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## DARING HOLD UP.

Milton Man Stopped Near Maudsdale, and  
Horse Shot.

Thomas Malady, who is associated with his brother, Charles Malady, in the livery business in Milton, drove over to Danville last Friday and about 8 o'clock that evening started on the drive homeward. This is what happened, he says. As he was approaching the stone culvert a few hundred yards east of the Maus flouring mill three men suddenly materialized in the road ahead of him. Two of them seized his horse while the third sprang into the buggy and seized him by the throat. A desperate struggle between the highwayman and driver ensued, during which the horse broke loose from the two men who had seized him.

Mr. Malady succeeded in hurling his assailant backward to the ground; the horse had hardly moved a half dozen yards forward when one of the men opened fire on the animal. Three shots were fired, when the horse began to stagger and the next moment fell to the ground and expired.

Just as the horse dropped Mr. Malady leaped out of the buggy in the darkness and escaped from the highwaymen. Nearly overcome with excitement he made his way back to Wise's hotel at Maudsdale, where he telephoned into Danville for the police.

F. P. Johnson with his automobile took Officers Mincemoyer and Voris, Sheriff Williams and several others to Maudsdale.

They found the dead body of the horse in the road. Mr. Malady, and others, had returned to the scene of the hold-up, where he told the story as related above.

Mr. Malady describes the highwaymen as being large, portly men, each wearing a slouch hat.

Returning to Danville the officers at once learned that several freights had passed over the Reading going toward Catawissa after the hold-up and word was sent up the road to be on the lookout for the men. The operator at the Rupert tower was the first to see them.

About 11 o'clock Friday night the officers were notified by the telephone operator in the Rupert tower that three men who bore a resemblance to the highwaymen got off a south bound P. & R. train at that point and took to the bushes.

Chief Mincemoyer lost no time making arrangements for a trip to Rupert. Learning, however, that inside of an hour a train would pass the Rupert tower, which the suspects might jump and thereby elude pursuit, he telephoned to Chief of Police Baum, of Bloomsburg, requesting him to hurry to Rupert and arrest the men should they attempt to get away before the Danville officers arrived.

Chief Baum hunted up a posse consisting of Edward Shaffer, Wm. Evans, Frank Dieterick, Charles Van Liew, Harry McKelvey and G. L. Henshall.

After much skirmishing around freight trains on both sides of the river three men were found as they were trying to board a north bound freight at East Bloomsburg. Two of them escaped and the other was captured. He gave his name as Frank Lowe of Williamsport. He was turned over to the Danville authorities, but Malady failed to identify him, and he was released.

Certain circumstances have aroused suspicions that possibly there was no hold up, but that the horse met its death in some other way.

The man who was captured said he and his pals tried to escape because they thought they were to be arrested for stealing a ride on the train.

## FIRE AT MORDANSVILLE.

The Sands Woolen Mill at Mordansville was totally destroyed by fire on Monday afternoon.

Shortly after the passing of a train on the S. B. & B. railroad the fire broke out, and it is believed that it was caused by a spark from the engine. The building was only about three feet from the railroad.

With everything as dry as tinder from the long drouth, the flames spread rapidly, soon extending to the J. E. Sands hotel, and other buildings. The Millville firemen responded to a call, and they with the bucket brigade saved all except the mill, though the hotel was badly damaged by water. The roof of the latter was on fire several times and the water poured on it went down through, damaging the plaster so that much of it will probably fall off. A huge tree between the mill and the hotel undoubtedly saved the latter from destruction.

There was some insurance on the house, but none on the mill, which is owned by former commissioner C. E. Sands. The mill has been standing idle for several years past.

## RINGROSE SUSTAINED.

Auditor W. C. Johnston, appointed by the Columbia county Court to hear evidence in the exceptions to the expense account of Elisha Ringrose, Republican candidate for county commissioner of Columbia county, filed an opinion Saturday morning in which he dismissed the proceedings and placed the costs on the petitioners, F. I. Crotzer, Chas. Haas, Marx Levy, Stephen Pohe, W. I. Shrader, all of Berwick. The exceptions as filed, charged Ringrose with using money unlawfully in his campaign for the nomination and protested the placing of his name upon the ballot as a Republican candidate. Ringrose is a present member of the board.

## TAFT CLUB FORMED.

A meeting of Republicans to organize a Taft Club was held in the Midway on Saturday evening. A. Z. Schoch called the meeting to order, and W. O. Holmes was elected President, Joseph Garrison, secretary, Karl F. Wirt, treasurer. Vice Presidents, G. M. Hughes, T. E. Hyde, Jacob Stiner, O. B. Ammerman and R. D. Young.

Speeches were made by J. C. Brown, A. W. Duy, G. E. Wilbur, H. A. McKillip and C. C. Yetter.

