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## Railroad Guide.

**NORTH PENNA. RAILROAD.**  
Passengers for Philadelphia will leave Leighton as follows:  
5:00 a. m. via L. V. arrive at Phila. at 9:00 a. m.  
7:47 a. m. via L. V. " " 11:05 a. m.  
11:07 p. m. via L. V. " " 2:50 p. m.  
1:02 p. m. via L. V. " " 4:50 p. m.  
5:29 p. m. via L. V. " " 9:15 p. m.  
4:47 p. m. via L. V. " " 8:20 p. m.  
4:44 p. m. via L. V. " " 10:30 p. m.  
Returning, leave depot at Perks and American St., Phila., at 7:30, 9:30 and 9:45 a. m.; 2:10, 2:45 and 5:15 p. m.  
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June 3, 1875. ELLIS CLARK, Agent.

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LEHIGH & SUSQUEHANNA DIVISION.  
All Rail Route to Long Branch.  
PASSENGER STATION IN NEW YORK FOOT OF LIBERTY ST., N. Y.

**Time Table of Dec. 27, 1875.**  
Trains leave Leighton as follows:  
For New York, via Lehigh, at 5:52, 7:47, 11:12 a. m., 2:36, 4:47 p. m.  
For Philadelphia, at 5:22, 7:47, 11:12 a. m., 2:26, 4:47 p. m.  
For Mauch Chunk at 10:30 a. m., 1:09, 6:38, 7:04 and 9:43 p. m.  
For Wilkes-Barre and Scranton at 10:20 a. m., 1:09, 7:04 p. m.  
Returning, leave New York, from station Central Railroad of New Jersey, foot of Liberty Street, North River, at 5:30, 9:00 a. m., 1:09, 2:40 and 5:15 p. m.  
Via Lehigh, from Depot North Penn's R. R., at 7:04, 9:45 a. m., 2:10, 3:45 p. m.  
Leave Easton at 8:25, 11:40 a. m., 3:55, 5:35 and 8:10 p. m.  
Leave Mauch Chunk at 5:15, 7:40, 11:05 a. m., 2:20 and 4:40 p. m.  
For further particulars, see Time Tables at the Station.  
PASSENGERS FOR LONG BRANCH CHANGE CARS AT ELIZABETH.  
H. P. BALDWIN, Gen. Passenger Agent.  
July 4, 1875.

**PHILA. & READING RAILROAD.**  
Arrangement of Passenger Trains.

**JANUARY 1ST 1876.**  
Trains leave ALLENTOWN as follows:—  
For Philadelphia, Bridgeport and Perkiomen Junction, at 6:45, 7:30 a. m. and 5:05 p. m.  
SUNDAYS  
For Philadelphia, Bridgeport and Perkiomen Junction, at 5:10 a. m.  
VIA PERKIOMEN BRANCH.  
For Reading, at 2:30, 5:50, 8:55 a. m., 12:20, 4:30 and 8:45 p. m.  
For Lancaster and Columbia, at 5:30, 8:55 a. m. and 4:30 p. m.  
Does not run on Mondays.  
SUNDAYS  
For Reading, at 2:30 a. m. and 8:45 p. m.  
For Harrisburg, at 2:30 a. m. and 8:45 p. m.  
Trains FOR ALLENTOWN leave as follows:  
VIA PERKIOMEN BRANCH.  
Leave Philadelphia, at 7:30 a. m., 5:45 and 8:27 p. m.  
Leave Bridgeport, at 8:20 a. m., 4:05 and 6:20 p. m.  
Leave Perkiomen Junction, at 9:05 a. m., 6:10 and 6:35 p. m.  
SUNDAYS.  
Leave Philadelphia, at 8:00 a. m., Bridgeport, 6:01 a. m., Perkiomen Junction, 6:25 a. m.  
VIA EAST PENN. DIVISION.  
Leave Reading, at 7:35, 4:15, 1:35 a. m., 4:03, 6:10 and 10:30 p. m.  
Leave Harrisburg, at 5:21, 8:10 a. m., 2:30, 8:30 and 7:40 p. m.  
Leave Lancaster, at 5:10 a. m., 12:55 and 2:45 p. m.  
Leave Columbia, at 6:00 a. m., 1:40 and 3:30 p. m.  
SUNDAYS.  
Leave Reading, at 7:30 a. m.  
Leave Harrisburg, at 5:20 a. m.  
Trains marked thus (\*) run via G. & N. Branch, (depot 9th and Green streets), and leave Harrisburg from the Lehigh depot. All other trains to and from Philadelphia arrive at and leave Broad street depot.  
J. E. WOODRIF, Gen'l Supt.  
Nov. 6, 1875.

**PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD.**  
PHILADELPHIA & ERIE RR. DIVISION.

**Winter Time Table.**  
On and after SUNDAY, NOV. 21st, 1875, the Trains on the Philadelphia & Erie Railroad Division will run as follows:

**WESTWARD.**  
FAST LINE leaves New York 9:2 a. m.  
Philadelphia 12:53 p. m.  
Harrisburg 2:20 p. m.  
Harrisburg 5:55 p. m.  
Lock Haven 10:20 p. m.  
Belleville 11:50 p. m.  
ERIE MAIL leaves New York 6:25 a. m.  
Philadelphia 11:50 a. m.  
Harrisburg 2:20 p. m.  
Harrisburg 5:55 p. m.  
Lock Haven 10:20 p. m.  
Belleville 11:50 p. m.  
LIMIT MAIL leaves Philadelphia 7:30 a. m.  
Harrisburg 10:45 a. m.  
Lock Haven 12:30 p. m.  
Belleville 1:45 p. m.  
ERIE MAIL leaves Erie 11:20 a. m.  
Lock Haven 9:45 p. m.  
Harrisburg 12:55 p. m.  
Harrisburg 2:20 p. m.  
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**FAST LINE leaves Philadelphia 7:30 a. m.**  
New York 12:30 p. m.  
Harrisburg 2:20 p. m.  
Philadelphia 4:30 p. m.  
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Nov. 6, '71

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**1875 FALL 1875**

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**Millinery Goods**  
COMPRISING,  
Hats, Bonnets,  
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**Very Latest Fashion,**  
AT PRICES BELOW ANY OTHER ESTABLISHMENT IN THE COUNTY.

Also, AN ENTIRELY NEW STOCK OF SWITZER, H. Best and Imitation HATS, NOTIONS, and ALL other goods usually kept in a First-Class Millinery Store.

**Ladies' own Hair made up to order**  
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**MRS. M. GUTH,** Weisport, Pa.  
April 27

## Circumstantial Evidence.

In the year 1841, the now flourishing city of Steubenville, Ohio, was a very small place. Its population was noted for its quiet and orderly character, and there was not a single liquor saloon in the place.

Crime was very rare, and the circuit judges often had occasion to congratulate the people upon not having a single criminal case upon their calendar.

In consequence there was intense excitement in Steubenville, when, at an early hour in the morning of the 17th of November, in the above mentioned year, the report reached the place that the corpse of a man had been found in the woods within a hundred yards of the last house of the town, and close to the Pittsburg turnpike, with every indication that an atrocious murder had been committed. The sheriff, accompanied by some fifty citizens, immediately hastened to the spot indicated to him by the person who had discovered the remains of the murdered man. That was a deep-pit old scoundrel, who had gone out to gather brushwood. No one would have suspected her under any circumstances of having had anything to do with the bloody deed, and beside, she manifested such unfeigned horror describing what she had seen at the dismal spot in the woods, that she was unhesitatingly allowed to go about her business.

Upon arriving at the scene of the supposed murder, the sheriff and his companions saw at a glance that a terrible crime had been committed. The dead man was covered all over with frozen gore, and seven wounds, apparently inflicted with a sharp knife, were found upon the body. His head was still covered with a nice felt hat. His face presented a most ghastly aspect.

A terrible gash extended from the left temple to the right jaw. Another gash was in the forehead. The victim was dressed in a substantial fur coat. He was apparently forty-two years old.

When his pockets were examined they were found to be entirely empty. But close to the body was found an old fashioned wallet. It was still open, as if its contents had been taken from it, and as if he who had emptied it, had afterwards thrown it away.

At a distance of about ten yards from the corpse, near an old log, lay a peculiarly-shaped fur cap. It could not have belonged to the murdered man, for, as we have said before, he had his hat on his head.

The ground was covered with snow, and there were a number of light foot-prints visible in it. These were the only indications of the perpetrator of the horrible crime.

The coroner was sent for, and until his arrival the sheriff and his companions went to the Ohio tavern, which was situated no great distance from the scene of the murder.

When the sheriff told the landlord of the murder, and described to him the appearance of the corpse, the landlord exclaimed at once:

"Great God! that poor fellow cannot be anybody else than Mr. Sammis, the Pittsburg cattle dealer. He was here last night, and took supper with another man from Pittsburg, whose name I believe was Belson or Wilson, and who rode on toward Pittsburg immediately after he had left the table. Mr. Sammis sat in the front room with me and Jack Capon for an hour, when the two went out together."

Jack Capon was a dissolute, but very good natured fellow, about thirty years old, who had a decided aversion to work, and a still more decided predilection for strong drink.

He could not get any whiskey at Steubenville, and hence he often walked for miles and miles in order to obtain "a wee drop" of whiskey. When he was successful he returned with his hat full of bricks to Steubenville where he had frequently been punished by the "squire" for intoxication, with fine and imprisonment. Still, everybody liked him because he had an excellent, unselfish heart, and never forgot a favor done him.

"What sort of hat did Capon wear last night?" asked the sheriff.  
"Why, no hat, but a fur cap—made of beaver skin—with two ear-covers."  
"Was this the cap?" said the sheriff, producing the cap which he had found near the corpse of the murdered man and which he had thus far held under his cloak.

"Yes," exclaimed the landlord, "that is Capon's cap, and no mistake; where did you find it?"

