

ATLANTIC COUNTY RECORD.

THIRTY-FIFTH YEAR—NO. 13.

MAY'S LANDING, N. J., SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1911.

WHOLE NUMBER 1792.

SWOONED WHEN JURY RETURNED VERDICT

MRS. EMMA PECK FOUND NOT GUILTY.

Self-Defense Set Up As Excuse For Slaying Husband In "Paradise Alley" When He Attacked Her With Knife and Pistol.

After a brief trial, presided over by Justice Samuel Kelleher, Mrs. Emma Peck, colored, was acquitted of murdering her husband May 1 last in Paradise Alley, Atlantic City, during a quarrel in which he threatened her life. Self defense was her excuse for slaying her husband, the jury, after an hour's deliberation, pronounced her not guilty. When she heard the verdict she swooned in Court.

The State's witness agreed with those of the defense on the essential points of the case. Assistant Prosecutor Schwinghamer, however, was desirous to prove, however, that the woman was not aggrieved in the fatal quarrel.

Less than two hours were taken up by the defense in presenting its evidence, the principal witness being the defendant herself. Her story was substantially as follows:

"When my husband came home he came directly to my room and demanded the money I had received during his absence, but I refused to give it to him and he left, returning a short time later with a butcher knife. He threatened to kill me and I ran first to the sitting room, then into the bath room. It was there that he fired the first shot with the pistol and I knocked it from his hand onto the floor. We scuffled until it went off several times before I wrench myself from his grasp and ran down stairs. I was so terrified that I hardly knew what I was doing and I have no idea how his throat was cut."

"After that I heard him loading the gun again so he couldn't have been hit by any of the shots fired the first time. After that he came after me again and I tried to escape, but he cornered me in the bath room and in the fight he was shot and I received a bullet wound in the shoulder."

Mrs. Hattie Palmer and Henry L. Mong testified that Peck had threatened his wife's life in their presence. Elsie Northcutt said she saw Peck carrying the knife, partly wrapped in a newspaper. Officers James Thorpe and William Queen also testified to hearing Peck threaten to kill his wife and Thorpe said he took a revolver from him several days before the shooting.

Three colored clergymen, the Revs. A. L. Murray, J. B. Gregory and H. B. Anderson, testified to the defendant's peaceful disposition.

After a number of challenges by both State and defense the following jury was selected and sworn to try the case:

Henry Swinderman, Pleasantville; Frank R. Snyder, Egg Harbor City; Edwin J. Bowey, Atlantic City; Ernest Dyer, Egg Harbor Township; John R. Pratt, Atlantic City; Robert Abbott, Hamilton Township; John T. Davis, Egg Harbor Township; William H. Bernhausen, Hammonton; William Friedhofer, Jr., Galloway Township; Warren L. Ridgway, Atlantic City; Andrew L. Dyer, Egg Harbor City; Otto Greis, Hamilton Township.

Assistant Prosecutor Eugene Schwinghamer, who conducted the prosecution, attorneys for the defense being John J. Crandall and Isaac H. Nutter.

FIRE DESTROYED BARNES.

Five Buildings Consumed in Early Morning Blaze At Waymouth.

Fire originating from an unknown source destroyed five barns on the old Colwell estate at Waymouth Thursday morning last about nine o'clock, completely destroying the buildings and most of their contents, including hay and feed, several wagons and farm machinery. Fortunately the fire was discovered in time to save the live stock and part of the contents. No means were at hand to fight the flames, and they continued unchecked until the buildings were a mass of charred and blackened ruins.

So far as can be learned the fire started in a hay mow, but from what source is not known. The buildings were in good condition and the contents valuable. Mr. H. L. Rutherford estimating the loss at \$4,000, partly covered by insurance. Among the articles destroyed were a gasoline engine and a lot of modern farming machinery recently purchased.

CHURCH FAIR BIG SUCCESS.

Sum of \$225 Netted For Benefit of Building Fund.

