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THURSDAY EV'G, APRIL 15, 1869.

Local and Miscellaneous

An old prisoner, upwards of 120 years of age, died in Yorkville this week.
The banks are still keeping up their watches day and night in order to be prepared for burglars.

ACCIDENTALLY SHOT.—George Clarke, son of Dr. Clarke, of Ingersoll, accidentally shot himself on Wednesday, and died in a few minutes afterward.

CONVALESCENT.—Mrs. Griggs, of Hamilton, who was shot some weeks since in her own room, by a burglar, has so far recovered as to be able to attend to her domestic duties. The bullet still remains in her side.

PRESENTATION OF AN ADDRESS.—At a prayer meeting, held on the Monday evening before the Rev. Mr. James left Paris, an address, signed by the members of the ministerial association of that town, and couched in the most affectionate terms, was presented to that gentleman.

THE TWITCHER MURDER.—Mrs. Twitcher has given a statement to the press. She declares that she knows not how, or by whom the murder of her mother was committed, but that when she visited her husband in the prison, he implored her to avow herself guilty in order that his life might be saved.

HO! FOR THE WEST.—We direct attention to the advertisement of Mr. John Jackson, who has been appointed General Agent for the Michigan Central Railroad, and is authorized to sell tickets to any part of the States, South or West. The Doctor is very attentive in the transaction of his business, and parties calling upon him will receive every assistance in his power to give, and full information as to the railroad routes, &c.

ACCIDENT.—As Gerrie's stage was on the way to Guelph this (Thursday) morning about nine o'clock it was overturned on a large snow bank on Card's hill beyond the Junction of the Ferguson road. Mr. John Muir, schoolteacher, who was sitting in front with the driver, was badly injured by having his left leg caught under the box of the stage, bruising and cutting his knee very much. A lady passenger was also cut and bruised about the face and elbow. None of the other passengers were injured. Dr. Munro, of Ferguson, was called and dressed the wounds of the injured parties.

EMIGRATION AGENT.—We understand that Dr. Griffith has been recommended for an appointment to an immigration agency in Great Britain. Should the Dominion or Ontario Governments decide upon making such appointments, we feel confident that a much better selection could not be made by them, at least so far as this County is concerned. The Doctor, being not only well acquainted with the resources of this country, but also a gentleman of high literary attainments, and a fluent speaker. We hope he may succeed in procuring the appointment, although his absence would be greatly felt.

THE MCGEE MURDER.—The Ottawa Assizes opened on Tuesday. Hon. J. H. Cameron, it is said, will defend Buckley and Doyle. The medical opinion is that Buckley's mind has broken down under his troubles. He has lost all interest in his private affairs, and it is not impossible, that instead of undergoing trial, he will be sent to a Lunatic Asylum. Should Buckley and Doyle be brought to trial as accessories in the McGee murder, it is pretty generally believed that the charge will break down. It is expected that medical men will be called upon to state their opinion as to Buckley's sanity before a trial takes place.

THE INGENUITY OF SUICIDES.—What a curious book might be written on the history of suicides! The ingenuity of distorted minds in discovering strange modes of death seems inexhaustible. An English carpenter a few years ago turned his mechanical skill to account in constructing a guillotine for his own decapitation. A New York merchant very recently hanged himself, and after putting on the noose adopted a most ingenious way of tying his hands between his legs, so that he could not release himself at the last moment. Religious mania has been known to drive men to self crucifixion. The most horrible case of suicide, however, that we remember, occurred a few days ago in London, where a man emptied a can of paraffine oil over his person and then set himself on fire. This, we believe, is as far as anybody has yet gone.

ACCIDENTS IN SALEM.—On Tuesday while two little boys—one a son of Mr. Cheesman, Salem, and the other of Mr. Webster, of the same village—were playing on the ice at Mr. Ely's dam, a fragment of the half melted substance suddenly gave way, and down they went into the deep water beneath, where after considerably struggling to save themselves, they were rescued from a watery grave by some young men who happened to see them, and who at once ran to their assistance. Under the prompt treatment of Dr. Griffith the little fellows are doing as well as can be expected. A few hours after Mr. John Cheesman, father of one of the children referred to above, and proprietor of the Salem stove factory, had a portion of the fore finger of his left hand completely severed, while in the act of cutting stove bolts with the heavy machine knife. There is no doubt but Mr. Cheesman had not recovered from the shock he received when his child was almost in the jaws of death, at the time he was cutting the bolts, and the probability is, being unnerved by his hand became unsteady.

