

THE BIDDLE TRAGEDY

Both Men Lie In a Most Horrible Manner.

CROWDS STOOD AROUND THE JAIL

Coroner's Inquest Develops the Fact That Both the Biddles Attempted Suicide.

Butler, Pa., Special.—The terrible fate of the Biddles was the sole topic of conversation here Sunday and curious throngs of people have been defying the storm, hanging about the jail entrance in vain attempts to get in to see the bodies of the dead murderers.

The verdict said that Ed. Biddle came to his death by a revolver shot fired from a 38-calibre revolver by himself, and that Jack Biddle met his death from a gun-shot wound inflicted by the officers in the discharge of their lawful duty.

In all Jack suffered from nine wounds but excepting the one that penetrated the kidney, none of them would have been fatal.

The pastors in nearly all of the churches in Butler took occasion Sunday to refer to the sensational capture Friday of Mrs. Kate Soffel and John and Ed. Biddle, who died in the county jail Saturday night.

Rev. Samuel Cronin Wett, of St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran church, criticized severely the woman whom he held responsible for the whole affair.

Deal with the faults of the hungry man as you would deal with cracks in an empty corn crob—heat them from the inside.—Finnickey Finnikin, in Pennsylvania Grit.

THE JURY BILL

A Measure That Vitrally Interests All Sections of the State.

Below is given the text of the new jury bill, as passed by the house after being amended by the judiciary committee of that body.

Section 1. That the county auditor, the county treasurer and the clerk of the court of common pleas of each county in this State shall perform the duties hereinafter set forth.

Sec. 2. That the said county auditor, county treasurer and clerk of the court of common pleas of each county shall immediately after the passage of this act, and thereafter in the month of December of this and each succeeding year, prepare a list of such qualified electors, under the provisions of the constitution, between the ages of 21 and 65 years and of good moral character, of their respective counties, as they may deem otherwise well qualified to serve as jurors, being persons of sound judgment and free from all legal exceptions, which list shall include not less than one from every three of such qualified electors under the provisions of the constitution, between the ages of 21 and 65 years, and of good moral character, to be selected without regard to whether such persons live within five miles or more than five miles from the court house.

Sec. 3. That of the list so prepared the county auditor, county treasurer and clerk of the court of common pleas, shall cause the names to be written, each one on a separate paper or ballot, so as to resemble each other as much as possible and so folded that the name written thereon shall not be visible on the outside, and shall place them, with the said list, in a strong and substantial box, without apertures or openings when closed to be known as the "jury box" to be furnished to them by the county supervisor of their county for that purpose and of such size and shape, as that, when such separate papers or ballots shall have been folded and placed therein as above required, they may be easily shaken up and about and well mixed therein, and it shall be the duty of the clerk of the court to keep said jury box in his custody.

Sec. 4. That not less than ten nor more than twenty days before any regular or special term of the court of general sessions for the present year the county auditor, the county treasurer and the clerk of the court of common pleas of each of the counties in this State shall draw from said jury box 18 persons, who shall constitute the grand jury for the present year.

Sec. 5. That whenever it shall be necessary to supply any deficiencies in the number of grand or petit jurors duly drawn, whether caused by challenge or otherwise, it shall be the duty of the county auditor, the county treasurer and the clerk of the court of common pleas, under the direction of the court, to draw from the said tales box such number of fit and competent persons to serve as jurors, as the court shall deem necessary to fill such deficiency.

Sec. 6. That whenever the jury list of any county shall be destroyed by fire or other casualty, or whenever it shall be held by any court of competent jurisdiction that the jury list of any county has been unlawfully prepared, or is irregular or illegal, so as to render void the drawing of jurors therefrom, it shall be the duty of the county auditor, the county treasurer and the clerk of the court of common pleas of each county, to prepare a special jury list for the said county forthwith in the manner herein prescribed, from which special list grand and petit jurors shall be drawn for the courts of general sessions and common pleas for such county until the annual jury list shall have been prepared for such county as herein provided.

any other cause, two of said officers shall be unable to serve, the county superintendent of education and the sheriff of such county shall act in their place and stead.

Sec. 19. That all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act be, and the same are hereby, repealed.

Sec. 20. That this act shall go into effect immediately upon its approval by the governor. And it shall be the duty of the secretary of state to have printed at once a sufficient number of copies of this act to supply one to each clerk of the court, county auditor, county treasurer, circuit judge and solicitor in this State, and forthwith send a copy to each of said officers.

Sec. 7. That all jurors shall be selected by drawing ballots from the said jury box, and, subject to the exceptions hereinafter contained, the persons whose names are on the ballots so drawn shall be returned to serve as jurors.

Sec. 8. That the names of those who are drawn and actually serve as jurors shall be placed in an envelope, and shall not be put back into the said jury box until the first revision of the jury list herein provided for after they have been so drawn, to the end that no person shall serve as a juror more than once in one year. The same rule shall be observed as to drawing jurors from the said tales box; Provided, That nothing herein contained shall be construed to be in conflict with the provisions of the law as to selecting by lot from the grand jury six members thereof to serve for the ensuing year.

