

HIDDEN TREASURES

John A. Baer, of Lancaster, Dies in Apparent Poverty.

\$25,000 IN HIS POCKETS.

The Strange Story of a Life That Flickered Out Unnoticed in New York City.

QUIETLY BURIED IN THIS CITY.

How He Went Away in Anger and Grew Rich While No One Dreamed It—His Brown Paper Bundle of Cash.

Well-placed Confidence in Honest John A. Haller, of N. Y.

On the 17th of June the following notice appeared in the INTELLIGENCER:

BAER.—On the 16th inst., at New York city, John A. Baer, formerly of Lancaster, Pa. Notice of funeral hereafter.

There was no notice of the funeral which took place quietly on the nineteenth, in Woodland Hill cemetery.

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It has been learned that the hermit was a Pennsylvania Dutchman. He had every advantage in youth to become a useful citizen. It is said that he was a student at Yale and studied medicine and read law, but finally gave up the study of the law and turned to the study of the Bible.

He was never known to do any work, and it means a mystery how he got his money. He generally carried pennies and he had a tramp-like way of wandering along the streets and picking up odds and ends. These he carried to his room at the hotel and stored away, until, when his fatal illness came and he removed to the hospital, the apartment looked like a curiosity shop.

There was a literary bent to the old man's mind. He was an omnivorous reader, but his taste did not run in any special line. He read anything and everything that he could find. He was ever clipping the news and forming a large part of the collection in his room. For days at a stretch he would remain in the hotel, absorbed in his reading. Coe was not a glutton. His diet was largely vegetarian.

Once in a while he would pay a visit to some restaurant in the Bowery, but to no great extent. There were about thirty or forty men who were his friends. He was a ready-made clothing store, and his clothing was always composed of more patches than original fabric.

No matter where he was the brown paper parcel was in his hand, on his lap, or under his arm. In his room it was sometimes on the bed or under it, but always within range of his eye. Now and then the hermit would be in a pleasant mood while lounging about the hotel office, and then he could be made to talk. Intelligent men who talked with Coe found him well informed on almost every subject, particularly the laws and medicine. Not a word, however, did he utter about his past.

If Coe had a hobby beyond disproving the truth of the saying that "none but the wealthy enjoy this life," it was his antipathy to the fair sex. To be sure, he possessed no charms, but even if he had been neat and natty susceptible women would have found no encouragement. His heart, however, did not seem to be in the matter.

It was a long time before the miser would be induced to talk. He was sitting in his April and felt so bad that he feared his end was drawing near. Coe entrusted the brown paper parcel to his friend and adjured him not to open it until given permission. He did not explain what the package contained, but Haller promised to guard it religiously. This he did while the miser was in the hospital. Coe, although he was sixty-four years old, recovered from the attack and returned to his haunts, the package was restored, and after that he manifested his appreciation of Haller's kindness in various ways. Still, he did not utter his lips on the past, and remained as much of a curiosity to Haller until the early part of June. Then, being taken ill again, and fearing it was his last sickness, Coe summoned his friend and made an appeal.

He told Haller that death was near and he wished to make a dying request. "My name," he said, "is not Coe, but John A. Baer, and I have two brothers in Lancaster, Penn., who don't know where

THE BICYCLE CONTESTS.

THOSE OF THURSDAY ARE WITNESSED BY SEVEN HUNDRED PERSONS.

A Reading Wheelman Wins Three Races. Reist and Kahler, of the Lancaster Club, Secure First Prizes.

When the heavy rain of July Fourth caused the bicycle tournament at McGinn's park to be postponed the management decided to add a number of races and make the meeting last two days. Thursday was the opening day and the weather was of the best. The sun was warm and there was a good breeze. The crowd in attendance numbered about 700 and among these was a large number of ladies. Wheelmen were present from all over the eastern section of the state and different cities in New York, New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland. The number was scarcely as large as was expected, but many were believed to be holding off for the team races, which took place to-day. Early in the afternoon the grounds were alive with wheelmen hastening to and fro, on all kinds of machines, and the colors of the Lancaster club could be seen prominently displayed on all sides. The races were close and exciting and the sport was highly enjoyed by the spectators.

