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VERY IMPORTANT

During the past two months bills have been mailed to about sixteen hundred subscribers to the WEEKLY STAR. The aggregate amount due on these bills was very large, but the aggregate amount thus far paid is comparatively small.

It is hoped every subscriber in arrears will read this notice, and that he will forward the amount due us at once.

It is unjust to the proprietor to read his newspaper without paying for it fully as much so as for the proprietor of the paper to eat the farmer's chickens and eggs and then fail or refuse to remunerate him.

CROWDING THE FARMER.

A few days ago Senator Hoar presented in the Senate a remonstrance signed, or alleged to be signed, by four hundred farmers of Massachusetts against the passage of the Wilson bill.

We can understand how the workmen in the protected industries can be influenced by the contention that protection insures higher wages to them, because the wages are controlled by the employers and they may raise or lower them as their interests may dictate.

MINOR MENTION.

The great industry of this country, as of nearly all countries, is agriculture, and yet the so-called statements of this country have been shaping their public policies for thirty years on the assumption that manufacturing is the great industry upon which the prosperity of the country depends.

With here and there an exception of an extraordinarily thrifty farmer or one who raised some specialty for which there was a demand, the farmers of this country have saved nothing out of their past twenty years' labor, and instead of being much better off as they should be, they are not as well off, if not really in a worse condition than they were twenty years ago.

But, for the benefit of the manufacturers and for the alleged benefit of their workmen, who constitute but 7 per cent. of the workmen in the United States, the farmers of this country have been taxed for thirty years, have been cut off to a great extent from the markets of the world, compelled to depend upon the mythical "home market," to sell where they had to sell at the lowest price and buy where they had to pay the highest price.

VOL. XXVI.

THE MURDERER IN JAIL.

JOHN BROCK, THE MURDERER OF HIS WIFE.

Occupied in the City by Police Officers—He Made No Resistance—Denies the Charge That He Killed His Wife—His Statement—Particulars of the Arrest of the Prisoner.

John Brock, the wife-murderer, is safe in jail at last. He was arrested yesterday morning about half-past six o'clock by police officers White and Moore, on Market street, near Eleventh. He was unarmed and made no show of resistance when the officers approached him, and quietly accompanied them to the county jail, where he was locked up.

His capture is due to Mr. Peter Mohr, who keeps a grocery store on the corner of Market and Thirteenth streets. Brock entered the store about six o'clock in the morning and walking back to the bar, called for whiskey. Mr. Mohr recognized him at once and immediately sent a messenger on horseback to the City Hall, to notify the police authorities, and also sent a man to the Seacoast railroad depot on Princess and Tenth streets to telephone the information that Brock was at this place.

As soon as the news reached police headquarters, the officers mentioned were sent out with instructions to arrest Brock. They came up with him on Market street, and he surrendered to them without resistance.

At noon the prisoner was taken from jail and carried before Mayor Fashballe, then holding court in the City Hall. There was no investigation of the case, the Mayor simply recommending Brock to the county jail, under the finding of the coroner's jury, to await indictment and trial at the Criminal Court, which will convene in this city on the 19th of March next.

BROCK'S STATEMENT.

A reporter for the STAR visited the jail and had an interview with Brock, who seemed to be "muddled," probably from the effects of liquor, combined with fatigue, loss of sleep and want of food. Before answering the questions proposed, he would wait several seconds, seemingly to collect his thoughts. He denied having murdered his wife. His statement was as follows:

"I started from my home on the sound last Tuesday with my wife and two children, a boy and girl. At 4 o'clock Thursday morning I started out Queen's inlet when the boat capsized, throwing my household effects and the entire party out of the boat. It was in about eight-foot of water. It was all I could do to save my children and my wife was drowned. I afterwards recovered her body and took it to Figure Eight, and dug a hole above high water (as is the custom when a person is drowned), where I laid the body and covered it up with an overcoat and put sea over her, so nothing would disturb it, intending to come to town and get a coffin, return and take up the remains and bury them in a cemetery in Wilmington. I then carried my children to Mr. Dave Williamson's house and left them, so that I could go and make arrangements about the burial. On my way I heard the sheriff was after me with a posse, so I took to the woods and went over to Fuchs's and Everett's creek, on Topsail Sound. I had some business to attend to over there anyway. I haven't had much to eat except what friends gave; have camped on the beach most of the time while the posse was after me; slept with my friend, Dan Seeden, last Monday night. One day I saw the posse and ran four miles to get out of their way. I did go to Noah Nixon's house; was camping on the Onslow railroad, about three miles from town all day before yesterday (Thursday). In the afternoon of Thursday, about dusk, I came in town to meet a party at the Seacoast railroad, but the one I expected didn't turn up, so I went back in the woods and camped, returning this morning at six o'clock, going to Mr. Peter Mohr's to get a drink, as a doctor told me I needed it. Can't remember the doctor's name. I then started for the jail to give myself up, when I was arrested. My son's statement about me killing my wife or choking her is false. I had occasion to slap her the day before her drowning. We always lived ordinarily happy together. I am thirty-eight years old; was born at Chinquapin in Duplin county; has five relatives there. Moved on the sound fifteen years ago; have been married eleven years."

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