

BECKWITH SUCCUMBS TO DEATH

Bank Was Wrecked by Mrs. Cassie Chadwick's Operations.

Oberlin, O., Feb. 8.—C. T. Beckwith, president of the defunct Citizen's National Bank, of this city, died at 10:45 o'clock Sunday night after two days' of unconsciousness during which dissolution was expected at any moment. Only the family surrounded the death bed of the banker.

Mr. Beckwith was about 65 years of age. On Dec. 14 last, the federal grand jury in Cleveland returned five indictments against Beckwith upon the charge of violating the national banking laws in connection with the loans made to Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick by the Citizen's National bank, of Oberlin, of which the deceased was the president.

From the day of his arrest Beckwith's health failed rapidly, as a result of worry over his troubles. He



C. T. BECKWITH.

frequently declared during his illness that he wanted to die. For several days prior to his death he refused to take food in any form. Death resulted directly from heart trouble.

The death of President Beckwith may materially weaken the cases of forgery and conspiracy to misapply bank funds, now charged against Mrs. Chadwick.

It was expected that Beckwith would be the star witness on both the federal and common pleas courts.

There is no way to perpetuate Beckwith's testimony. The constitution of the United States says an accused person must be confronted in court by the accusers. A deposition or affidavit cannot be used.

YOUTH KILLS HIS BROTHER.

Fourteen Year Old Boy Accidentally Fires Fatal Shot.

Atlanta, Feb. 7.—A pistol shot started the Sunday stillness at the home of William Bairdain, 362 Capitol avenue yesterday morning at 9 o'clock, and it was soon learned that Fred Bairdain, the 14-year-old son of William Bairdain, had shot and fatally wounded his brother, Arthur Howell Bairdain, aged 12 years.

The boys were in the bedroom together, and had been examining their father's 32-caliber pistol. There were no eyewitnesses to the shooting, and all that was learned of the tragedy was what was told by the elder Bairdain boy. He stated to his father, it is said, that he and his brother were looking at the pistol when it was accidentally discharged by him.

The bullet struck Arthur Bairdain in the forehead, producing a wound which caused death in two or three hours.

Up to a late hour last evening no report had been made to the chief of police, and the coroner said he had heard of the shooting, but had made no investigation.

Well Timed.

"That was a great sermon you preached this morning," said the old churchwarden, "and it was well timed too."

"Yes," rejoined the parson, with a deep sigh. "I noticed that."

"Noticed what?" asked the puzzled warren.

"That several of the congregation looked at their watches frequently," answered the old man, with another deep sigh.—London Telegraph.

An Unbearable Fault.

Fogg—(Goodman is dead. He has led a most beautiful and a correct life. Everybody praises him. Fogg—But, oh, found him, he tramped my ace once when we were playing partners at whist.

An Unhappy Sent.

"Pa," said Tommy, opening the paper, "who sits on the seat of war?"

"No one," responded papa, "because the seat of war generally has a tack to it."—Baltimore Herald.

A Big Gorge.

Mrs. Newrich (back from the honey-moon in Switzerland)—Do you remember, dear, that lovely gorge up in the mountains? Mr. Newrich—I do. It was the squarrest meal I ever ate.

Self respect is the cornerstone of all virtue.—Sir John Herschel.

Reminders of the Moors.

Concerning the dwellings in the Argentine Republic a traveler writes: "Wherever there was a collection of houses I was greatly struck with the character of the architecture—like Arab or Moorish villages, one great wall without windows surrounding them. The country is very quiet now—safe enough for a bery of schoolgirls to travel it by day or night—but still the peculiar architecture remains. At Negra Muerta, where we camped, there was only one large building, once the headquarters of the 'estanciero,' who owns hundreds of square leagues of the surrounding country, but now tenanted by his manager, a superior sort of half-breed Spanish Indian, with his family. There was the huge square outside wall without any windows of any kind, one arched doorway and the inside house or houses built against the outer wall and facing into a patio—a most Moorish looking place. Truly the occupation of Spain by the Moors has left its deep markings; they extended across to the new world, influencing today even the customs of the Indians of Spanish South America."

Shoemaking in the Black Forest.

The Black forest of Germany, a region famous for centuries, is hundreds of years behind the present age in methods of living and conducting simple industries. This fact is strikingly exemplified in the primitive ways the natives follow in making leather and shoes. When a farmer kills his beef he takes the hide to the local tanner, who will keep it for two years before he considers it fit for the shoemaker. When the hide is leather the shoemaker is informed of the fact.

Then some morning the shoemaker comes to the farmer's house with his kit of tools and for the time being is one of the family. Every Katrina and every Johann is marched before him and measured, and the work of making shoes for the family begins. It may take a month, more or less, but he sticks to his job until every one is properly shod, when he is away to the next customer needing his services.—Shoe Retailer.

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