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## POSTOFFICE PILFERER.

### J. DUNN ARRESTED AT CATAWISSA ON MONDAY.

He is Held on Suspicion of Being Implicated in the Robbery of the Postoffice at That Place—Turned Over to U. S. Marshal.

The following appeared in Monday's Sunbury Daily:

"A man by the name of J. Dunn was arrested by Constable D. E. Fagely, at Catawissa, Monday morning. He is held on suspicion of being implicated with the robbery of the postoffice at that place on the night of March 22d last.

The robbery was a very bold one and caused considerable excitement in that vicinity at the time. By breaking the panels of the back door an entrance was easily effected to the office. Once inside the robbers had everything their own way, as the combination on the large safe was out of order and could not be locked. The money and valuables were deposited in the drawers of an inside compartment, which were easily opened with a chisel. The drawers and envelopes containing the money orders, important papers were taken into the yard in the rear of the office where they were pilfered. After helping themselves to the stamps and money the remainder were torn up and scattered about.

Before or after completing their work in the yard they retired to the office again to hunt for plunder. The mail in the private boxes was scattered in confusion on the floor, and drawers of the desk were ransacked and about sixty dollars in money and stamps were taken.

A number of the too's were left behind but furnished no clue for the authorities to work on. About a week ago several papers and envelopes were found near Catawissa, and the authorities there started to work on the cars, resulted in the arrest of the man Dunn Monday morning.

Constable Fagely claims to have strong evidence but he will say nothing until the United States Marshal is consulted. He arrived in Catawissa from Wilkesbarre late Monday afternoon.

### Large Bequests to M. E. Church.

Mrs. Crary, whose death was recently announced at Binghamton, left nearly a hundred thousand dollars to the benevolence of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The deceased was the widow of the late Horace H. Crary, a cousin of Mr. N. B. Crary, of Shickshinny. Mrs. Crary's bequests were as follows:

The Women's Missionary Society \$25,000; the Missionary Society \$10,000; to the M. E. Hospital at Brooklyn \$25,000; to the Freedman's Aid and Educational Society \$15,000, to be expended for the moral training and education of the pupils at the academy for colored persons at Morristown, Tenn.; to the trustees of the Wyoming Annual Conference is given \$10,000.

### Hicks on August Weather.

August will be ushered in with storms and rain from 1st to 4th, cooler weather will follow. About the 7th look for very warm weather, with electrical storms changing to cooler, and storm period about 15th, with a hot wave. The moon being at extreme south declination on the 16th, wind currents should naturally flow from north to south bringing marked changes to cooler weather and a hot wave about 21st. The moon's passage of the equator on 22nd, a very generally perturbed state is likely to exist. From 23rd to 27th should cyclones develop in the West Indies look for unseasonable cool weather in North Atlantic regions.

### Stabbed by His Wife.

Last Friday evening when Thomas Jones, of Girardville, got home from work, he discovered that his wife was strongly under the influence of liquor. Mr. Jones told her that he never wished to see her in that condition again. She then seized a large knife and stabbed him several times. His condition is very serious. Mrs. Jones was arrested and taken to jail.

### Last Furniture Sale at Proctor Inn.

The last sale of furniture at Proctor Inn, Jamison City, will be held on Friday, August 11th. Bed room suits with mattresses, pillows, and bolster, \$15.00. Dining extension tables, and dining chairs. 2t.

## COMMITTEE MEETING.

C. A. Small Esq., of Catawissa Succeeds John G. McHenry as County Chairman.

Pursuant to the call of the county chairman, the Democratic Committee met on Saturday afternoon. The purpose of this meeting was for the election of a county chairman, and for the transaction of any other business that might properly come before it.

After the committeemen had assembled, chairman called for order and stated the object of the meeting. He then spoke for a few minutes, on the work of the past year, after which he handed in his resignation. His business requires so much of his time that he finds it utterly impossible to give the office of chairman the attention it requires. The resignation was accepted.