Wellington Spring Assizes.

GUELPH, April 14.

Mount Forest Manslaughter Case.

Archibald McKechnie was put on his trial for manslaughter, in causing the death of Edward Cosgrove, of Mount Forest, by striking him with the point of an umbrella on the head on the 21st October last.

Mr. Duggan, Q. C., appeared for the Crown, and Mr. Freeman, Q. C., and Mr. McMillan, defended the prisoner. Mr. Duggan, in opening the case for the prosecution, said the prisoner would have been indicted for murder, but it was always deemed advisable when it was not clear that the greater offence had been committed to indict for the lesser. The 21st of October last was a fair day in Mount Forest. In the afternoon a number of people were gathered on the veranda in front of Ross's Hotel. There was a discussion going on about oxen and driving oxen. During the debate some blows were struck, and among others Cosgrove was struck with the point of an umbrella, which entered his brain and caused his death. It was about four o'clock when he was struck, and he died the same night about 11 o'clock. The Crown would establish that the blow had been struck, and that the blow inflicted would produce death.

Alex. Wilson was the first witness examined. He said he was at the fair in Mount Forest on the 21st October; was on the opposite side of the street from Ross's Hotel, between three and four o'clock; saw a crowd standing on Ross's stoop; in a little while saw a hand raised; saw a prisoner at the end of the stoop using an umbrella; he made a thrust with it into the crowd; could not say if he struck anyone; then he turned round, put on his cap, and went down the street with the umbrella under his arm. Don't know what knocked his cap off. He pushed the umbrella from the shoulder with the sharp end to the crowd; identified prisoner when he next saw him at the inquest. After prisoner left the crowd went over and saw Cosgrove lying.

Cross examined by Mr. Freeman.—Heard no inquiry made at the time as to how Cosgrove was struck; heard them saying that he was killed; did not hear anything about who it was who did it; told Joseph Tuck about it; did not think anything about whether the blow was struck with an umbrella or not; a good many people in the crowd had umbrellas; was not acquainted with prisoner; recognized him at the inquest as the man who thrust with the umbrella; prisoner had no hat on when striking.

Alex. Hunter remembered the fair day at Mount Forest, at which he was present; at the time of the affray he was on the opposite side of the street on horseback; the crowd were swaying about, and the prisoner was pushing about with an umbrella, and pushing himself towards the crowd; McIntyre seemed to be getting up from the ground, as if he had been knocked down; prisoner's cap was off at the time, but he put it on afterwards, and placed the umbrella under his left arm, and walked down the street towards the post office; kept my eye upon him for about a half mile, and saw him go on; the crowd were accusing McIntyre of killing Cosgrove, did not see anyone fall after the pros, and when I first saw prisoner he was five or six feet from deceased.

Cross-examined by Mr. Freeman.—Prisoner looks like the man who was prodding with the umbrella, but cannot swear positively to his identity; paid little attention to the movement of the crowd, as I did not think anything serious had happened.

Cornelius Connor.—Saw the affray in October last from where I was standing at my own door, on the west side of the street, near the post office, about six or seven rods from Mrs. Ross's; saw a bald-headed man striking with an umbrella, handle back, point forward, and pressing towards the crowd, when I saw him first saw same man put a cap on his head just afterwards, place an umbrella under his left arm, and start down street, coming off the north end of the stoop; did not go up to the crowd; did not know who the party was, but prisoner resembles him; I thought he was the man at the time he was first arrested, and am of same belief still, but will not swear positively; never saw him before the affray to my knowledge.

Walter Horsbury.—Was on my way toward Ross's tavern, between 3 and 4 o'clock in the afternoon, and saw prisoner with an umbrella under his left arm coming away from the crowd, walking an ordinary gait; they were in the act of lifting up Cosgrove when I got there; prisoner is the man I met—have no doubt of it.

Cross-examined by Mr. Freeman.—Took notice of prisoner because at first I thought he was a Mr. Bell, but when I got within one step of him I found out my error; never saw him before to my knowledge.

