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James T. Eckhart and Mrs. Minnie Hill Victims of Double Tragedy.

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RECENT EVENTS THAT LED TO TRAGIC OCCURRENCE.

James T. Eckhart, Practically a Ruined Man and Socially Ostracized, Shoots His Partner in Guilt and Then Takes His Own Life—Awful Vigil of 18-year-old Daughter of Murdered Woman—Her Remarkable Bearing—Murder and Suicide, Verdict of Coroner's Jury.

Bad news is said to travel quickly, and so it proved in this instance. By the time Coroner Suraburger, whom Marshal Hagan had notified at once, arrived, the Hill house was surrounded by a throng of the morbidly curious, many of whom followed the coroner up the stairs and into the room where the bodies lay. After securing from the pockets of the suicide some of his effects, among which was a sealed and stamped envelope addressed to Elizabeth R. Eckhart, the only daughter of the dead man, Coroner Suraburger impaneled a jury composed of the following persons: Alvin J. Hagan, William Pearson, Frank C. Wright, J. H. C. Hunter, Fred. W. E. Mindermann and John Dabbs. After viewing the dead bodies the jury was dismissed to meet on Monday morning at 10 o'clock, when the inquest was held in Juror Wright's workshop on Dickerson street, between Morris and Essex streets. Subjoined will be found a story of the inquest.



James T. Eckhart and Mrs. Minnie Hill, Victims of Saturday's Double Tragedy.

A double tragedy, whose victims were James T. Eckhart, the well-known real estate and insurance agent of this town, and Mrs. Minnie Hill, wife of Oliver M. Hill, a Lackawanna Railroad flagman, was last Saturday morning the logical outcome of a grievous scandal that had been rife in Dover since the publication, early last month, of the several disgraceful escapades in which Eckhart and the Hill woman were the principals.

The scene of the double tragedy was the bedroom of Mrs. Hill on the upper floor of the small two-story yellow frame house occupied by the Hill family on West Blackwell street, immediately beyond the Lackawanna Railroad crossing. While the murder and suicide took place a few minutes after 4 o'clock, knowledge of the tragic occurrence was confined until 7 o'clock to Violet Hill, the 18-year-old daughter of the murdered woman, who, with a stolidity that argues an utter lack of sensibility, stayed in the room where lay the bloody remains of her mother and her mother's slayer, a veritable chamber of horrors, for about twenty minutes after four o'clock till about 7 o'clock, when she ran to the Smith house, three doors up the street, and apprised the Smiths of the shooting. Cora, the young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Smith, was at once sent to fetch Marshal Hagan, who arrived at the scene of the tragedy about 8 o'clock.

Gruesome Sight in Death Chamber. As Marshal Hagan approached the house he was met by Violet Hill, who came from the Smith house to let him into the house, and when he opened the door of Mrs. Hill's bedroom a gruesome sight met his gaze. Lying partly on the bed, with one foot resting on the floor, was the dead body of Mrs. Hill, her head and upper part of her body immersed in blood which had gushed forth from a small bullet hole near her right ear, almost directly in line with the auditory canal. On the floor at the foot of the bed lay the lifeless body of Eckhart, clad only in undershirt, drawers and night shirt. Immediately above the left ear there was an orifice, the skin around it blackened by powder, from which his life blood had welled forth. Under his left hand lay a five-chambered revolver, from which two shots had been fired. The powder be-rimed bullet hole in the left temple, the pistol lying under the dead man's left hand, coupled with the known fact that Eckhart was left-handed, left no room for doubt as to who had fired the shot that ended his life.

Daughter Alone With the Dead.

It was just about 4 o'clock when Mrs. Hill's daughter, who has been awakened from her slumbers by the noise of a passing train, heard the report of a pistol, which came apparently from her mother's bedroom across the hall from her own room. She sprang from her bed and ran to the door of her mother's room, but found it locked. She heard her mother moan and called to her to unlock the door. This Mrs. Hill, terribly wounded as she was, managed to do and when the young girl entered she saw her mother reeling on the blood-stained bed. Violet bent over the bed and her mother kissed her and told her to run for a doctor. Slipping her bare feet into a pair of rubbers, the young girl, clad only in her night dress, started after a physician. Arriving at Dr. William E. Derry's office she rang the night bell and called to Dr. Derry to come at once, and then hastened back to the house to await his arrival. When she got back and opened the door of her mother's room she saw for the first time the body of Eckhart lying on the floor at the foot of the bed. At the inquest she said that when she entered the room the first time she did not see his body. In answer to a question put by Prosecutor Mills, who assisted Coroner Suraburger at the inquest, she said that Eckhart could easily have hidden in either of two closets in her mother's bedroom during her momentary presence. When she got back from Dr. Derry's house, she says, she found her mother still alive, as she thought, although she neither moved nor spoke again. Momentarily expecting Dr. Derry's arrival, she sat down in the room and for nearly three hours she kept lonely vigil, for Dr. Derry, who had failed to understand her words through the speaking tube, did not respond to the call. As has been said, she remained in the room, alone with the dead, for, according to her story, her mother soon after her return showed no more signs of life, until 7 o'clock when she left to go to the Smiths and tell them of the tragic occurrence.

