Third ward, each claim that their campaign for land appraiser entailed no expense whatever.

Marriage Licenses.

Ford Lilly, Akron 20
Minnie Simmons, Akron 19
Ignatious Dossman, Akron 18
Katie Ott, Akron 62
Frederick Treap, Akron 25
Anna Gilbo, Akron 25
George E. Patterson, Cuyahoga Falls 25
Maud B. Strong, Cuyahoga Falls, 20

ANNEXATION

Arguments Begun Thursday Afternoon

Before Large Crowd.

The County Commissioners began hearing the arguments for and against annexation Thursday afternoon. It was decided to limit the speeches to 15 minutes. North Hill was heard first.

Attorney Foust presented a remonstrance containing signatures of 156 property owners representing, he claimed, 85 per cent of North Hill. He made a strong plea against annexation, claiming that it would result in increased taxation without commensurate improvement.

Attorney N. Chalkey favored annexation and A. J. Rowley spoke for North Hill citizens who were anxious to be annexed to the city.

The hearing will not be finished today.

AN UNKNOWN VOICE

Cries Out Against Annexation--Says It Would be Criminal Aggression.

County Commissioner Fillius has received an unsigned letter from a resident of North Hill, who asks him to use his influence to prevent North Hill from being annexed to "its ancient enemy, Akron." The writer says that since the Seventies Akron has been "knocking" against the interests of North Hill and that the city's only purpose in desiring annexation is to make North Hill a "hever of wood and drawer of water." For the Commissioners to vote for annexation, he thinks, would be "criminal." There is something of despair in the zeal with which this resident of North Hill takes the question of annexation to heart. Should the Commissioners decide that annexation would be for the best interests of all the people, how could this forlorn and unknown writer be consoled?

COLLEGE PARTY—The students of Buchtel college will give an informal dancing party in Crouse gymnasium, Nov. 24.

Claimed That New Evidence Has Been Discovered.

Which Sustains the Chief Contention by Defense.

Something of a surprise was developed Wednesday afternoon in the case in which Detectives Doran and DeCalle are suing to recover the \$1,000 reward offered by the county for the detection of the murderer of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin N. Stone and Ira Stillson, of Tallmadge.

It has been brought to the attention of Attorney E. F. Voris and Harvey Musser, counsel for Romie Cotell, who was convicted of the murder, that Detective Doran testified yesterday afternoon that while searching for clues to the identity of the murderer, he had found a coupling pin in the wood shed at the Stone farm.

When Attorney Musser was informed of this testimony this morning he expressed considerable surprise that the finding of the coupling pin had not been brought out by

CLEWS

To the Author of Northfield Letters.

Detective Burlison thinks two men are implicated.

County Detective James Burlison expects to return to Northfield tomorrow to resume his investigation into the celebrated anonymous letter cases.

Detective Burlison told the DEMOCRAT today that the indications are that two young men are implicated in the writing of the letters and he expects to bring both of them to justice.

Last Tuesday Detective Burlison went to the home of one of the suspected young men and found traces of writing corresponding with the writing in the letters. The detective also found some of the paper corresponding exactly to that upon which the threatening letters had been written.

Mr. Burlison believes that the young man who wrote the letters was inspired to it by another. It is believed that the mystery will be thoroughly uncovered by the last of the week.

Mr. Roberts and Miss Smith have not yet had their marriage ceremony performed.

FIFTY-FIVE

Miles of Natural Gas Pipe Laid In Akron.

Work will be finished next season—Closes This Week.

L. B. Terry, Akron agent for the East Ohio Gas company, is well pleased with the rapid way in which their business is progressing.

Fifty-five miles of pipe have been laid under the streets of Akron since November 1, 1898. This week will see the end of pipe laying for this year. Work will be recommended in the spring. It is estimated that 20 more miles of pipe will be laid. Between 40 and 45 companies of the gas fitters are constantly at work on the company's lines and their work will not be finished for several weeks.

Gas mains have been laid in every portion of the city except on North Hill, East Akron, east of Norton st.; South Akron, south of South st., and in the extreme west portion of town. The central part of the city will be piped more compactly next year.

Arranged for Games.

Manager Hafer, of the Canton Imperial Foot Ball team, while in Akron Sunday, made arrangements for games with the C. Y. M. A. eleven of Akron, and the Barberton Tigers. The games will probably take place next Sunday and the Sunday following, but definite arrangements could not be made until it is ascertained if street car service could be had.

Akron Hunter In Good Luck.

L. C. Miles is on a hunting tour in Indiana and Wisconsin. He writes his Akron friends that he has already shot one deer, several wild ducks and abundance of quail. He will return early next week, and shortly after will give a dinner to a company of friends.

Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup will prove a quick and sure cure for croup. Mothers, when your children are attacked with that dreadful disease, you can depend on this marvelous remedy. It never fails to cure at once. Price 25c.

NEW FACTORY

Will Be in Operation in Akron Within a Week.

The Standard Silver Plating Co. has acquired control of the Garl Electric Co. and began moving the plant into its shop this week.

Manias Garl will be superintendent of the electrical department. Several electrical apparatus will be manufactured, on which Mr. Garl holds patents. Work will begin within a week and the force, which is small at present, will be steadily increased.

The silver plating department will commence to manufacture coffin supplies in two weeks with a force of 25 men.

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THE B. & O.

Gets Control of the Valley Railroad.

B. & O. Will Also Absorb the P. & W. System.

The bitter fight that has been waged by President Thos. M. King of the C. T. & V. railroad, and receiver of the P. & W. railroad, against the B. & O. railroad, terminated yesterday in favor of the B. & O. people.

The announcement was made in Cleveland that on and after today the B. & O. railroad will have possession of the C. T. & V. railroad, word to that effect having been sent to President King by the B. & O. officials. Rumor is current that the B. & O. will also acquire control of the P. & W. railroad very soon.

The fight of the B. & O. against the C. T. & V. and P. & W. has been of long standing and is the chief topic of discussion among local railroad men today.

BIRTHS.

WILEY—November 14, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wiley, Huron st., a daughter.

THE WEATHER:

Fair tonight; increasing cloudiness and probably rain Friday.

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