

ARRESTED AT SUNBURY.

HE MADE NO DENIAL OF HIS GUILT.

Frank Geist Stole a Watch and \$12.00, and Tried to Escape, but is Apprehended in the Attempt.

Frank Geist, of Berwick, was arrested in this city early Tuesday morning and taken back home by Chief of Police Waltz, where he is wanted on a charge of larceny.

Frank Geist, D. J. Gallagher, and Chas. Hooper are all young men and work together at the car shops in Berwick. They were very intimate and roomed together at the boarding house. Monday morning the three young men went to work together as usual. About ten o'clock Geist informed the boss he wasn't feeling well and was going home. Gallagher and Hooper heard the conversation, but thought nothing of it at the time. When they went to the boarding house for dinner the boarding mistress told them that Geist had been there, changed his clothes and started out to hunt another job. This aroused their suspicion and they went to their room to investigate. They found that Geist had been there before them and helped himself to their valuables. A gold watch and chain, a ring and twelve dollars in money were taken from Hooper's Sunday clothes and Gallagher was minus three dollars in greenbacks. The two victims informed the boarding mistress of their loss and started in hunt of Geist. At the railroad station they learned that Geist had been there on Sunday night and inquired what time he could catch a train for Northumberland on Monday. Turning sleuth hounds the fellows took the next train for Northumberland.

At the Palmer House they learned that a fellow answering Geist's description had taken dinner there but had paid his bill and left. The handwriting on the register resembled Geist's, and he gave Berwick as his place of residence. Finding no trace of him there they boarded the street car and came to Sunbury. Consulting the local police they started to scour the city. About half past one Tuesday morning, as Hooper and Gallagher were standing at the Central Hotel corner, they noticed a man going out Market street. Following him, they learned that it was the very man they were looking for. They charged him with robbery and called officers Harman and Mettler, who took him to the lockup. He made no denial, and said he had thrown the watch and ring away when they met him on Market street. The ring was found, but the watch is still missing. The prisoner was taken back to Berwick by Chief Waltz at 10 o'clock, where Hooper and Gallagher will prefer a charge of larceny against him.—Sunbury Daily.

(He was brought to this town on Tuesday by Constable Clayberger of Berwick, secured by a pair of shining bracelets, and after scouring the town in a vain attempt to secure the bail necessary to give him his freedom until court, he was taken to jail.—Ed.)

There is scarcely a locality in which working men have not been benefitted by the general revival in business, but we have yet to hear of an instance in which wages have advanced with a more rapid stride than among the engineers and firemen of the D. L. & W. railroad. These at present are paid by the day, but after October 1st a mileage basis will go into effect, which on this division will give engineers a raise of over \$2 per day and firemen one of \$1.20 per day making the minimum daily earnings of the former some \$5.10 and that of the latter \$3.20.

George Appleman the well known carriage dealer of Rohrsburg, and generally acknowledged to be Columbia County's best quait tosser, met defeat here on Monday, losing nine out of fifteen games. George says it makes him feel bad to have his colors lowered, but it occurs so infrequently that he can easily survive it.

Proprietor G. Snyder, of the Exchange Hotel, has added to the appearance and safety of his hotel front by placing a neat grating on the right and a higher railing on the left of the entrance to the hotel. The work was done by C. B. Ohl.

J. A. Hess is having a new pavement laid in front of his property on Main street.

VETERANS AT MILLVILLE.

The fourth annual reunion of the Columbia County Veteran Association occurred at Millville on Saturday, and was attended by a crowd of people variously estimated at from 3,000 to 4,000.

The weather was perfect, and the successful carrying out of every detail that might tend to the pleasure of the old soldiers and their friends by the committee in charge, made the event a very enjoyable affair.

After a parade through the principal streets of the town the people assembled at Glenwood Grove to listen to speeches appropriate to the occasion.

After the meeting had been called to order a short business session was held. It was decided, by a unanimous vote, to hold the 1900 reunion at Benton, after which the following officers were elected: President, Lieut. R. R. Karns, of Benton; vice president, J. W. Evans, Berwick; secretary, F. S. Smith, Benton; treasurer, John R. Keeler, Benton.

The address of welcome was made by Burgess A. W. Eves, of Millville, and the response by I. H. Seesholtz, of Catawissa. Others who made addresses were Hon. W. T. Creasy, of Catawissa, Democratic candidate for State Treasurer, Jas. C. Brown, Esq., of Bloomsburg, and several others.