The fair and bazaar held Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings last week in the Opera House by the ladies of the M. E. Church proved a great success, netting the building fund of the Church the sum of \$225. It was one of the most successful affairs of the kind ever held here and was liberally patronized by town people, many taking advantage of the opportunity to purchase Christmas gifts.

"We are glad to announce that the Fair was a great success financially and socially," says Pastor S. K. Moore, "and on behalf of the Church I desire to thank all who in any way helped make it so." On Saturday evening all articles left unsold were put up at auction and practically everything was disposed of when the fair was closed a few minutes before midnight.

Select Jurors and Try Cases

found by the regular October inquiring alleged election irregularities, a true bill returned against the four complicit in election. They will be tried by Justice Samuel Kelleher, Jr., of his Attorney General's office, to a decision.

New Year's Entertainment.

An entertainment will be given Monday evening, January 1, at eight o'clock in the Opera House by the May's Landing Liederkranz. Particulars will be announced next week by Director Hart.

DEATH ENDED AUTO RIDE.

Machine Wrecked By Accident Near Watering Place Bridge.

Rounding the curve near the Watering Place Bridge on the County boulevard last Monday, a Stoddard-Dayton auto containing six men left the road and before the driver could get control of the machine it crashed into a pole carrying electric light wires, throwing the occupants out and demolishing the car. Emil Johnson, of New York, who was sitting on the running-board of the machine, was the only one seriously injured, sustaining a fractured skull, from which he died Wednesday. He was brought to the office of Dr. H. C. James by a passing autoist and after temporary treatment Dr. James rushed the injured man to the Atlantic City hospital in hopes, where everything known to medical science was done for him but to no avail.

The cause of the accident was due to the reckless speed in rounding the curve and to the fact that the car, a three passenger auto, was heavily overloaded, so that when it struck a sandy place it would not readily respond to the wheel. The pole struck by the car was almost knocked over and the electric light service was destroyed until temporary repairs could be made by Charles Oberender, who rushed out as soon as he learned of the accident to repair the damage.

John Pratt brought the wreck of the auto to his garage at this place, the engine being about the only part that was not injured. Three wheels were smashed, the body broken and the skids bent by the force of the impact, the machine striking the pole on its side. It is expected that new required to build parallel with both departments:

CHRISTMAS EXERCISES

Public Schools Will Close For Holiday Vacation With Appropriate Entertainments—Reopen Second of January.

Christmas exercises will be held in the public schools of Hamilton Township Friday morning and afternoon next, after which they will close for the holidays until Tuesday, January 2. Interesting programs have been prepared by the pupils and teachers of the May's Landing Schools and parents are earnestly invited to attend. The primary entertainment will be held in the auditorium of the High School at ten o'clock in the morning and the exercises of the advanced grades at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon. Following are the programs of both departments:

PRIMARY PROGRAM.

"While Stars of Christmas Shine"..... Joseph Marshall and James Hoover Children Exercise..... 8 Children "Away in a Manger"..... Kindergarten "Once a Little Baby Lay"..... 8 Children "Christmas"..... Florence Kramer "It's Nice to be a Little Girl"..... Florence Beebe Dialogue—"What We Did"..... Irvin Shuler and Eva Beebe Exercises..... Christmas Wishes "Merry Christmas"..... Frances Jeannet "Mistletoe"..... Virginia Cahill "Mocking"..... Helen Cain "Christmas Greeting"..... Leroy Pierce Christmas Signs..... Helen Smith, Emmett Davis, Edward Marshall, Mildred Barrett, Albert Shiner, Rose Alieppo, Rose Empier, William Ripley

"A Lunch for Santa"..... Katie Michaels "Quite Like a Stocking"..... Adelene Sire "The Message of Christmas"..... Rose Frane "Old Santa"..... Albert Edwards "Christmas Tree"..... Myrtle Pratt "A Letter to Santa Claus"..... Helen Tauer "The Christmas Sprites"..... Exercise by 10 Girls "When the Reindeer Were III"..... Mabel Cain "My Gift to Santa"..... Martha Remmey Play—"Santa Claus and the Children"..... Second Grade Pupils

Songs of the Primary Grades will be as follows: Message of the Bells, Merry Christmas, The Air is Filled With Echoes, Kind Christmas, Merry Christmas Bells, A Baby Once Slept in a Manger, Shine Out Blessed Star and Christmas Carol.

