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## WILD WEST TRAIN ROBBERY ON THE PENNSYLVANIA

A sensational hold-up of train No. 39 of the Pennsylvania Railroad, known as the Pittsburg and Northern Express occurred in the Lewistown Narrows about half past one Tuesday morning.

The locality where the hold-up occurred is one of the wildest along the whole length of the road, in a narrow mountain pass.

One lone masked highwayman did the job. The train had left Harrisburg at 12:01 and was just entering the Narrows when an explosion of dynamite under the engine wheels caused Samuel Donnelly to apply the brakes and come to a dead stop. The train had scarcely come to a standstill when a masked man boarded the engine and compelled both the engineer and his fireman, C. D. Willis, to alight and show him the way to the first express car where \$5000 in gold and several thousand Lincoln pennies were being carried.

The highwayman knocked on the door of the express car and express messenger J. W. Harper looked into the barrel of a revolver. The engineer and fireman, accompanied by the highwayman, then entered the car.

He had several men under his control, and made them do his bidding under cover of his guns. He shot conductor Poffenberger, of Harrisburg through the hand.

He made the crew dump the bullion and the pennies into bags and put it out of the car.

After the departure of the highwayman with his booty, the express ran to Altoona, where the alarm was given, and the railroad police started in search of the robber. They traced him with bloodhounds up the mountain.

Evidently the burden of the metal became too great for the thief in his flight, for the bag of bullion was found in the woods where he had abandoned it. Further on more was found, and finally all but \$65 of the amount taken was accounted for. The posse continued upon the trail of the fugitive through the night, and with the aid of the hounds scoured the woods in all directions.

As yet he has not been found.

## QUALITY CORNER IMPROVEMENTS.

The work of remodeling the Quality Corner Shoe Store of Buckalew & Co., is rapidly nearing completion, and already the establishment presents a very trim appearance. The color scheme is green and white, and is well carried out.

The floor is to be stained and covered with rugs. Large Davenport, a central divan, and green stain mission chairs compose the attractive furniture.

A white metal ceiling from which are suspended rows of brass chandeliers make the place light day and night. The windows are to be supplied with lace and velour curtains.

Everything is finished in good taste, making the store a great addition to the business houses of Main street.

## VACATION IS OVER.

On Monday morning the bells of the public schools chimed forth for the first time in about three months, and the school yards were for the first in many weeks reechoing with the voices of the hundreds of children who started in the year's work. All of the schools report a large attendance.

## MRS. EVELINA B. McREYNOLDS.

After a lengthy illness with heart trouble Mrs. Evelina Barton McReynolds, passed away at her late home on Third and West streets Tuesday afternoon at 2:15 o'clock. She had been ill for a long time and her condition for the past several days had been such that death was not unexpected. She was aged 72 years, 6 months and 26 days.

Mrs. McReynolds was the daughter of the late Caleb Barton. Being of a kind and loving disposition, a generous giver and an active worker in various Christian organizations she was well known and held in the highest esteem by all with whom she came in contact. With her husband, Dr. H. W. McReynolds to whom she was wedded in June of 1863 she had been a resident of town for many years. They formerly resided in Buck Horn, where the doctor practiced medicine, and moved to Bloomsburg some years ago, where he continued to practice. His death occurred several years since.

Surviving Mrs. McReynolds are one son, Matthew, and the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. Anna B. Moore and Thomas J. Barton, of West Main street, and Kathryn B. Ale, of Columbia City, Indiana.

Funeral services will be held from her late home Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock, with Rev. S. C. Dickson officiating. Interment will be made in Rosemont cemetery.

## TAGGART CLAIMED BY MANY WIVES.

Since the reappearance and equally sudden disappearance, and the consequent notoriety of the Rev. John Taggart, letters have been received by local authorities throwing light on a rather checkered career.

It will be remembered that Taggart returned after twenty-one years of mysterious absence to find his wife married to a man who was in jail on a serious charge. The newspaper notoriety which followed his unexpected return was too much for him, and he left in two days for parts unknown.

Since that time letters have poured in from other "wives" of the wanderer, whom he is alleged to have married; one in Fredonia, N. Y.; one near Pittsburg, another near Buffalo, one whom he deserted at Washington, and still another who died at Asheville, N. C. During all this period of matrimonial ventures he is said to have lived with another woman in Philadelphia.

## MANY OFFICES ENTERED.

For the past week the occupants of many an office along Main street have arrived at their respective places of business in the morning to find that they have been paid calls in the night which are not altogether of a professional nature. Subsequent examination shows that drawers and locks have been tampered with, and the tenant has realized that he is one more on the list of victims of an unknown who has been creating somewhat of a stir by his midnight entries.

Up to this time comparatively little booty has been secured, but that has not been the fault of the thief, for little or no money was kept in the offices.

Until the fellow is apprehended the wise business man will keep all valuables out of his office or in a strong safe.

The Methodist Church held its annual picnic at Columbia Park last Saturday.