In his address Mr. Creasy alluded to the veterans, in the following complimentary manner: "From Bull Run to Appomattox, your record is one of bravery and heroism. Your noble deeds need no word of commendation from anyone. History has recorded them on its pages of honor, valor and patriotism. And aside from all this, your self consciousness that you did your duty to your God, your family and your country, is in itself, a reward worth more than all that can be said or written by others. To you brave veterans, more than anyone else, belongs the honor of the friendly feeling between the boys that wore the blue, and those that wore the gray, and the good fellowship existing between us and those who were once our foes. You have preserved the union on the battlefield and you have cemented the nation by your spirit of forgiveness. While your numbers are fast diminishing, and one by one you answer the last great roll call, may those who follow you never forget the brave, heroic and patriotic deeds of you veterans, who by your valor and magnanimity left us a united nation and a free people, which we, who are left behind, will with God's help, keep intact."

Change on the Reading.

The P. & R. Railway Company is about to make another change which will remove the last trace of executive power from Shamokin and the other towns on the Catawissa division, and which will affect every crew or train passing over it. In a very short while the running of all trains will be directed from the trainmaster's office at Tamaqua, instead of by the different train runners at Mahanoy Plane, Gordon, Shamokin and Catawissa. Early in the year it was shown that the company had this change in view but for some reasons or other they abandoned it until recently. From one central office it will not require so many men to run the trains as at present, and some of the four train dispatchers, at Shamokin, two at Gordon, two at Mahanoy Plane, and four at Catawissa, will be transferred to the office at Tamaqua and some will either be laid off or given other positions.

Married.

HECKMAN—OMAN:— At Orangeville, Pa., Sept. 5, 1899 by Rev. N. B. Smith. Mr. Charles E. Heckman of Centre township and Miss Eva C. Oman of Mt. Pleasant township, Columbia County, Pa.

George Keiter is the proud owner of a handsome bay mare, which he purchased up the river on Saturday. We do not know the animal's record, but it has the reputation of being quite a stepper. George will, no doubt, make somebody take his dust hereafter.

John Metherel, aged twelve years, fell from a tree on Monday and was severely injured. His arm was dislocated in two places, and a bone was broken. It is feared that the lad is injured internally.

The members of the Bloomsburg Band will hold a dance on three evenings of the Fair, to raise money to pay off the debt now existing.

STRAY PARAGRAPHS.

—When a man has been out late truth is on the home stretch.

—The Boston *Agitator* records the marriage of John Coburn, only three feet high. No wonder he wanted to get spliced.

—Slanders, issuing from red and beautiful lips, are like foul and ugly spiders crawling from the blushing heart of a rose.

—We presume it will not be denied that he is a bad agent, who, instead of doing the business of his employer, does him.

—One of our divines asks why Cain, who seems to have offered his sacrifice in good faith, didn't obtain divine approbation. Probably because he wasn't Abel.

—In Nebraska, it is said, that a man stone blind has been appointed to the bench. The fact that justice is blind is hardly a good reason why her ministers should be so too.

—A writer in one of the Philadelphia dailies says that the Republican cause never appeared in more celestial colors than at present. Probably the fellow means that it looks blue.

—A young man in Wayne county, last week, undertook, for a wager, to leap down a bank fifteen feet high, and killed himself in the act. This was one way of "jumping to a conclusion."

—On Tuesday a vagabond was convicted in an adjoining county of stealing two watches. He made a pathetic speech after his conviction, describing his failure in business and all his misfortunes in life to "procrastination." He seems to have been the embodiment of procrastination, on which the poet tells us is "the thief of time."

International Commercial Congress.

Greatest Peace Congress in the History of the World Assembles October 10th.

That the international Commercial Congress, which is to assemble in the Auditorium of the National Export Exposition on October 10th, will be the greatest industrial congress ever held is now beyond all doubt. It will be an important and spectacular event, and is believed will mark an epoch in the history of international trade.

More than forty of the prominent government of the earth have named official envoys, and in addition there will be delegates from more than two hundred chambers of commerce and other trade bodies in all countries. It is expected that President McKinley will make the opening address, and that he will be followed by General Diaz, the President of Mexico.

The ceremonies of the opening are destined to be of a most beautiful and impressive character. Besides the notables from nearly every nation who will attend the entire Diplomatic Corps at Washington are to be present in the full official regalia of their exalted positions. The Governors of many States, Members of the Cabinet, Congressmen, Mayors of cities and hundreds of other prominent peronages are expected to be present.

A rather sudden death, due probably to an attack of heart disease occurred at West Third Street, this town, Monday afternoon, when Benjamin Gilmore, an old and respected citizen was called to his long home. Mr. Gilmore was a veteran of the Civil War, a member of Ent Post No. 250, G. A. R. and also a member of the Columbia Veteran Association and the Royal Veteran Legion. Had he lived till November he would have been seventy-two years old. His survivors are a wife two sisters and a brother. His sisters are residents of Reading and his brother of Cleveland, Ohio. The funeral occurred yesterday afternoon. Burial was made in the new cemetery.