The gentlemen who had charge of the races were as follows: Referee, John A. Wells, Philadelphia; judges, C. H. Oberster, Samuel H. Downey and John A. Burger; timers, Dr. Walter Boardman, Dr. T. H. Nathorst and John E. Snyder; clerk of course, D. F. Grove; scorer, H. M. Griel; starter, H. M. Eichele; umpires, George U. Best, M. B. Hirsch, John Traggesser and Grubbs Sheaffer. The umpires were stationed at different points along the track and called out the names of the riders and they changed their positions at intervals. The races were called promptly at 3 o'clock.

The first event on the programme was a half mile novice race. The prizes were: First, diamond scarf, pin; second, bicycle shoes, and third, bicycle saddle. There were four entries, but only three starters, viz: Jacob O. Griebel, Alvin Reist, Lancaster; and John S. Musser, Columbia. Griebel started off in the lead, but fell back to third place, Reist going to the front. There was some lively work between the latter and Musser, but Reist won. Time 1:29.

The second event was a one mile novice, open, and the chief competitors were: First, third, and second, Victor cyclometer; third, oxidized silver watch safe. The starters in this were W. H. Reinsnyder, Pottsville; Z. Loffland, Wilmington, Delaware; Samuel Mosser, Reading; Alvin Reist, Lancaster; Samuel Breneman, Lancaster, and John S. Musser, Columbia. Reist went to the front at once, but he did not seem to have had sufficient rest from the first race, and soon fell to the rear, giving way to Reinsnyder. This gentleman and Loffland had a struggle for first place for the time, but the Wilmington man went ahead on the home stretch and won. Mosser was second and John S. Musser, Columbia, third. Time, 3:09.

The next race was a one mile ordinary, between boys under sixteen years of age. The prizes were: First, Waterbury watch, and second, bicycle shoes; the boys who brought their machines to the race were: A. B. Groff, Pottsville; Dawson Forwalt, Columbia; Clarence Malone and Charles Kiehl, Lancaster. For a time it looked like Kiehl would be a sure winner, but toward the close Forwalt came up and passed him. Kiehl was second and Groff third. Time, 3:33.

The two-mile race for the Lancaster county championship offered the following prizes: First, fine gold watch, second, silver-headed cane; third, jersey coat. There were seven starters, viz: George F. Kahler, Millersville; D. H. Miller, Edward R. Griebel and Alvin Reist, Lancaster; W. S. Oberster and Samuel E. Groff, and J. J. McLaughlin, Pottsville. This was a remarkably fine race, showing a very close contest for first place between Kahler and Miller. These gentlemen were almost together for a mile and a-half. After that Kahler had the best of it and won, Miller was second, and Arnold third. Time, 6:39.

The fifth event was the one-mile flying start open race, and it proved one of the greatest of the day. Everybody took a great interest in it, as there was quite a number of prominent wheelmen from abroad entered. The men were started in sections, and the conditions were that they should first go a half mile each and then a mile. The first place should then be contested for first place in mile heat. There were nine entries and the following started first: George M. Gregg, Wilmington, Del.; Samuel Mosser, Reading; W. W. Taxis, Philadelphia; J. W. Schofer, New York city, and W. F. Mass, New York city. They sped around at a lively rate, making a splendid contest, as the men were almost together for a great part of the time. Class came in first with Schofer second and Taxis third. Time, 1:24. The next bucket to start consisted of W. F. McDaniel, of Wilmington, Del.; W. I. Wilhelm, of Reading; R. I. Powell, of Burlington, New Jersey, and Mr. Kiehl, of Pottsville. The latter was away ahead for a time, but Wilhelm finally ran away from him and came in first, Powell going to the rear. Kiehl was second and McDaniel third. This left Messers, Class, Schofer, Taxis, Wilhelm, Kilmer and McDaniel to contest in the final heat of a mile. This was another hot race. McDaniel led at the start, but lost, and for a time different parties had the lead. The friends of Wilhelm were confident that he would win, and so it proved. The man seems to have great reserve power and he gets down to his work when most necessary. He pressed ahead on the home stretch and won amid the most deafening cheers, with Schofer second and Taxis third. Time, 3:04. The prizes in the race were: First, gold medal; second, Pope silver cup; third, nickel-plated lamp.