There was but one nomination for a successor to Mr. McHenry, that being C. A. Small, Esq., of Catawissa. The nomination was made by John G. Harman Esq., and seconded by W. H. Rhawn, Esq. Mr. Small's election was unanimous. The Chairman elect, responded to a call and in a few well chosen words thanked the committeemen for the honor conferred upon him.

The report of the executive committee was read by John G. Harman, Esq., and accepted, after which the meeting adjourned.

### Hurt in a Collision.

A collision, which might have resulted fatally, occurred a short distance above Espy, Monday evening. The victims of the clash were C. R. Nagle and lady friend, Miss Belle Ruckle, and a young man by the name of Karns. It appears that both gentlemen were driving in the same direction. When at a point a short distance above Espy, the latter, who had hurried his horse on to a pretty lively gait, not noticing anybody ahead of him, ran squarely into Nagle's carriage, upsetting it and throwing the occupants out. Nagle was badly cut about the face, and suffered numerous bruises all over his body. Miss Ruckle, with the exception of being terrified with fright, escaped uninjured. She was picked up from under one of the horses just in the nick of time, as the animal would undoubtedly have stepped on her, had her perilous position not been discovered. Karns was the luckiest of the number. Nagle's vehicle was badly wrecked, two of its wheels being entirely demolished. Karns is probably responsible for the accident, because had he looked ahead, as he should have done, he would have discovered the other party, and beside this, he was driving recklessly, which is always conducive to accidents.

### A Severe Storm.

A very severe wind, rain and hail storm, accompanied by glaring flashes of lightning, swept over Bloomsburg shortly after the noon hour yesterday. Beside a heavy rain, hail stones as large as hickory nuts, fell for fully 20 minutes, stripping apple trees of their fruit, and doing considerable damage to the corn crop. The streets in many sections of the town, during the progress of the storm, were completely inundated, and a boat could easily have been floated. The gardeners and truckers, hereabouts, suffered heavy losses, the vegetables being washed out by the roots.

B. P. Vannatta's residence on East Fourth street, was damaged by reason of a bolt of lightning having descended upon it. Two large barns in Hemlock township, were struck and completely destroyed together with all of their contents. They were owned by Andrew Beagle and Austin Correll. Both were insured, but not sufficiently to cover the loss.

Hiram Sterling of Montour township, is also a loser to the extent of many hundreds of dollars, his barn having been burned.

### Should Have An Equal Chance.

There is a lot of homely sense in the following from the Milton Record: "If a man has a \$50 bull pup, he looks after it carefully, and will not let it run all over town at night. But if he has a boy it is different. He is turned loose at a tender age to go to the mischief. And people wonder where the army of deadbeats, loafers and sots, come from. They are germinated from pure seeds, gathered from our homes and sown broadcast upon our streets and alleys. The boy ought to be given an equal show with the bull pup."

## P. O. S. OF A. DISTRICT CONVENTION.

North Columbia County District P. O. S. of A. met in convention at Rohrsburg Saturday, July 29, at 10 a. m., District President G. T. Morehead presiding.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Chaplain Wm. Clewell. Minutes of last convention at Jonestown were read and approved as read. The elected officers present were D. P. G. T. Morehead, Secretary W. C. Thomas, Treasurer M. McHenry, Executive Committee Jacob Stiner, B. F. Pealer; officers pro tem as follows: P. P., H. H. Brown; V. P., D. K. Hayman; M. of F., W. H. Hayman; Asst. Sec., Eber Brown; Cond., W. M. Demott; Insp., H. R. Trexler; Guard, Tildon Wise; Chap., Wm. Clewell.

The following committees were appointed by the President: On Credentials—J. W. Sands, M. T. McHenry and Joseph Vaughn. On Resolutions—Ralph Kisner, J. E. Yocum and S. T. Lewis.

Committee on credentials report 11 camps represented and over fifty delegates present.