The Borough Council of Centralia met in regular session on Wednesday evening of last week and decided to borrow \$1,000 for the purpose of paying for sewerage, and also instructed the finance committee to make a temporary loan to meet the current expenses of the borough. O. B. Millard is to furnish the money at 4 per cent.

Rumor says that Robert Mercour, of the Lehigh Valley Coal Co., of Centralia, and Miss Grace, the estimable and accomplished daughter of Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Houck, will be united in marriage in the early part of November. The announcement is the source of much pleasure to their legion of friends.

The Columbian PUZZLES.

G. EDWARD ELWELL, Manager. D. J. TASKER, Asst. Manager.

Last week's puzzles seemed to take better than the Dewey Puzzle, and the prizes were hotly contested for.

Several answers were correct but the answers of Miss Isabel Blue, of Danville, had the earliest post-mark consequently taking the 1st. prize. The next earliest were those of Mrs. William Leverett, of Philadelphia.

We hope our readers will continue to take as much interest in the puzzles in the future as they manifested last week.

The following puzzle is longer than usual, but it is very easy—after you get it. The first correct answer received will be given a Wirt Fountain Pen, and the second correct one to be received a Pair of Beautiful Gold Cuff Buttons.

(GEOGRAPHICAL PUZZLE.)

As I was eating a river of Arica, I was called by a fort in Scotland, for he saw a lake of British America coming along an island of New England at full gallop after an ocean in the Eastern Hemisphere with another isle east of England who was a river in Indiana.

The lake of British America after a long cape southeast of Newfoundland gave up the county in Kansas in a cape of California and ran back to the North American lake.

Several men, one a river in New York another a sea in China, another a mountain in Oregon, and another a river in Minnesota, all of them a county in Ohio, went with a great county in Indiana after the British American lake, which had crawled into a cave which was a range of mountains in the United States and hard to get at and so they lost him, but they caught a river of Illinois, a town in Pennsylvania, a creek in Vermont, and a river in British America. They took them home, and tied the river of Illinois to a mountain in Missouri, driven into a tree which was an island in the Mediterranean. They let the town in Pennsylvania loose, and he went to an old town in Wisconsin. The creek of Vermont died for want of water. They hung the British American river up in a tree which was a city in the western part of Utah to keep a bay of New England (which was flying over head) from eating him up.

As the men were by that time a part of Austria they cut off a piece of the British American river and a group of islands in Polynesia tried it for them, seasoning with a group of islands in the Pacific and a South American city also a lake in western United States.

After the meal was cooked, and they had eaten a bay of New Zealand, they dispersed to their different homes.

Address all communications to MANAGER PUZZLE DEPT. THE COLUMBIAN, Bloomsburg, Pa.

All answers must be sent in on or before Monday, Sept. 25th.

Answers to Last Week's Puzzles.

I. Bagatelle, whist, dice, chess, loto, checkers, cricket.

II. Peach, pear, cedar, orange, clove, beech, nectarine, aspen, ash, maple, apple, cherry, olive, lemon, cocoa, plum, teak, lime, cypress, pine.

Columbia County Fair, Bloomsburg, Pa.

The Columbia County Agricultural Society will hold its Forty-fifth annual exhibition on October 10, 11, 12, and 13, beginning on Tuesday and closing on Friday. All the railroads leading into Bloomsburg will run special trains at reduced rates. From the large number of inquiries for premium lists and entry blanks already received the management expect to have a larger and better class of exhibits than ever. The attractions will be up to date and the following speed program will no doubt bring the speediest horses in this and adjoining states to contest for the money. The races begin Wednesday with 2:30 class trotting, 2:19 pace, 2:49 pace and 3:00 trot or pace for farmers' horses. Thursday 2:20 class trotting, 2:24 pace and 2:16 trot or pace. Friday, the closing day, the free for all, 2:30 pace and 2:25 trot \$3000 will be paid in purses. Premiums in all classes are liberal. Write to A. N. Vost, Secretary for Catalogue.

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To step into our store for a few minutes and look over our new styles of HART, SCHAFFNER & MARX SUITS.

They are acknowledged to be the finest clothes made in this country. It will certainly pay you to see them and get our prices before you decide what to wear this season.

He Was a Six Foot Four Man!

Big of the chest and limbs, and as he came in he said: "I'm going to give you all the trouble I can, 'till I get just what fits me."

Less than five minutes later the salesman said: "Try this on." It was a first-rate fit—one of those clay worsteds, size 48. The vest, perfect. The trousers, 37 inches in length—perfect, without an alteration of button, or anything the most trifling. He wore it away on his back a more than pleased man.

Couldn't have been fitted better had it been made to his measure, and it cost fully two thirds less.

We have these large Suits to size 50.

Ben Gidding,

The Clothier, Bloomsburg, Pa.

The Leader Department Store.

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

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.

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Shirt Waists.

If there is an unshirwaisted 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.

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