The sixth race was a two-mile safety, open, for these prizes: First, silver nut bucket, second, safety lanterns, third, oxidized silver watch. The starters were: Joseph A. Altgayer, Reading; W. I. Grubb, Pottsville; W. B. Riegel, Reading; B. F. McDaniel, Wilmington; H. D. Leimbach, Denver; W. W. Taxis, Philadelphia; W. I. Wilhelm, Reading. This was another very fine race, all of the riders being in a bunch at the first half while the first three were almost neck and neck to the home stretch. Wilhelm again showed his superiority and came in a winner, with Taxis second, and Riegel third. Time, 6:33.

The seventh event was another big race. It was a three mile lap contest, open, under the rules, the positions kept at each half mile, and the first man to score at the second two and the third one. The one crossing the tape first, at the last half mile,

A HIGHWAY ROBBERY.

HE IS CAPTURED AT THE SORREL HORSE HOTEL IN THIS CITY.

Harry Smith and Another Outlaw Take the Money and Goods of a Peddler. Both Now in the Law's Clutches.

Harry Smith, with half dozen aliases, was arrested in this city to-day by Detective Adam Gehart, of Reading, and Constable Ehrman, on a very serious charge. The complaint made against him is highway robbery, and the complainant is Levi Lewis, a Reading peddler. Lewis' story, told to the Reading authorities, is that he was driving along a road near Reading, on Friday, June 28th, in the day time, in a wagon in which he had his stock of goods. He saw two men ahead of him on the road, but thought nothing of the matter. When he reached them the men halted him, said they were detectives and demanded to see his license. As he reached in his pocket for a paper to show the alleged detectives his right to sell goods, Smith and his companion named Edward Deterline covered him with their revolvers and demanded his money. He was powerless to resist, and while the one kept him covered with his revolver, the other went through his clothes and took \$100 from him. This did not appear to satisfy the bold robbers for they also took all his stock of goods and then at the point of a pistol, made him drive on and threatened him with death if he looked back, or asked which way they went or made an outcry.

Lewis made his way to Reading as speedily as possible, and gave a description to the authorities of the men who robbed him. The policemen and detective Gehart went to that city, but he was a day too late, as Smith had left. Upon making inquiry he learned that Smith had left for this city. He learned that Smith stopped on Thursday night at the Union hotel, on East Chestnut street. When the detective called at the hotel he learned that Smith had left, but the proprietor did not know where he had gone. He consulted Chief Smith and the chief in investigating the matter learned that Smith's trunk had been moved early this morning to the Sorrel Horse hotel. The detective went to that hotel, saw his trunk and was informed that Smith had gone out but would be back soon.

The detective and Constable Ehrman waited patiently for two hours for the return of Smith, and were finally rewarded by seeing him saunter leisurely into the hotel. They at once made him their prisoner, took him to the station house and locked him up until the afternoon train for Reading, to which place the Reading detective took him.

The Chesapeake club will leave Lancaster to-morrow evening on their excursion to the most minute detail. The club members will meet at the Stevens house, and headed by the band of twenty pieces, which will accompany them on their trip, will march to the Pennsylvania railroad station, where they will take the train for Perryville. They will have their own special passenger car, and will take all their provisions, etc., with them from this city. They will arrive at Perryville at 8:25 in the evening, and at 10 o'clock sharp will take the boat and start off on their long trip by the Chesapeake river to Perryville. Their excursion will be a most enjoyable one, and they will be back in Lancaster at 10 o'clock sharp on Monday morning. On Monday they will go up the James river to Richmond, after which they will visit Norfolk, Old Point, Annapolis, Bay Ridge, Washington, Mt. Vernon, and other places. They have arranged to telegraph from cities upon their arrival to the committee on the excursion.