Thomas Phelan.—Heard a dispute between Anderson and deceased about driving oxen, and Anderson said to Cosgrove that he could drive better than any other man in Mount Forest. Deceased said, "You are not sober," and showed him aside. McIntyre then came up, and a dispute occurred between him and Cosgrove. There was a blow struck, and deceased and I tried to make peace. McIntyre got the blow struck by prisoner with an umbrella, and then there was some rushing around, and I saw Cosgrove fall. Prisoner had an umbrella in his right hand, and made three offers before he struck, and between him and Cosgrove up, and saw a man going towards the post-office—the man I suppose that struck the blow. I think it was the man in the dock.

Cross-examined by Mr. Duggan.—Saw nobody else using an umbrella with violence.

By Mr. Freeman.—Described the man who struck as a man with dark, heavy whiskers, and thick prisoner is the man; McIntyre was arrested at first, but was soon let free.

John McPherson.—Saw a man with an umbrella outside of the crowd, but did not see deceased struck, nor do I think died would hurt any one; the prisoner looks like the man, but would not swear positively that it was him that had the umbrella; nobody has tried to influence me in my evidence.

saw the action of striking; don't know whether it was the prisoner or not who struck, but he looks like him; the man was bald.

Dr. Samuel Dunbar.—Prisoner and I were in a room in Mrs. Ross's just before the disturbance began; we came out together, and saw Alex. McIntyre trying to keep the peace; prisoner had an umbrella in his hand on the stoop, and tried to get McIntyre away, who had been hurt; a scuffle; saw no violent blows struck, and did not see deceased fall, because my attention was not directed that way; have known prisoner three or four years, and he has always borne a good character; Cosgrove and Anderson were quarrelling at the time, and McIntyre was trying to pacify them.

Dr. Youmans.—Called to see Cosgrove about 9 o'clock in the evening; had a punctured fracture of the temple on the left side, and I examined the wound; made a post mortem examination next day, and three other doctors were present; did not do anything before because I thought the case hopeless; afterwards I sent for Dr. Eckroyd because it was not my case; at the post mortem I found besides a fracture of the temple considerable laceration of the brain; two of the lobes appeared to be disturbed, and the ventricles of the brain were full of suffused blood, which proceeded from the ruptured arteries, the pressure producing fatal coma; the fracture of the skull was three-fourths of an inch by five-eighths.

Dr. Eckroyd.—When I saw the state of coma; I washed, examined and dressed the wound; in about half an hour afterwards there was considerable hemorrhage; I remained with Cosgrove between 11 and 12 o'clock that night, when he died; am well acquainted with prisoner, who has always borne a good character.

John Sheppard.—Am constable, and arrested prisoner by order of the Reeve the same evening about four miles from Mount Forest; he had an umbrella with him at the time; first searched for him in the four taverns in the village, but did not find him; when I overtook prisoner with team he was walking with Nicol McIntyre.

This closed the evidence for the Crown. For the defence, Alex. McIntyre was called and examined by Mr. McMillan. Live at Erin, and was at Mount Forest on the day of the accident; saw prisoner that day—the last time I saw him he was standing between Ross's and Hewitt's along with my brother Nicol and some others whose names I do not recollect; my brother came to my place the night before with some cows and a heifer; the latter was not sold at the fair, and I got a rope round it and brought it out in the street and tied the heifer near Hewitt's hotel.

[Witness here went into a somewhat rambling description of a scuffle which occurred afterwards at Ross's, in which he was knocked down with a whip-stock. After he got up he heard that a man had been killed, but did not see deceased drop down, nor did he see the prisoner there. He parted with his brother Nicol and prisoner sometime before going off with the heifer.]

To Mr. Duggan, Q. C.—It might have been an hour and a half between the time I parted with Nicol and the other man and when the blow was struck which brought me down; was not called upon to give evidence at the coroner's inquest.

Joseph Kilgour.—This witness testified to meeting Nicol McIntyre and prisoner with a heifer about half-past one o'clock, about 300 yards from where the row took place, coming from the fair ground, and also to the fact that no man in the neighborhood bears a better character than the prisoner.

Nicol McIntyre.—Known the prisoner for a long time—he is married to my sister; was at the fair at Mount Forest on the day of the accident; prisoner took a heifer from there; prisoner went away with me, and did not turn back; the heifer was wild, and got away from us once or twice, and prisoner and I were sometimes separated in searching for it, but I am sure he did not turn back to the village; was with him when arrested by the constable about four miles from the village, within about half a mile from his own place; prisoner was with me from half past one that afternoon, till the time he was arrested; no row at Ross's when I left.

