

BOGGS RUN MURDER

FURTHER PARTICULARS OF THE DOUBLE TRAGEDY OF SUNDAY NIGHT.

Evidence Taken at the Inquest—Both Men Taken to Moundsville—A Rape Case in Benwood.

The murder in the valley of Bogg's run, Sunday night, was the all-absorbing topic of conversation yesterday in Benwood, where all the parties are well known, and created a great deal of interest in this city. After the REGISTER reporter left the Benwood jail Sunday night, Moylan, in conversation with a friend, admitted that it was the son who did the shooting. He took the blame upon himself because he did not care to see the boy suffer for it, and because he felt that he was an old man and had not many years to live. That was the reason which he assigned for attempting to place the crime upon himself.

Dr. McDonald, of Benwood, worked for a long time with Mrs. Waynesburg, and yesterday afternoon gave it as his opinion that she could not live. She was conscious all day, but appeared to be sinking, and in his opinion, the chances were against his recovery. Undertaker Zimmerman, of Benwood, took charge of the remains of Waynesburg and prepared the body for burial. The funeral will probably take place to-day, and will be in charge of Evening Star Lodge No. 18, K. of P., of which he was a member. The interment will take place at Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

Sunday night's double murder leaves three young children orphans. The oldest is a young lady of seventeen years, while the youngest is a baby six months old. Moylan's children, four in number, are also thrown upon the world, as the mother has been dead about six years. John, who committed the awful deed Sunday night, is the oldest, and a six-year-old boy is the youngest.

Yesterday morning acting Coroner Justice Harry Riddle impaneled the following jury, for the purpose of holding

THE INQUEST.

Foreman, Will Myers, Albert F. Shemrich, Edward Newton, Ernest Albach, Rich Bickerton and Henry Myers. The jury assembled at the home of the Wynesburgs, and began taking the testimony at 9 50 o'clock.

The first witness called was Thos. Minns. He testified that Miss Messenheider, a sister of Mrs. Wynesburg, came to his house and told him there was a fight, and Sam Wynesburg had been shot. He found Wynesburg lying on the side of the road with his face down, about fifty or seventy-five yards from his home. He was dead. Moylan was not about. He carried Wynesburg into house, and Mrs. Messenheider told him John Moylan did the shooting.

Miss Ella Wessenheider, an eye witness to the tragedy, was next examined. She testified that Moylan came home under the influence of drink. He started calling Mrs. Waynesburg filthy names. Sam was lying on the floor, and was awakened by the noise of voices. He got up and remonstrated with Moylan. Moylan then dared him to come down to the road and fight. Sam replied that Moylan had a pistol and didn't want to get shot. Moylan saw he had no pistol. Sam then went down, and Moylan struck the first blow. Mrs. Waynesburg followed her husband. When Sam struck back at Moylan, John Moylan pulled out his revolver and fired four times in rapid succession. The first shot struck Waynesburg, and the second struck his wife, both falling to the road at the same time. Mrs. Waynesburg regained her feet, and started toward her home. Witness assisted her into the house.

NOT DONE IN SELF-DEFENSE.

The witness stated positively that Waynesburg did not throw any stones.

The next witness was Miss Virginia Messenheider, another sister of Mrs. Waynesburg. She was sitting in Mrs. Waynesburg's door when Moylan drove up, and no person spoke to him. He started to abuse Mrs. Waynesburg, and the husband, when he awoke, started to quarrel with him, and went down to the road. Witness then left the window near which she was standing, as she did not want to see the fight. After the shooting, Mrs. Waynesburg walked toward her home, and she assisted her into bed.

Dr. McDonald testified that deceased, Sam Waynesburg, came to his death by a gunshot wound. The bullet entered the chest, and passing through the heart, took a downward course, and came out at the back. He saw only one wound, which was sufficient to cause death. He was told that John Moylan did the shooting.

This concluded the evidence, and the jury retired. In a short time they agreed upon a verdict, finding that "John Waynesburg came to his death by a wound made by a bullet fired from a revolver in the hand of John Moylan. We hold Michael Moylan accessory to the crime, or death, of Samuel Waynesburg."

THE PRELIMINARY HEARING.

In the afternoon the prisoners were taken from the jail and arraigned before Justice Riddle. When the charge was read to them, they both plead guilty, and the Justice committed them to the county jail, without bail, to await the action of the grand jury. A large crowd gathered about the office of the Justice, anxious to get a glimpse of the prisoner.

Moylan and his son were both taken down on the Ohio River train to Moundsville. While waiting at the station a large crowd gathered. Moylan shook hands with a number of his friends, and asked a lady with whom he was acquainted to occupy his house while he was confined in jail. The boy did not appear to realize the enormity of the crime of which he was guilty. He stood beside the officer, and met the gaze of the crowd of curious people with stolid indifference. Although sixteen years of age, he is quite small, and does not appear to be more than fourteen. He did not talk, except to answer questions put to him by the officers. The opinion was held by a great many that he was of unsound mind, and he certainly did not look very intelligent.

Moylan was in Benwood Sunday in his wagon, and was so full that he fell out of it. The tinner for whom John Moylan worked said he was a good workman and always very quiet.