The sheriff told him. Everybody seemed horror-struck at the idea that poor Jack Capon should have committed so atrocious a crime.

He was immediately dispatched to hunt up Jack Capon. They did not find him at his wonted haunts in Steubenville; but a man who was well acquainted with his habits, said if he could be found anywhere it would be at the cabin of old Sim Brooks.

Brooks lived in the woods on the Pittsburg side of Steubenville about one mile from the spot where the corpse of Mr. Sammis was found. Like Jack Capon, Brooks was fond of whiskey, and the two would frequently drink together until they were oblivious of the cares and sorrows of this world, which, as they thought, had not treated either of them too well.

So to Brooks' cabin went the men. They knocked at the front door, which was locked. For several minutes there was no response. At last old Brooks

himself opened the door. They saw at a glance that he was in an alarming state of intoxication.

"Is Jack Capon here?" they asked.  
"Ye-ye-yes," hiccupped Brooks; "he is lying asleep yonder, behind the stove."

Then the drunken old fellow went back to his lounge, and a minute later he was sound asleep again. The men stepped up to Capon. He was drunk also. His coat and shirt were covered with blood. They exchanged significant glances, and aroused him, not without considerable difficulty.

"What do you want?" he asked yawning.

"The sheriff wants you, Jack."

"The sheriff! What for? I hain't done nothing."

"You are suspected of having murdered a Mr. Sammis, of Pittsburg."

"Go away! I murdered a Mr. Sammis? You must be loony."

"Look at yourself."

Capon looked at his clothes. The sight of the bloody stains caused him to sober up at once.

"How did I get these stains on my coat and shirt?" he stammered out at last.

"Don't you know anything about them?" they asked.

"No—no! You say murder was committed?"

"Come—come, Jack Capon," they replied, "you can't fool anybody by pleading ignorance. What did you do with your cap?"

He looked about the room.

"Some one must have taken it away," he said at last.

"You left it near the corpse of the murdered man?"

"Was it found there? Great God—great God!"

He buried his face in his hands and began to cry.

He then followed the men who also took old Sim Brooks along, willingly, to the Ohio Tavern, where the coroner had mean while arrived. The sheriff appeared soon afterward with some men who were carrying the glory, frozen corpse of the victim. Jack Capon was conducted to the corpse. As he caught sight of it he recoiled in horror.

"It's Mr. Sammis," he gasped out.  
"Poor Sammis, who has murdered him?"

"You were the last seen in his company," said the sheriff; "your cap was found near the corpse; your clothes are blood-stained; who but you can be the murderer?"

"I am innocent!" cried Capon, desperately. "I got tight at Brooks'. I don't know how I got this blood on my clothes, nor how my cap got near the corpse. I have even forgotten that I was with this poor gentleman."

The coroner impeached a jury, and in the first place, took them to the spot in the woods where the murder had been committed, where Capon, who had been mean while, heavily intoxicated, was also conveyed thither. The foot-prints near the point where the corpse of the murdered man had lain, was not very distinct, but they seemed to correspond exactly with the soles of Capon's shoes.

Returning to the Ohio Tavern, the coroner swore Sim Brooks, who by this time had become perfectly sober, and who stated that last night, about half-past ten o'clock, Jack Capon had come to his cabin and asked him if he had any whiskey. He had given him half-a-dozen drinks, whereupon Capon had wanted still more, but he had no more. Capon had then shown him a ten dollar gold piece, and had asked him if he knew where any whiskey could be bought. He had answered if he would go to Mike Perry's he might get some. There Capon had gone, and returned with whiskey, but without his cap, and with his shirt and the front part of his coat all bloody.

Brooks added that he had asked Capon how he got the blood on him. Capon was so drunk that he could not give a very intelligible account of what had happened to him, but he had said something about having had a fall and hurt himself.

Upon hearing this evidence the prisoner exclaimed:  
"Yes—yes, that's true—I do remember it no v. I made a short cut through the woods to Mike Perry's house, where I got the whiskey, and returned by pretty much the same route, when I stumbled over something, and fell."

The jury rendered a verdict against him, and he was committed for trial. His pockets were then examined, and the ten dollar gold piece, which Sim Brooks had mentioned, was found.

Capon said that Sammis, who had taken an interest in him, had given it to him. This was considered a very flimsy falsehood, and everybody was convinced that Jack Capon was guilty.

A messenger, with the news of Sammis' murder was dispatched to Pittsburg, where it created profound sensation. It turned out that the murdered man had had nearly twenty thousand dollars in large bank bills on his person. Sammis' brother Mark, a wholesale grocer, and a very energetic man, accompanied the messenger back to Steubenville, and engaged special counsel to assist in the prosecution of Capon. The latter was tried and convicted, and the jury having to fix his punishment, he was not sentenced to death, but to imprisonment at hard labor for life.

to the penitentiary at Columbus, where he was at first very harshly treated; but his amiable disposition was not long in making so agreeable an impression upon the keep