PROGRAM BOOK NO. 7.

Song..... "Christmas Chimes" Recitation..... Emma Foster Recitation..... Andrew Harry Song..... "Jingle-Bell" Christmas Bells" Dialogue..... Veronica Kotansky, Marjorie Hasleton, Elizabeth Lee and Charles Purdy

Recitation..... Cora Barrell Song..... "Shine Out O' Blessed Star" Recitation..... Joseph Pierce Dialogue—"Christmas Greeting" Song—"Let's Go Sliding Down the Hill" Recitation..... Nellie Gilispie Recitation..... Alvin Taylor Song—"A Babe Once Slept in a Manger" Recitation..... Marian Kraus Recitation..... Irving Abbott Recitation..... Elsa Foster Recitation..... Esther Gilispie Song—"Jingle Bells"

HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM.

"The Sunshine Society"..... 13 Pupils Characters—Mr. Nathan Grampa, a Grumbler, Tony Strach; Bridget, his servant girl, Edie Blackpool; Folly Filkina, who believes in Santa, Dorothy Trumphy; Jessie, President of Sunshine Society, Oiga Goetz; Lucy, Hattie, Mabel and Helen, Commissaries on Christmas Arrangements; Helen, Helen Williams; Lucy, Jennie Henry; Hattie, Edwina Shee; Mabel, Taaffe Pardo; Agnes, Rose Ripley; Tom, Henry Rosser; John, Joseph Barrett; Henry, Frank Watson;

"The Wonderful Tree"..... Los McCullough "A Christmas Hymn"..... Margie Smith "The Cradle Hymn"..... Edythe Sturgis "Vice Versa"..... Charles Morris "Much Trouble Before Christmas"..... Mary Feeney

"A Tale of Four Cities"..... T. W. Chisholm "Christians"..... Elsa Hand "The Forest Spring"..... A Folk Play in one scene, 4 pupils High School

"A Christmas Surprise"..... Tony Yannello "A Telephone Message"..... Verna Vanaman and Verna Applegate

"A Letter to Santa Claus"..... Lena Kraus "Christmas Has Come"..... Mamie Henry "Santa Claus and a Mouse"..... Kathryn McGarry Cantata

"Santa's Surprise"..... 8th and 10th Grades

The advanced grade pupils will sing the Operetta, "Santa's Surprise," "Adete Didde" and "A Christmas Carol." "O' Blennerhouse Nut," by the Glee Club; also the songs, "Holy Night," "Alleluia," "Nazareth and The Old Year.

COUNTY BOARDS HELD SESSION

Superintendent Suggests Supervisor To Assist School Directors.

State School Commissioner Kendall addressed a joint meeting of the County Board of Education held in the Hotel Chalfonte Thursday. He spoke on "The Efficiency of the State Schools." The Rev. J. H. Weddlich, of Sellersville, Pa., spoke on "The Worth and Work of a Member of the Board of Education." Most of the County boards sent delegates, who listened with great interest to the speakers and to the reports of the several boards made at the afternoon session.

Supervising Principal Charles B. Boyer, of the Atlantic City Schools, made an address, speaking of the work being done by the schools of Atlantic City and laying special stress upon the establishment of classes for defective children, the systematic play for children in the class rooms and in the school yards under the direction of a physical director.

County Superintendent H. M. Cressman in a short address suggested that it would be a good plan for districts to combine and engage a competent supervising principal of their schools. He said that men capable of filling those positions were thoroughly familiar with school work, and they could make invaluable suggestions in the selection of teachers that would relieve the respective Boards of Education of a great deal of work that now devolves upon them.

PUSHMOBILE RACE CHRISTMAS.