Sec. 9. That nothing contained in this act shall prevent the clerk of the court of common pleas from issuing venire for additional jurors in term time upon the order of the court, whenever it is necessary for the convenient dispatch of its business, in which case venire shall be served and returned, and jurors required to attend on such days as the court shall direct.

Sec. 10. That in drawing jurors from the said tales box the same rules shall be observed as in drawing from said jury box, except that no notice of such drawing shall be necessary.

Sec. 11. That no more than 36 persons, to serve as petit jurors, shall be drawn and summoned to attend at one and the same time at any court, unless the court shall so order.

Sec. 12. That the grand and petit jurors drawn as hereinbefore prescribed, from the said jury box, shall be summoned by him and shall attend and serve according to the exigency of the summons.

Sec. 13. That the juries drawn and summoned under the provisions of this act shall be organized and empanelled in the circuit court as now or hereafter may be provided by law.

Sec. 14. That the jurors drawn and summoned under the qualifications that are now or may hereafter be prescribed by law.

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Sec. 17. That when at any time it shall be determined by the resident circuit judge of any circuit upon complaint made to him, that an irregularity has occurred in the drawing of the juries for any circuit within his circuit, or that any act has been done whereby the validity of any juries drawn may be questioned, it shall be lawful for such circuit judge to issue his order to the county auditor, the county treasurer and the clerk of the court of common pleas for each county for which said circuit court shall be held, at least 5 days before the sitting thereof, to proceed to draw jurors for such term, or to take such measures as may be necessary to correct such error.

Sec. 18. That in case there shall be a vacancy in the office of clerk of the court of common pleas, county auditor, or county treasurer at the time herein fixed for preparing said jury list, or for drawing a jury, or any one of said officers shall be disqualified or unable to serve for any cause, the county superintendent of education shall act in his place and stead, and in case there shall be a vacancy in two of said offices or

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Great Fire in Waterbury. Waterbury, Conn., Special.—The most disastrous fire in the history of Waterbury broke out in the heart of the city, shortly before 6:30 Sunday evening, and at midnight was not under control. A large section of the business part of the city has already been wiped out. In the high wind prevailing there is little hope of saving what still stands in that part of the business section south of Exchange Place. The fire originated in the upholstery department of the Reid and Hughes Dry Goods Company, and that store, as well as many adjoining buildings, are smouldering cinders. The property damage will be over \$2,000,000.

Robbed the Mails. Savannah, Ga., Special.—J. C. Legree, colored, mayor and assistant postmaster of Burroughs, Ga., a colored settlement, was arrested by Postoffice Inspector Lewis on a charge of robbing the mails. A decoy letter was sent through the office containing money. The letter and the marked money were found on Legree's person. Legree was a sort of poob-bah of the village, holding almost every office in it. He claimed that he was only retaining the letter because the postage on it was insufficient.

Japan's progress is wonderful. She already has a national surplus and a proposal to put some of it into higher salaries.

Registration Notice.

The office of the Supervisor of Registration Will be opened on the first Monday in every month for the purpose of the registering of any person who is qualified as follows:

Who shall have been a resident of the State for two years, and of the county one year and of the polling precinct in which the elector offers to vote four months before the day of election, and shall have paid, six months before any poll tax then due and payable, and who can both read and write any section of the Constitution of 1895 submitted to him by the supervisors, of registration, or can show that he owns, and has paid all taxes collectable during the present year on property in this State assessed at three hundred dollars or more.

J. J. EADDY, Clerk of Board.

German experts have ascertained that railway rails deteriorate sooner in tunnels than elsewhere because of the effect of injurious gases.

ATLANTIC COAST LINE R. R. CO.

CONDENSED SCHEDULE.

Table with columns for Train No., Date, and Time. Includes sections for 'TRAINS GOING SOUTH' and 'TRAINS GOING NORTH' with specific departure and arrival times for various stations like Wilmington, Marion, Florence, and Sumter.

*Daily, except Sunday. No. 53 runs through to Charleston, S. C., via Central R. R., arriving Manning 6:53 p. m., leaving 7:35 p. m., Charleston 9:20 p. m. Train No. 53 makes close connection at Sumter with train No. 59, arriving Lanes 9:45 a. m., Charleston 11:35 a. m., Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

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ASTONISHING OFFER!! Advertisement for Cuban Specials cigars. Includes images of a bottle of Cuban Specials Whiskey and a pocket watch. Text describes a promotion where buying a quart bottle of Cuban Specials Whiskey earns a customer 14 beautiful prizes free, including a pocket watch, a cigar holder, and a lighter.

ARE YOU DEAF? ANY HEAD NOISES? Advertisement for F. A. Werman's treatment for deafness and head noises. Includes an illustration of a man and a woman. Text states that the treatment is effective for all cases of deafness or hard hearing and that head noises cease immediately.