The next order of business was nomination of officers. For District President, G. T. Morehead, B. F. Pealer, Ralph Kisner, Jacob Stiner and Dr. J. B. Fullmer. Secretary, W. C. Thomas. Treasurer, M. McHenry. Executive Committee H. H. Brown, A. W. Jones, W. H. Hayman. At this time the convention adjourned until 1:30 for dinner.

The election of officers resulted as follows: District Pres., Ralph Kisner; Secretary, W. C. Thomas; Treasurer, M. McHenry; Executive Com., H. H. Brown, A. W. Jones and W. H. Hayman.

Resolution Com., reported as follows:

WHEREAS, Since our last mid-summer convention America has been victorious in her struggle with Spain, and

WHEREAS, Having upheld the honor of the nation and kept our glorious flag unsullied, therefore be it

Resolved, That we endorse the wise course pursued by our chief executive in conducting the affairs of the nation so ably and so fearlessly. Therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the P. O. S. of A., of Columbia county, do all within our power both by word and action to endorse this wise policy and prove to the world our loyalty to the blessed emblem of liberty, the Star Spangled Banner, never allowing its illustrious glory to be defamed.

WHEREAS, We have in our joint district a candidate for State President, therefore be it

Resolved, That the counties of Columbia and Montour have been consolidated into a joint district for the purpose of retaining and establishing closer fraternal relations; be it

Resolved, By the North Columbia Co. Dist. now in session that the delegates to the next State Camp to be held at Wilkesbarre from the various Camps of this district be instructed to support the candidate from our joint district, in the person of Bro. Dr. C. Shultz, now State Vice President, for the office of State President.

Recognizing the efficient services and ability of our retiring District President, Bro. G. T. Morehead, therefore, be it

Resolved, That we extend to him a most hearty vote of thanks and wish him Godspeed in all his noble efforts.

### RES. COM.

Collections, \$2.34. Auditing committee report as follows: Expenses, \$4.50; balance on hand, \$16.60.

Millville was unanimously chosen as the place for holding the next mid-summer convention.

Speeches were made by Brothers Boyd Trescott, Ralph Kisner and others, which were all full of encouragement and patriotism.

Adjourned to meet at Millville last Saturday in July, 1900.

W. C. THOMAS, Secy.

### G. A. R. Reunion.

About fifty veterans from Bloomsburg attended the G. A. R. Reunion at Island Park, Sunbury, last Thursday. It is estimated that fully six thousand people were in attendance. It was a gala day for the old soldiers. In the afternoon the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President, J. R. Cressinger, Sunbury; vice President, James Foster, Danville; Secretary, J. W. Sheets, Northumberland; Treasurer, J. W. Bucher, Sunbury; Executive Committee, Maj. F. A. Ream, Watsonstown; Abraham Angle, Danville; C. S. Swireford, Selingsgrove, and W. A. Sterrick, Northumberland.

## Important Opinion by Judge Little.

He Says The Law Will Lay Its Hand Upon a Fraudulent Scheme to Deprive a Wife of Her Dower.

In an interesting and important ruling Judge Little, of Bloomsburg, Friday made the following order in the case of Sigle vs. Seigley. After making the rule absolute "it is ordered that an issue be framed to try before a jury the following questions of fact: 1st, whether or not, the note was executed by Jacob Seigley, and by him and John Sigle used for the purpose of depriving Sarah Seigley out of any present or prospective interest she had in her husband's property. 2nd, What amount, if any, was due John Sigle upon the said note, at the time of its execution? John Sigle to be the plaintiff in the issue and Sarah Seigley the defendant, the note to stand as for the declaration, to which the defendant pleads "non assumpsit," and upon which plea the defendant therein shall be permitted to introduce evidence tending to establish the alleged wrongful use of said note, and the fraudulent conduct charged; upon which plea issue is joined. No other pleadings required."