Here's news for you, boys! A pushmobile race will be held on Main Street Christmas (Monday) afternoon with valuable prizes for the winners. Miss Hitchcock is arranging for the big race and all who wish to enter the race should notify her during the coming week and receive instructions. Pictures of the winners will be thrown on the screen at the movies."

Ladies Aid Society.

The regular monthly meeting of the Ladies Aid Society of the M. E. Church will be held in the parlor of the Church Tuesday evening next at 7:45 o'clock. All members are urged to go.

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IT WILL ONLY COST ONE CENT.

To tell... much valuable information regarding the rates of the various forms of life, fire and accident insurance. Send postcard or letter to Pryor & Co., 112½ Bartlett Building, Atlantic City, N. J.—Adv.

ABSECON LICENSE TRANSFERRED.

Mitting in Common Pleas Court Tuesday last, Judge E. A. Higgins granted a transfer of license from W. T. Evans to William F. Davis, at Absecon.

FOR RENT.

Walker's Forge, for rent. Fine old stone house, well furnished, barn and chicken houses. Address John F. Walker, Second Avenue, Atlantic City.

INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY.

In your business, if you have any money to invest, invest it in stocks, bonds, etc., in the stocks of the Atlantic City Electric Light Company. The stock is now at \$100 per share.

USEFUL HOLIDAY GIFTS.

It will be a pleasure to supply you with the best and most attractive gift items for the holidays. We have a large stock of fine gift items, including a wide variety of novelties, such as dolls, toys, games, etc.

BIG TBY SALE.

Haddie's Store, Atlantic City, is offering this year one of the finest displays of toys, dolls, etc., ever seen in the city. See Adv. elsewhere in this issue.

JOHN'S WHOLESALE FURNITURE.

John's Wholesale Furniture, located on the second floor of the May's Landing Building, is showing a very complete and well-stocked line of furniture.

MARK STATEMENTS PUBLISHED.

Statements of the May's Landing and Atlantic City building institutions will be found in this issue, showing a very complete and well-stocked line of furniture.

BUDGET OF COUNTY NEWS.

Brief Paragraphs Personal and Otherwise Bunched for Quick Reading.

Hammonton.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Crowell were recent Philadelphia visitors.

Board of Health held a meeting Tuesday evening last and Town Council Wednesday evening.

A cake sale will be held to-day in the gymnasium of the High School.

Miss Beatrice Ford, of Lebanon, Pa., was recently the guest of her aunt, Mrs. F. C. Burt.

A dividend has been paid by the Elm Farmers' Club. The gross sales for the year ended October 1 amounted to \$64,000.

Joseph E. Abbott, division fire warden, started Monday on a long "hike" through four counties to inspect the fire lines which the railroads are now required to build parallel with their tracks.

Miss Annie E. Schwarzer, daughter of Albert Schwarzer, and Rollin C. Cowperthwaite, of Hammonton, were united in marriage on the 6th inst. at the M. E. Church by the Rev. W. L. Shaw and after a wedding trip will be at home at Hammonton.

Somers Point City.

Miss Louise Kappeler and Olga Kappa are on the sick list.

Mrs. G. S. Hersey spent this week in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Helena Van Sant left Wednesday for Gulf Port, Miss., where she expects to spend three months with her brother.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Wijnden, of Philadelphia, recently spent a few days here at their bungalow.

Miss Elevia Clark is visiting friends in Ludwood.

Mrs. A. A. Atkinson is visiting relatives in Philadelphia.

Mr. Cliford Ivins has opened her cottage on Avenue A for the winter.

Mrs. Gertrude Sprague and son Leo have returned from Philadelphia and will reside here, Judge E. A. Higgins left Wednesday for a gunning trip in the South.

The Board of Education met in the City Hall Wednesday evening last.

The Fire Association held its regular meeting Tuesday evening last and new officers for the coming year were nominated. The election will take place at the next meeting.

Pleasantville.

Mrs. C. Warren Keay is confined to her home by illness.