## JUST A LITTLE RAIN.

About 7 o'clock on Sunday morning rain began to fall in such a way that it looked as though the long looked for storm had come, and the drouth would be ended. But these hopes were soon found to be vain, for in a couple of hours the rain ceased. The shower was not general, and many nearby places are as dry as ever.

The condition is growing serious, both as to the water supply and the sowing of fall crops.

## THE MONUMENT.

There has been unexpected delay in the arrival of the Soldiers' Monument. It was to have been here by September 1st. On Friday last J. U. Kurtz, the contractor, telephoned the commissioners that it would be here in two weeks. The delay and uncertainty has hampered Ent Post in making arrangements for the dedication.

## DR. WALLER IMPROVING.

Late advices from Dr. Waller are to the effect that he expects to be at home by October 1st.

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## THE COLUMBIA THEATRE.

People who were familiar with the "Grand Opera House" will scarcely recognize their surroundings when they enter the Columbia Theatre. The place has been transformed into a modern play house, and it is now nearly ready for business.

Mr. G. L. Henshell, the manager, has been devoting much time to the details, and Dr. John has spared no expense in giving to the house all the modern improvements that it is possible to make in the place. The scaffolding has been removed, and the delicate and tasteful decorations on the walls can now be seen.

The electric wiring and lighting has all been changed, and the new drop scenery is expected soon. The opening date has been fixed for September 25th, and the play entitled "The Devil" has been secured as the attraction at that time. It is expected that every seat will be sold, and that a brilliant audience will greet the opening of our new play house.

## FIRE AT MAINVILLE.

On Saturday at about noon the large barn of B. R. Yetter at Mainville was destroyed by fire. The blaze started in a straw stack near the barn. In the building were 700 bushels of wheat, 100 bushels of oats, 200 bushels of rye, 12 tons hay, straw, and a lot of farming machinery. There was but a small insurance. Mr. Yetter was in Bloomsburg at the time, and received notice of the disaster by phone, and hurried home at once.

By heroic efforts of the bucket brigade his smaller barn and the store of B. R. Bisel were saved. The cause of the fire is unknown. This is a heavy loss for Mr. Yetter, as he lost all the crops of the season. His loss is estimated at \$3500 with \$1000 insurance on the barn.

## HIS EIGHTIETH BIRTHDAY.

Dr. Peter H. Freeze was eighty years of age on Sunday last. He is still as active and vigorous as a man of sixty. Dr. Freeze is well known all over the county. He spent a number of years in the office of the Register and Recorder, and many of the documents are entered in his handwriting. He is well read, and keeps posted on all the current events.

For some years past he has been one of the town auditors. He is strong in argument, and knows how to tell a good story. His many friends hope that he may be spared for many years to come.

## SAVIDGE'S OPENING.

Having installed a new and costly soda fountain, an electric piano, new lighting facilities, and newly papered walls, E. M. Savidge had a brilliant opening on Tuesday night. The Citizens Band gave a concert on the street which was listened to by hundreds of people. The store was filled with customers during the entire evening, and all were delighted with the improvements.

## CHURCH REDEDICATED.

After undergoing extensive repairs and improvements, the Asbury M. E. Church was reopened on Sunday last with appropriate services. The following clergymen took part: Rev. D. Miller, Rev. T. H. Tubbs, Rev. W. R. Whitney, Rev. Dr. D. D. Eveland. A large congregation was present both morning and evening.

## DEEDS RECORDED.

The following deeds have recently been entered on record by Recorder of Deeds Frank W. Miller:

Hitam C. Hower to Mary Hower for a lot in Rosemont cemetery, Bloomsburg.

Lydia J. Hicks and D. W. Hicks, her husband, to George W. Hess for a lot of ground in the borough of Orangeville.

Wm. B. Snyder, administrator of George W. Billman, deceased, to Jeremiah D. Beaver for lots No. 5 and 6 in the plan for the village of Montana.

Isaac Creveling and wife to H. L. Kelchner for the undivided one-half interest in a house and lot of ground in Espy.

Samuel Neyhard, administrator of Thomas Creveling, for the undivided one-half interest in a lot of ground in the village of Espy.

H. L. Kelchner and wife to Thomas W. Hartman for a lot of ground in the village of Espy.

Clara R. Kelchner and H. L. Kelchner to William R. Howell for a lot of ground on Second street in the village of Espy.

Wm. F. Crawford and wife to A. J. Emmett for five acres and thirty-five perches of land situate in Madison township.

Marshall G. Kinney et al. to Rebecca Kline et al. quit claim deed for a lot of ground situate in the borough of Ashland.

Angeline Knittle et al., heirs of Rachael Derr, deceased, to Mary J. Cox for one and a half acres of land situate in Greenwood township.

## RICHARD STILES.

The announcement of the death of Richard Stiles was received in Bloomsburg on Tuesday. He died at his home in Secane, Delaware county from the infirmities of old age, his failing health dating from about a year ago. His age was 86 years.

