

Murder At Olean.

Negro Killed by a White Man.

Horrible murder was committed in one of the public streets in Olean, Cattaraugus county, on Saturday morning last, the particulars of the case as recorded by the murdered and at the coroner's investigation, we copy from the Olean Times, as follows:

Mr. H. H. Baker, the victim, was a colored man about 60 years of age, a blacksmith by occupation, carrying on his business at the shop near the canal bridge. He was a good mechanic, and a quiet, peaceable, and industrious citizen. His residence was on the west side of Clinton street, nearly opposite the residence of D. C. Conklin.

On Friday evening Mr. and Mrs. Baker attended a social gathering at the house of Geo. Hills, in the west part of the village, (Mrs. Hills is a sister of Mrs. Baker) A little after three o'clock, Saturday morning Mr. and Mrs. Baker set out to return to their home, accompanied by Mrs. Irene Palmer. When they had passed the schoolhouse at State st., and was crossing Barry st., on their way home, they discovered a person on the walk in front of the Times office premises on State st., coming hurriedly towards them, and drawing a small hand wagon or cart. It turned the corner to the right when Mrs. Palmer was within from six to ten feet of corner and him, he proceeded up the walk towards Baker's home, to the corner of State st., and was crossing Barry st., then crossing State street to the east side of Clinton street, nearly opposite the residence of Baker. Here they paused a moment to wait for Mr. Baker to come up, he having the key to the house.

From the time Baker left the women at the Times office corner until they arrived Conklin's nothing is known of what transpired between Baker and Burdick, until a moment after the women had stopped, they discovered the forms of two men near the center of State street, a little more than half way from where the women were standing to the Times office corner, and heard them talking, but were unable to distinguish anything that was said, except they recognized the voice of Baker asking "where did you get them things?" and heard the reply "none of your d--d business," or to that effect. A pistol shot was heard, a moment after two others in quick succession, and Baker called to his wife Elizabeth, by name, to come, or to that effect. The woman then proceeded to arouse some of her neighbors, and others alarmed by the firing came out, and Baker was found lying near the center of the road writhing in agony, but entirely conscious and rational. Mr. Geo. Baker, we believe, was first to approach the wounded man, followed by Simons, Mr. Conklin, the woman, Mr. Emerton, and perhaps others. Dr. Eddy was immediately sent for, Baker carried to his house. While lying in the street, Baker stated in the hearing of several that Burdick and shot him, and that he would die. Soon after he had been carried into the house Dr. Eddy arrived, and hastily examined his wound and condition, and perceiving he could live but a short time, sent immediately for Esq. Johnson to come and take his disposition. Dr. Eddy asked Baker who shot him and he answered "Burdick did" and asked if he must die, to which the Dr. replied he hoped not. The Dr. returned to his office for instrument to probe the wound, but when he returned Baker was unconscious and dying. Esq. Johnson did not arrive until it was too late. Baker made no further statements, except to request the Dr. to see that his children were cared for. He lived probably 40 minutes after being shot. He received but one wound, the bullet piercing the right side of the breast bone near the junction of the 5th rib, passing obliquely backward toward the left side and through the right auricle of the heart, thence downward and through one of the intestines, and was found loose among the intestines in the abdomen, ten or twelve inches below the heart. The tracks of the hand wagon have been traced from Burdick's house to Martin's orchard, thence back around the corner of State and Barry streets on the walk, where he met Baker and the women; then from a point in Barry street near the center, back

again where the shooting was done, where it turned around and went directly to the accused house.

Immediately after the death of Baker Justice Johnson issued a warrant for Burdick's arrest, and constables W. H. Smith and C. Chamberlain went to his house to arrest him. Dr. Eddy and C. H. Emerson had, while the warrant was being made out gone to the house to watch appearances outside, and prevent his escape. There was a light in the house and Burdick was busily engaged about something, passing from one room to another. About the time the officers appeared the light was extinguished. The house was surrounded and one of the officers knocked at the door, and was answered by Burdick; their business was stated, and Burdick was asked to come out and give himself up, which he refused to do, saying they must wait till daylight. He was informed that he must come out immediately, but he still refused. They told him they would break the door if he did not come out, to which he made a threatening reply. After considerable parleying Officer Chamberlain forced the door with a piece of scuffling and Burdick came forward and said he did not intend to resist. Irons were placed upon his wrists, and his revolver demanded and he said it was his wife had it, and it was hers. The wife denied having it, and upon the assurance of the officers that they must and would have it, Burdick said if he had those irons off he would get it, and raised up his foot and disclosed the revolver in his boot leg. It was taken possession of, and found to be a four-barreled revolver. All the barrels were loaded, doubtless re-loaded on his return home. A casual search of the premises revealed nothing of importance save the cart and the apples. Burdick was kept in close custody until 8 or 9 o'clock, when he underwent an examination before Esq. Johnson, Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Palmer, Dr. Eddy, D. C. Conklin, C. H. Emerson, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Simons being sworn as witnesses. He was fully committed, and was taken by officers Chamberlain and Smith to the jail at Little Valley. During the examination he appeared comparatively indifferent, desiring no counsel, asking no questions, and making no statements. On the way to Little Valley he spoke but once, asking Mr. Chamberlain if he would take care of his children and appeared considerably affected. When taken into jail he was required to change his clothing throughout. An examination of his vest discovered concealed in the lining below the pocket nine small saws, each five inches in length, made from steel watch springs and intended for cutting iron. He made no remark when the saws were discovered.

Coroner Sibly, of Great Valley, impaneled a jury of inquest at about one o'clock, p. m., consisting of the following gentlemen: J. H. Kelsey, J. H. Brooks, H. P. Payne, H. L. Osgood, A. P. West, C. G. Cox, C. Havens, B. Martin, G. F. Stevens, H. Morton, O. E. Dutton, E. H. Hicks, and J. L. Curtiss, who after viewing the body and examining the witnesses, rendered a verdict unanimously substantially as follows: That Mr. H. H. Baker came to his death from a wound produced by a leaden bullet, shot from a pistol in the hand of D. C. Burdick between 3 1/2 and 4 o'clock on Saturday morning, Oct. 2nd, near the corner of State and Barry streets in the village and town of Olean, and the deed was committed with malice aforethought.

A post mortem examination of the body by Drs. Eddy, Whitney, and Follet, discovered the bullet and the nature of the wound as previously stated. Burdick is a watch tinker by trade; he resided here two or three years. He kept a shop and resided for a while on the east side of Union St., near the marble factory. He left that place and the town for a time, and was several months in Ohio; then returned here and had a corner in D. L. Smith's harness shop over Blakeslee's store, but at the time of murder had, we believe no shop. He formerly before coming to Olean, lived a while at Hinsdale. He has always been regarded by our citizens as a vicious, hardened and desperate character.

The Bullet with which Baker was shot, is a long cartridge ball, .32-100ths of an inch in short diameter, and is the same sized ball that was fired at Dr. Alfred Abbey by the burglar in Barre's store last fall. It is generally believed that Burdick was the burglar. Baker leaves a wife and two small children.—Burdick has also a wife and two small children. Both families are in destitute circumstances.

Bishop Payne has resigned the bishopric of Africa, and returned to Virginia, broken in health.

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