Harrison Deardon has returned from a sojourn to Roxborough, Pa.

Mrs. Anna M. Paul, of Philadelphia, was the guest Sunday last of Mrs. Frank Webb.

Misses Edna Lee and Eddie Bower, of Absecon, were Philadelphia visitors last week.

Rev. J. R. Price was in charge of the services at the C. M. Church in Millville last Sunday.

Frank Catahan left this week for Southern California, where he expects to spend the winter.

Miss Hazel Rich, of Philadelphia, is visiting the family of Rev. Henry D. Speakman at Absecon.

Mrs. Elizabeth Kotter is spending the winter with her son, Charlie Kotter, at East Orange.

Mr. A. E. Daniels and daughter Ethel have returned from a visit in New York City.

Mr. Samuel Gerton and son Edsel, who visited relatives in Miami, have returned.</p

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

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Extra Heavy \$2.25	
Express Wagons	\$1.48
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Bicycles	6.75 to 16.50
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Hand Cars	3.75 to 5.00
Rocking Horses	.75 to 10.00
Roller Skates	1.00 to 3.00
Tool Chests	1.25 to 8.00
Tool Cabinets	15.00 to 35.00
Wheelbarrows	.25 to .85

Chafing Dishes, \$3.75 to \$15.00.

Charger Sets, 18.00 to 38.00.

Steel Planks, 3.50 to 6.50.

Coffee Machines, 3.00 to 12.00.

Cupcake Percolators, 1.75 to 5.00.

Casseroles, 3.00 to 6.50.

Pie Servers, 3.00 to 4.00.

Baking Dishes, 3.00 to 6.50.

Tea Kettles, 1.75 to 2.25.

Syrup Jugs, 1.00 to 1.90.

Cake Baskets, 3.50 to 4.00.

Bread Trays, 1.75 to 2.25.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

Notice of Estate of Ernestine H. Jordan, deceased, to Creditors of Emanuel G. Shauer, Bankrupt of the County of Atlantic, this day made on the application of the undersigned Executrix of the said decedent, notice is hereby given to the creditors of the said decedent to present their claims against the estate of the said decedent, within nine months from this date, or they will be forever barred from prosecuting or recovering the same against the subscribers.

ALBERT M. JORDAN,
Barlett Building,
Atlantic City, N. J.
MARGARET J. WATT,
351 Locusta Avenue,
Waretown, Pa.
Executrix.

May's Landing, N. J., December 15, 1911.

CHANDLER & RONKERTON, Proctors,
Atlantic City, N. J.Judge Cole's Itinerary.
Judge C. L. Cole of the Circuit Court, has announced the following Winter schedule:
Cape May—December 12 to 18, inclusive.
Salmon—December 19 to 25, inclusive.
Cumberland—December 26 to January 8, inclusive.
Atlantic—January 9 to 29, inclusive.
Burlington—January 30 to February 5, inclusive.
Gloucester—February 6 to 13 inclusive.
Motions—First Monday, Court House, Camden, 10.30 a. m.; third Saturday, Law Building, Atlantic City, 10.30 a. m.

*Atlantic Lodge No. 60, I. O. O. F. meet every Friday evening in the Lodge Room over the Post-office.

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Splendid boulevards for automobiles lead to May's Landing from every point, including the direct road from Philadelphia by way of Downstown and the Egg Harbor City boulevard, leading from the White Horse Pike. The Great Egg Harbor River boasts of an active Yacht Club open for membership. This picturesque waterway affords good boating, bathing and fishing, and is a popular highway with yachtsmen to Atlantic City, Ocean City and other seashore resorts.

Municipal conveniences include cold, sparkling water, 99 percent pure from an artesian well, supplied through a new public water works system, first-class fire protection with consequent low insurance rates, low rates of taxation, electric lighting, prosperous churches, good public schools, etc. If you never visited May's Landing, it is time to do so. If you are looking for a summer place of residence, this is the ideal place for you. "The Town of Natural Opportunities" is Your Opportunity.

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