## E. C. WELLS DEAD.

Last Saturday while at the lumber office of Creasy & Wells Mr. E. C. Wells was attacked with heart trouble, but soon recovered sufficiently to be able to walk to the residence of his son, J. G. Wells, on Fifth street. Later in the day he was compelled to go to bed, and continued to fail until Wednesday night at 10:30 o'clock, when his heart suddenly ceased action and he passed away. On Saturday he would have been 77 years of age.

Mr. Wells was universally respected. His quiet, unassuming manner were combined with positive convictions, and with business energy and acumen.

He was a man of remarkable vitality and only four years ago in company with Mr. Molten of Philadelphia, went to Mexico to see a mine in which they were interested. The trip was made by boat and by train, but for twenty miles he was compelled to ride a burro over a mountainous passage, which trip, despite his 73 years of age he stood very well.

In the year 1849 when the great rush for gold was made to California he was among the number who crossed the continent by overland stage to the gold fields. At the breaking out of the Civil War he enlisted as a sutler and served in that capacity throughout the entire war. Previous to moving to this place he resided at various places, among which were Cory and Muncy, and for a number of years he was employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad company, having charge at that time of the road bed department of a division of the road.

Moving to Bloomsburg in the year 1878 from Muncy where he was born and raised, he became engaged as steward of the Bloomsburg State Normal School in the first year of the principalship of Dr. D. J. Waller, and retained that position for a number of years. In the year 1887 he entered into partnership in the lumber business with his son-in-law S. C. Creasy and while he retired from the active work a number of years ago owing to failing health, he retained his partnership in the firm until death. He was an active member of St. Paul's Episcopal church, and a prominent Mason, being associated with the Muncy and the local lodges. The former he was prominently identified with and was one of the early if not one of the charter members of the lodge of that place.

He is survived by the following children: J. G. Wells and Mrs. S. C. Creasy of town, and Mrs. S. W. Henderson, of Montgomery; also by the following brothers and sisters: Joseph Wells, of Picture Rocks; Mrs. James Coddling, of New York City; and Mrs. Stulen, of Athens, Pa. Since the death of his wife which occurred about twelve years ago he had made his home with his children.

Funeral services will be held at the residence of J. G. Wells on Saturday at 6:30 a. m. conducted by Rev. J. W. Diggles, and the remains will be taken to Muncy for burial, on the Reading train.

## "R. F. D." IS NOW "R. D."

Hereafter the R. F. D. will be simply R. D., and you mark your mail matter "R. D." The government has issued orders that the use of the word "Free" be dropped and that the service be known as plain Rural Delivery.

## IMPROVEMENTS AT NORMAL.

A force of workmen has been engaged at the Normal School nearly all summer in making various alterations and improvements. These are very near completion, and everything will soon be in readiness for the opening of the school next Tuesday.

The plaster ceilings in many of the class rooms and corridors have been supplanted by wooden ones. This change will eventually be made throughout the buildings.

A new sanitary cold storage plant has been installed in which the meats may be segregated from the other food stuffs. Heretofore only one compartment has been available.

In the ice chest of the cold storage plant there has been placed a large coil of pipes connecting with faucets in the corridor near the office, and in the kitchen, furnishing ice water on tap in sufficient quantities to supply the entire school at meals.

A new shed has been provided for the engine and pump which operate the elevator. Another brick addition has been built on the former location of this pump, which will serve as a commodious dish room, furnishing almost four times as much space as has hitherto been provided for that purpose.

Painters, plasterers, and paper-hangers have been busy in the dormitories, giving the rooms a fresh appearance.

The buildings and grounds are in excellent condition. The members of the faculty are back at the school, and the students will arrive in the next few days, in number to which indications point as being record breaking for the Fall term.

## SIXTH PA. RESERVES TO MEET.

Notices have been sent out by President Charles S. Fornwald and Secretary Alfred Eck to the surviving veterans of the Sixth Regiment of Pennsylvania Reserves, the thirty-fifth Regiment in line, stating that their twenty-sixth annual reunion will be held in Bloomsburg on Tuesday, September 14th.

Company A will be glad to see all of the old members of the regiment in G. A. R. hall.

## CRUSHED TO DEATH.

Oscar Whitmire, nine years old, fell from a gravel loaded wagon near his home in Briar Creek on Tuesday afternoon, and was crushed to death beneath the wheels.

Repairs are being made to the Berwick road, and one of the wagons engaged in the work was that from which the boy fell.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Whitmire.

## GRANGER'S PICNIC.

About seven hundred Grangers from the South Side attended the picnic of the Mainville Grange at Yetter's Grove, Mainville, last Saturday. The principal address of the day was delivered by former State Treasurer William H. Berry.

## FRIEND'S MEETING.

The annual session of the Roaringcreek and Millville meetings was held at the meeting house near Numidia last Saturday. About one hundred and fifty Friends were present. Next year's session may be held at Catawissa.

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