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## In order To Reduce Stock By JANUARY FIRST

WE ARE OFFERING SOME  
GREAT BARGAINS IN ALL  
DEPARTMENTS OF OUR  
STORE.

### HERE ARE A FEW OF THEM

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Men's \$5.00 Suits \$3.00

" 7.00 " 4.00

" 10.00 " 7.50

Boy's Suits for 50 cents.

Men's 6.00 Overcoats 4.00.

We can certainly save you  
money on anything you want to  
buy.

Be sure and come to see us.

RESPECTFULLY.

Lancaster Mercantile Co

### A TRIPLE TRAGEDY IN LUNATIC'S HOME.

Madison James Kills Wife  
And Brother-in-law  
Was Himself Killed.

Three of Sheriff's Posse Wounded  
in An All Day Fight With  
Desperate Man, Who  
Was Finally Killed.

Special to the State.

Hartsville, Dec. 3.—Madison James, a farmer living about five miles from this place in the Kellytown section, shot and killed his wife last night, murdered his brother-in-law, Mr. Sid Kelley this morning about 9 o'clock and was himself shot to death about 4 o'clock this afternoon after an all day fight by a Sheriff's posse. James is a man about 50 years old and heretofore a peaceable, inoffensive man.

Two years ago he was sent to the asylum at Columbia and had been discharged and returned home only about seven weeks ago.

Nothing is known of the events leading up to the killing of his wife last night, except that James had threatened to kill his wife's mother yesterday afternoon. Why this threat did not impress her son, Mr. Sid Kelley, who is a very fearless and careful man, is not known. At all events he shot his wife to death in the early part of last night and the other inmates of the house, his wife's mother and his two half-grown children, fled at once.

CALLED TO WINDOW.

Last night Mr. Kelley went to the house and called James to the window and said to him that he was not armed and not to shoot him. He then asked James if he realized what he had done and when James replied yes, that he had killed Queen, Mr. Kelley told him that he was coming into the house. James warned him that if he came in he would be shot. All night Mr. Kelley tried to induce James to come out and surrender and guaranteed him protection. To all of these efforts James replied that he would not come and said he would shoot anyone who attempted to come in.

Early this morning Mr. Kelley sent word to Hartsville for several of his friends to come up and advise and aid him and went again to induce James to come out. He went up to a window with his gun over his shoulder and smoking a cigar and engaged James in conversation and finally induced him to hand him out a \$10 bill he had gotten from Mrs. Kelley Friday. He hoped to grab his hand when he handed out the money and hold him but failed to do so. Kelley finally told James he was coming into the house anyhow, and turned to step down backwards off a box on which he was standing. As he turned off James shot him in the neck, tearing out a large part of the side of the neck and killing him instantly. Mr. Kelley was smoking at the time and his body fell backward, his gun across it.

ACTED WITH COOLNESS.

James would allow no one to approach the place at all and acted with the utmost deliberation and judgment in defending him-

self and waging his unequal battle for the next eight hours. He was armed with a shot gun and plenty of shells, but fortunately with nothing but small shot ammunition. Sheriff Scarborough and a large posse soon surrounded the house and tried in every way to get possession of James. He would listen to no overtures for surrender and shot all who came within range, wounding Mr. W. A. Sumner and young Mr. Seegars of this place and another young man whose name is not known. Sheriff Scarborough narrowly escaped being killed for James shot at him twice as the sheriff opened the front door and only missed him a few inches. Sheriff Scarborough went in the house twice and to the door of the room James was in and begged him to surrender and promised to protect him with his own life if necessary. He got no answer except a volley through the door and the sheriff had to go about getting his man in a more careful manner. It was thought that the man might be wounded and induced to surrender but he fought with such coolness and daring that it was soon seen he would have to be shot to death to capture him. This even took some time for James was secreted in the chimney place where he emerged at intervals to shoot at anyone who approached within range. The whole end of the house in which the desperate man was barricaded was shot to pieces by the posse of 300 or more men present and James was wounded many times before he was at last killed.

SECURED KRAK GUNS.

Deputies came to Hartsville and secured some of the Krak guns from the local military company to help shell him out and firearms of every description were in constant use at the place all day. A perfect fusillade was kept up at all times till he was finally killed. The wounded men of the posse are not at all seriously wounded. Mr. Kelley was one of the most prosperous men of his neighborhood and a man who exerted among his people a most excellent influence for good.

Everyone here feels it a loss to the section that he has been killed for a bigger hearted, more honest man it would be hard to find.

Neighbors insist that James was not crazy when he murdered his

wife and her brother. They say that he was angry with Kelley for sending him to the asylum and the murders followed as a result of this.

His actions today from all accounts were remarkably deliberate and his fight for eight hours remarkably well conducted for a man who was temporarily bereft of mind.

No one will ever know, of course, what the true state of affairs was, but the more charitably inclined are disposed naturally to believe that he was madly insane through it all.

There can be no doubt, however, that Mr. Kelley believed him insane when he approached him this morning or else he would not have acted in a way so foreign to his usually careful, if fearless, disposition.

There was much excitement today and men came from miles around and participated in the battle at the house.

The coroner is now holding the inquest.

Mr. Kelley leaves a mother, wife and seven children.

W. E.

AN OLD TIME REMEDY.

Murray's Horehound Mullein and Tar has in it the purest of drugs. All of which were used by our parents and grand-parents. It is a combination so put together that it cures a cough right off. Nothing is better for babies. It is a most reliable cure for all cases of coughs. Ask your druggist for it. They all have it. Get a bottle now and have it ready. Costs only 25c a bottle—extra large bottles—regular 50c size. Remember to ask for "Murray's" and take no other.

Mob Takes Negro From Captors.

Columbus, Ga., Dec. 3.—A special from Seale, Ala., to The Enquirer-Sun says that William Vaughn, colored, who is charged with robbing, murdering and cremating in her home his wife's grandmother, and who later made a sensational escape from the deputy sheriff, was captured today near the scene of his alleged crime. The negro had a bullet wound in his left arm, which was inflicted by the deputy sheriff when he escaped. The capture was made by a white man and two negroes. After his capture Vaughn was taken from his captors by parties in the community and his present whereabouts is unknown to the officers. It is stated that there was imminent danger of mob violence when the negro was captured.

### COTTON STILL DECLINING

To meet this decline we are going to Knife deeper the prices on our goods.

For the next Twenty days we are going to offer the trading public more goods for the money than they ever saw before in Lancaster.

We are offering during this time

\$5.00 Suits at \$3.98; \$7.50 suits at \$5.98; \$10.00 suits at \$7.50; \$12.50 and \$15.00 suits at \$9.00 and \$10.00. \$5.00 Overcoats \$2.98 and up to \$10.00 ones. Pants from 50c per pair, worth 75c, to \$3.50, worth \$6.05. Heaviest weight yd wide Sheeting, weight guaranteed, at 6c yard.

Just received case Bleach to go during this sale 10 yards for 75c. Only 10 yards to the customer. 50 dozen mens' 50 cent undershirts at 38c. Two for 75 cents. 20 dozen Ladies' 25 and 35 cent vests for 19c per garment. A few of those 50c Shirts left at 25 cents.

We still have on hand a few shoes. Price them, you'll buy if you need shoes. Don't miss these bargains. They only hold good for twenty days.

YOURS FOR TRADE,

Funderburk Co.

P. S.—10c bottle Sewing Machine Oil 5c. 10 balls Sewing Cotton 5c and a hundred other things to numerous to mention.