Mr. Stiles was born in Benton April 5, 1822. He was engaged in farming for many years, and later was store keeper and gauger at the McHenry distillery. In 1874 he moved to Bloomsburg, and for several years filled the position of steward of the Normal School, and later was tax collector. About 1890 he moved to Secane, and has resided there since.

He was in the army during the civil war, and lost an arm in his first engagement, at Fort Gregg, near Richmond. He was twice married, his first wife being Miss Amanda Conyngham, and his second wife a sister of the first. Eight children survive: L. B. Stiles of Benton, Mrs. Amelia Wilkinson of Pueblo, Colorado, Mrs. Walter P. Waters of Atalissa, Iowa, Mrs. W. H. Brooke of Bloomsburg, Margaret and Evelyn at home, and Mrs. Ethel Darlington of Darlington, Pa. Two sisters also survive: Mrs. Martha Colley of Catawissa, and Mrs. Nancy Stucer of Atalissa, Iowa.

## DIETRICK'S TRIAL.

Peter Dietrick has been taken from the Moutour county jail, to the Wilkes-Barre jail, and his fourth trial for the killing of Corky Jones will begin next Monday. Judge Hinckley is private counsel for the commonwealth, and Judge Grant Herring is Dietrick's attorney.

It is regarded as certain that new testimony will be introduced by the Commonwealth. Offsetting this, Peter Dietrick, himself, it is said, will go upon the stand. If this proves true, that will be the first time that the public has ever heard the story of the tragedy from the lips of the defendant.

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## BLOOMSBURG FAIR.

The Fifty-Fourth Annual Fair of the Columbia County Agricultural Society will be held October 6, 7, 8, and 9. Liberal purses with the splendid track will engage the best field of horses ever brought together in the state. Wednesday 2:18 and 2:25 pace and 2:27 trot. Thursday 2:12 and 2:25 pace, 2:16 trot and county race. Friday free for all; 2:20 trot and 2:15 pace. Chaste and meritorious attractions will be given on platform between heats of the races. Batty's Trained Bears being one of the features. Riding School, Ocean Wave, Moving Pictures, Ferris Wheel, Animal Shows and Miniature Railways will be attractive features of the Midway. The Poultry Exhibit alone will be worth the price of admission, 25 cents. Bloomsburg Fair is a veritable Old Home Week.

This exhibition promises to be a record breaker in every department. All other indications point this way and it only requires the gracious favors of the weather man to make it such.

## BE CHEERFUL.

There is no sounder gospel than the gospel of good cheer. That doesn't mean necessarily a sickly smile when the savings bank suspends payment and your poor little \$350—the only money you ever did save—returns no more. No. There is a time to laugh and a time to cry. But there is not, and never should be, a time to whine. Just reflect that this discontented, fault-finding, down-in-the-mouth attitude indicates a lack of moral courage. No one likes to be called a coward. But isn't that the best word fitted for a person who sits down and howls when the world goes wrong, instead of seeking a better point of attack?—Ex.

## BIG CROWD HEARD CONCERT.

The concert given by the Citizens Band in Danville in front of the Court House last week was listened to by an audience estimated at three thousand people. This band now has a reputation second to none in Central Pennsylvania.

W. K. Creasy, son of Hon. W. T. Creasy, has entered Susquehanna University at Selingsgrove.

## THE VALUE OF A BOY.

Costs His Parents \$4,000—Good or Bad Investment Depends on Boy.

Somebody has figured out that the average boy who is dependent upon his parents for a livelihood until he reaches the age of twenty-one years costs them four thousand dollars. On this basis of calculation a brood, for instance, of six boys, would represent an outlay of twenty-four thousand dollars by the time they get away from the home roost.

The question arises does it pay to raise boys and are there other crops that would prove more profitable? If a boy turns out to be a cigarette fiend with a breath like a turkey buzzard and a laugh that would make the untutored donkey feel perfectly at home in his society and with an untrammelled and unconquerable desire to avoid work, it is safe to say that his parents might have invested their four thousand dollars at a much better advantage. But if the boy grows up to manhood with the lesson well learned that wealth and success grow only on bushes watered by the sweat of one's brow the parents need not begrudge whatever they have spent on him, for he will be a source of increasing pride and joy to their hearts, and when they grow old and their hands tremble and their steps are slow and faltering they have two strong arms to lean upon and help them over all the rough places that lie in their twilight path.

## A QUEER GROWTH.

Dr. P. H. Freeze showed us on Monday a peculiar fungus growth that came from a cherry tree on his farm. It is about eight inches in diameter, of orange color, and shaped like a large rose. It differs from anything of the kind we ever saw.

## Tried Suicide.

While getting ready to be brought to jail last week John Eck of Berwick, charged with raping his two young daughters, tried to cut his throat with a butcher knife, but owing to the prompt action of the officer who had him in charge, and the dullness of the knife he did not succeed in cutting deep enough to finish the job.