Eckhart's Relations With Mrs. Hill. While Eckhart's relations with Mrs. Hill had for years been the subject of common gossip, it was not until early last month that public attention was directed to the peculiar goings on at the Hill house. The Era, in its issue of December 5, printed a story under the caption "A Loathly Caught," which told of an occurrence at the home of the Hill woman. In this story no names were given, but there were many in Dover who knew that the chief actors were Eckhart, Mrs. Hill and the latter's wronged husband. The story was to the effect that Hill, who works on a night shift, coming home unexpectedly about midnight one night that week (it was the night of Tuesday, December 9), and suspecting the presence of Eckhart in

LEGISLATORS HAVE A QUIET WEEK.

GOVERNOR'S NOMINATIONS CONFIRMED BY SENATE.

Thought That Adjournment May Be Had Before 15th of March—Lively Contest Expected Over Bill to Abolish County Officers' Fees.

(Special Correspondence.) Trenton, Jan. 22.—Beyond the dumping of a raft of bills into the legislative gristmill and confirming the nominations sent in by the governor last week there was no special business before the lawmakers this week. The house of assembly held a twenty-five minute session on Monday night and adjourned for the week, while the senate finished up its work on Tuesday morning.

Thirty-four bills were presented in the house on Monday night and twenty-eight in the senate. Several bills made their appearance in the senate on Tuesday morning, but this lead will be covered and passed by the house next Monday night, when a batch of thirty or more is expected to be sent in. The senate on Tuesday confirmed the following nominations:

Justice of the supreme court to succeed himself, Jonathan Dixon.
Justice of the supreme court to succeed Gilbert Collins, resigned, Francis J. Swayze.

Justice of the circuit court to succeed Judge Swayze, Frederic Adams. Next to Justice Van Syckel, Judge Dixon is the senior member of the supreme court in age and service. He is sixty-four years old and is an Englishman by birth. He was graduated from Rutgers college in 1850 and was admitted as an attorney at law in November, 1862. Three years later he became a counselor. In 1875 he was appointed justice of the supreme court by Governor Bedle. He is a Republican and was defeated for governor in 1883 by the late Leon Abbott. His circuit comprises Passaic and Bergen counties, but it is likely that he will be given Hudson county and Justice Swayze assigned to the circuit now covered by this venerable jurist.

Justice Swayze is a native of Sussex. He was graduated from Harvard in 1879 and admitted to the bar of this state in 1882. He is forty-one years old and a stalwart Republican. He was named as circuit court judge by Governor Voorhees in 1900 for a term of seven years. His salary will now be \$9,000, instead of \$7,500 as circuit court judge.

Judge Adams is a resident of Summit and was graduated from Yale. He has practiced law in this state since 1893. He was nominated by Governor Griggs in 1897 as a judge of the court of errors and appeals. He is a Republican.

As to Session's Length.

Because of the fact that there is no governor's inauguration and no election of a United States senator or other state officers there is little else for the legislators to do but to get down to business and keep at it until they finish up all the work before them this session. When the legislature does get under way, it is promised that there will be a revelation in the way in which the business will be disposed of and matters hurried along with all reasonable speed. In his address to the senators in assuming the chair as presiding officer of the upper branch of the legislature President Hutchinson last week said he hoped the present session would be remarkable for its brevity. This is regarded by some as a hint of the position of the leading politicians and state officers toward making this session one of the shortest on record. It is claimed by those who profess to be on the inside of things political that the shorter the session the better everybody will be satisfied. The average length of the session in recent years has been twelve weeks.

Taking President Hutchinson's hint regarding the brevity of the session as a basis, it is contended that the lawmakers will begin early in March to clean up the business before them and will depart by the middle of the month, thus making the session nine weeks long. Nine weeks have been the shortest legislative term since 1870, and it is possible that the lawmakers may get their work in shape to bring about an adjournment before the 15th of March. In view of the fact that there are comparatively few weighty matters to come up for the consideration of the legislative branches, it seems quite reasonable that this could be brought about, and there is said to be an inclination on the part of the majority members to try the experiment and adjourn within nine weeks.

To Abolish All Fees.

There is likely to be a lively fight over the first bill of the session introduced last week by Senator Strong of Middlesex, which provides for the abolition of all fees of county officers. The measure is in line with the recommendations in the governor's message, but there is every prospect that it will be seriously combated by the men whom it affects and their friends. The bill places all sheriffs, county clerks and surrogates on a salary basis as follows: In counties of over 200,000 population, \$7,500; between 100,000 and 200,000, \$6,000; between 80,000 and 100,000, \$5,000; between 70,000 and 80,000, \$4,000; between 50,000 and 70,000, \$3,500; between 35,000 and 45,000, \$2,500; between 20,000 and 35,000, \$2,000; less than 20,000, \$1,500. While it is generally conceded that such legislation is wise and its wisdom has been proved by the scheme by which all state officers were placed on a salary basis, yet there is a decided effort on the part of those interested to have the bill defeated, notwithstanding the fact

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