The rule to stay proceedings was brought on the allegations of Sarah Seigley, wife of the defendant, Jacob Seigley, who contended that a note of \$12,000 which was issued by her husband and for which judgment was entered, was a fraudulent scheme to deprive her of her dower or married rights in the property of her husband, whom she alleges made the note and allowed the judgment to be entered without a full bona fide consideration. Sigle, the plaintiff, contended that he loaned Seigley sums of money when the latter visited him at the former's home in New York.

In his opinion opening the judgment and staying the alleged illegal proceedings the judge has this to say regarding the rights of the wife: "The law will lay its hand upon a fraudulent scheme to deprive the wife of her dower, or the husband of his estate by the courtesy, and will open and stay proceedings upon a judgment confessed without a full bona fide consideration, to be used to carry such scheme into effect."—Wilkesbarre Leader.

## STRAY PARAGRAPHS.

—Remorse is the mother of good resolutions.

—The Sandwich Islands are now spoken of as a good place for "loafers."

—The bow of a ship is a necessary point, and the rudder a stern reality.

Quoit pitching is a favorite pastime. There are several old "ringers" in town.

—Poles may not be the most loyal aliens we have, but many of them uphold the flag.

—The "Advance Guards" of the Wheelmen cut quite a figure on the streets Monday evening.

—An author, ridiculing the idea of ghosts, asks how a dead man can get into a locked room. Probably with a skeleton key.

—Swinging is said by the doctors to be a good exercise for the health; but many a poor wretch has come to his death by it.

—We were considerably amused by an account that we lately saw of a remarkable duel. There were six men upon the ground and six misses.

—One of the operators in the local Telephone Exchange suggests that subscribers use "Heaven High" instead of "Hello," as a salutation when ringing for the central.

—While on the street yesterday, the writer was stopped by a romantic poet, who handed him some stanzas, addressed to a young woman, and commencing, "We met, as meet the day and night." We can't encourage amalgamation.

—A testy acquaintance wonders if the Philadelphia Inquirer representative is not often frightened by the ghost of murdered truth. Our acquaintance is in no danger of such a fright. As he was never able to see the truth itself, he will hardly be able to discern its ghost.

## New Form of Money Order.

The Post Office Department is contemplating the introduction of a new form of postal money order. It will be made to conform to the size of an ordinary bank check, and the marginal figures heretofore printed on the order will no longer be used. A receipt will also be given the remitter at the time of purchase of the order. The new form will be much more convenient for handling by the people and banks, and will be introduced about September 15, 1899.

BEN. GIDDING.

ADVANCE  
FALL HATS

and  
NECKWEAR  
NOW IN.

Everything New and  
UP TO DATE.

ALL  
Summer Goods  
at a big reduction.

BEN. GIDDING,  
CLOTHIER,  
Bloomsburg, Penna.

Mail orders taken on  
the new Handkerchief Imperial Necktie.

## The Leader Department Store.

Porch Rugs, Brussels, 59c, Velvet, 90c.

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## Mattings to Close.

We do not care to carry any  
mattings over this season. We  
bought too heavily, but we'll  
make them go at a price.

### HERE THEY ARE.

3 rolls, were 35c, now 25c

4 rolls, were 40c, now 35c

25 rolls, were 25c, now 18c

8 rolls, were 17c, now 14c

4 rolls, were 15c, now 12c

Good assortment of patterns  
and colorings.

Come in and see them. They are sold nowhere else, as  
we control the output. They are cheaper than boards.

## In Our Dry Goods Department.

Physicians &  
Surgeon's Soap,  
2 cakes for 15c.,  
sold elsewhere  
for 20c. Have  
you tried it?  
The finest lath-  
ering and the  
purest soap in  
the market.

## Shirt Waists.

If there is an unshirtheaded  
woman in Columbia county,  
here is her opportunity.  
25 PER CENT. IS THE CUT  
right through on every shirt  
waist in stock. We don't want  
to carry them over.

Physicians &  
Surgeon's Soap,  
2 cakes for 15c.,  
sold elsewhere  
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ering and the  
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the market.

The Leader Store Co., Ltd.  
Fourth and Market Streets.