A CRIPPLED BOY HURT. He Is Kicked by William Burkman and Seriously Injured. William Burkman, living at the corner of South Queen and Church streets, has been prosecuted before Alderman Halbach for assault and battery by Stephen J. Dittus, and if the facts are as alleged the latter is a cruel and cowardly man. Mr. Dittus' son is a cripple, about 7 years old. Early last evening Burkman, who was riding a bicycle, led it stand in front of his house and a number of boys, among them young Dittus, were examining it. When Burkman came out of his house all the boys ran away from him, and Burkman became very angry when he saw the boys at his machine and vented his anger on the crippled boy by kicking him. The boy, almost unconscious from the effects of the kick, was carried to his home on Middle street and a physician summoned. Complaint was made against Burkman for aggravated assault and battery. He was arrested and gave bail for a hearing.

A Big Fire at Glen Rock. On Thursday evening the Glen Rock Manufacturing company's shops at Glen Rock, York county, were discovered to be on fire. The flames spread rapidly and the wind being strong the burning embers were carried all over the town. Houses and barns in almost every direction were on fire at different times, but the heroic efforts of the bucket brigades kept the flames under control. The loss is about \$15,000; covered by insurance. Sparks from the embers were the cause of the fire.

Back From the Connaugh. This morning there were two sections of Philadelphia Express east. On one of these were two hundred men, who have been at work in the Connaugh valley, for the past few days. Almost one hundred of these belonged to this city. This afternoon a paymaster came from Philadelphia and paid the men off for their work.

Nothing in Life For Old Males. Annella and Miriam Boggs, maiden women, sister of Jackson county, W. Va., committed suicide last Tuesday by taking arsenic. They left a letter, signed jointly, saying that there is nothing in life for old males, and that they were tired of it. They were in fair circumstances, but had no relatives living.

Wants a Divorce. John W. Cunningham, city, has been awarded a subpoena in divorce in a suit against his wife Catherine. His charges desertion.

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He has confessed that he has murdered all the women whose bodies have been found in and about the Whitechapel district. He gave names of his victims, dates upon which he killed them, and all glibly and in detail details connected with the terrible crimes.

It is possible he is a lunatic, but that possibly the police tell is true and that he is the man for whom they have so long been searching.

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WASHINGTON, July 19.—The chief of the secret service bureau, treasury department, this morning received a telegram from Dayton, O., saying that John Driggs and his confederate, Gertie Driggs, two of the most notorious counterfeiters in this country, had been arrested by the secret service detectives.

Driggs had been in progress for some time in the secret service bureau, and Driggs for the sale of \$25,000 in counterfeit States treasury notes. Driggs agreed to the sale and yesterday met the treasury agents at a place near Dayton to turn over the spurious money.

Seeing himself caught he made a desperate resistance to arrest and succeeded in severely wounding one of the detectives. Driggs has been repeatedly arrested and is considered the most skillful counterfeiter in existence.

The treasury department officials say that his arrest is the most important one ever made by the secret service bureau.

London, July 19.—An Englishman was arrested this morning on the charge of having murdered the woman whose body was found on Tuesday morning in Castle Alley, Whitechapel, after being taken into custody the prisoner confessing to have killed the woman. He said the weapon he used was an ordinary pocket-knife. He carried no other weapons. He declared that he lived nowhere and that he had just arrived from abroad. The prisoner is a tall, fair complexioned man and carries himself in a very airy air. His actions indicate that he is insane.

The identity of the man taken into custody by police this morning on suspicion of being the Whitechapel murderer is carefully concealed for the present by the authorities.

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