John Robinson.—Saw the row, which was about four o'clock; the day was wet and disagreeable; saw McIntyre struck down with an umbrella by my side; got the crowd pacified till the constables came, and heard a cry that a man was murdered; did not see the man who gave the blow, and did not know prisoner before; noticed a man there that resembled him, but do not think prisoner is the man.

Smith Simmons.—Live in Egremont, and am not particularly acquainted with prisoner; heard a cry that a man was killed, and saw a party with an umbrella in his hand, but am certain prisoner is not the man; never spoke to prisoner, and could not identify the man who struck the blow.

Elisha Whitney.—Known the prisoner about two years and a half; saw an umbrella used at the row, but don't think it was the prisoner who had it.

John McMillan swore positively prisoner was not the man who struck the blow, and his testimony was corroborated by Duncan McMillan and Duncan McDermid—both of whom had known prisoner for some years. They agreed in saying that he was not the man who used the umbrella.

press the jury had not returned a verdict.

THE QUEEN vs. ABSALOM EDWARD INGLIS HARVEY.—Prisoner was placed in the dock charged with shooting at his father, Alexander Harvey, with intent to kill, and pleaded not guilty.

Mr. Duggan opened the case for the Crown, commenting upon the painful circumstances which surrounded the affair. Mr. Freeman, Q. C., and Mr. G. A. Drew, of Alford, appeared for the prisoner.

Alexander Harvey, examined by Mr. Duggan, was the first witness. He deposed that he lived in the township of Nichol, and on the night of the 19th of March last, received an injury in the head in a room in his own house used as a lumber apartment; had a light when he went in there first; opened a cupboard, and was looking for something in it, when he heard the door of the room open; turned sharply round, and in doing so struck the lamp he held, which broke and went out. In about a minute or so there was the report of a pistol, and something struck him in the left forehead, near the top of the head. He dropped, slightly stunned, put his hand up to his head and felt blood running down his face. Went up to the doctor's about three quarters of a mile away, and had the wound dressed.

Cross-examined by Mr. Drew.—Cannot say who inflicted the wound; found the bullet on top of some muslin in the cupboard next day; believe there was a pistol in the house at the time belonging to my sister-in-law, who died about a fortnight before the occurrence; she always kept it loaded.

By Mr. Freeman.—Don't think the party who fired did so from any malicious motive against me.

Dr. Munro, sworn and examined by Mr. Duggan.—Last witness came to me one night in March last, and I saw he was bleeding from a wound in the forehead. Dressed the wound, and found it to be a gunshot one. It entered left forehead and came out after following a course of two or two and a half inches. Introduced a probe and found the ball had glanced along the bone; saw prisoner that night, and we talked over the matter. I told him he should not have shot his father. He said he would do so again under similar provocation, and also that Mr. Harvey had ill-used his mother. Prisoner did not say he had shot his father, but the conversation led me to this supposition.

By Mr. Drew.—Miss Harvey was present at the time, and it may have been the conversation which passed between us which led me to the supposition that prisoner had shot his father.

Mrs. Harvey was next sworn and examined by Mr. Drew.—Am mother of prisoner; was present in the room at the time of the firing; swear positively that it was not the prisoner who fired the shot.

By Mr. Duggan.—Won't answer the question as to who fired the pistol; prisoner had no firearms in his possession; myself and prisoner were in the room when the shot was fired, and I swear it was not my son who did it; it was dark, and I did not see him at the time; I know he had no pistol then; the pistol was in somebody's possession at the time.

Mr. Duggan.—Who had it then? Witness declined to answer the question.

Miss Harvey, sworn, and examined by Mr. Drew.—Am sister of prisoner's; was in the next room at the time of the shooting, and heard mother in the room where father was; heard the report, and saw my brother come out afterwards.

By Mr. Duggan.—Don't know who fired, nor was I ever told. To my knowledge there was only mother and brother in the room at the time besides father.

This closed the evidence, and the jury were addressed by counsel; after which the judge reviewed the case, and they retired and shortly after brought in a verdict of "Not guilty."

Lord John Russell has given notice that he will introduce a Bill for the purpose of creating peers for life.

A London advertisement announces that "Ned Wright, the converted burglar, will preach at Wandsworth Assembly Room, and break open the doors of hell with a gospel jimmy."