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IT MAY BE

JOHN WILSON

An Interesting Clue That Will be Investigated.

The Slayer of Harry Waterhouse Believed to Have Been Located—Answers the Description and may be Identified.

The following article appeared in the daily papers during the past week and naturally has aroused much interest in the matter about Bellefonte:

"John Wilson, the man who shot and killed Harry Waterhouse here in Bellefonte September, 1890, and made his escape from the Bellefonte jail December 24 of the same year, has been located in the western penitentiary, according to an ex-convict who has come from there. Wilson is serving a seven-year sentence for shooting a man in a quarrel at New Castle shortly after his escape from Centre county jail. After the New Castle episode, in which Wilson himself was shot twice, he made his escape to Ohio, and getting into trouble there he was sent to jail for two months, when the New Castle authorities had him brought back on a requisition. He was tried, convicted and sentenced. That was in 1893, so that over two years of his time have been served. The Bellefonte authorities will investigate, and if the convict proves to be the right man, he will be brought here as soon as released, and there is little doubt that he will be convicted of murder in the first degree."

Inquiry at the county jail brought no information. District attorney was seen and he was rather reticent about the affair. After some pumping process, and upon condition that it would not be for publication, the following in substance was related:

The item is correct. One of our men who recently returned from the Pittsburg Penitentiary, was confined and worked with a man who in almost every particular answers the description of John Wilson; especially so in regard to the color of hair, eyes, size, age and tattoo marks on his arm. The man's conversation in regard to Bellefonte aroused suspicion and when accused of this crime displayed much uneasiness and embarrassment.

It is likely that an effort will be made to investigate this clue. Certain persons may be sent to Pittsburg to identify the prisoner. As yet nothing definite has been determined upon, but proper steps will be taken by District Attorney in this matter. It is proper that this clue be settled. It is an old saying that "murder will out" and in this mystery, the time may have come for an unfolding and detection of the criminal.

Death of J. B. Fisher.

On Saturday, December 28, '95, Gregg township lost one of its foremost citizens by the death of Maj. J. B. Fisher, of Penn Hall. His illness began about a year ago and his system became impaired. Gangrene in the foot finally caused his death. He was in his 67th year.

Mr. Fisher came with his family from Berks county in 1842. Was engaged in the mercantile business since, and for most of the time also in the milling business. He became a member of the Reformed church when 16 years old and has been an active and consistent member ever since. He was a leading man in that community and was successful in business. Left a wife and four children and one grand-child, a child of a deceased daughter. The two sons, Charles and Frank, have, since they are grown up, been associated with their father in business. Interment December 31, at the Reformed church, near Penn Hall, of which he had been a member since coming to the church. His pastor, Rev. F. W. Brown, conducted the funeral services, assisted by Rev. D. M. Wolf, D. D., Rev. L. Kreider Evans, Rev. John M. Evans and Rev. Z. A. Yearick. A large number of people were present.

Death of Mrs. Robert Foster.

After an illness of about three weeks Mrs. Foster, the wife of Capt. Robert Foster, died at her home at State college at 4 o'clock Friday morning. The deceased was aged about 65 years and had been ill about three weeks when she died. She contracted an attack of grip and later was stricken down with paralysis. The funeral was held on Sunday and largely attended by the many friends of the deceased.

Mrs. Foster was a member of the Presbyterian church for over 40 years. The services were conducted by Rev. Barr, of Princeton. Interment in the Branch cemetery. Three sons, Thomas, William and Robert survive her.

Mrs. Foster's maiden name was Delilah, and was born in Beaver township Snyder county, Pa. Married in 1847. Robert M. Foster, of Union Co., Pa., moved to State College 1856.

Mr. Foster organized Company and became its captain. He was killed at Gettysburg July 2nd, 1863. In 1877 he removed to Union Co., Pa., and State College in 1877.

IMPORTANT INVENTION.

Almost two years ago Arthur Kitson, the free-coinage, sound-money advocate, of Philadelphia came to this place and ever since has been engaged in experimenting on his invention, a free pit fuel gas generator, to run automatic. It is five years since Mr. K. first began work upon the process and in that time he has worked night and day and spent \$75,000 of a fortune, and to-day sees his efforts crowned with success, as his generator has now been under tests for a week, has stood the critical examination of some of the foremost chemical and scientific experts in the country, and is by all pronounced a marvel.

To show how important a discovery or invention it is, it is only necessary to say that Westinghouse spent \$250,000 in a vain endeavor to perfect an automatic generator; Edison spent both time and money on the same thing; two other well known firms spent over a half million dollars with the same end in view, and one and all gave it up as an impossibility. Since Kitson has been engaged in his work, he has been watched with great interest by all these people, who endeavored to persuade him of the utter futility of his task, but now that his work has reached that stage that there is a surety of its being a success, one and all pronounce it the solution of gas engines in all the large manufacturing establishments in the country.

Mr. Kitson's invention is simple enough in construction. It consists of a cylindrical furnace, built of steel and lined with fire brick. The dimensions of the plant here are seven feet inside diameter and twelve feet in height. The coal is fed in a bell shaped funnel in the top by means of a bucket chain, and the ash and refuse is cleaned from the generator by means of the revolving grate; which is inclined at an angle of about 37 1/2 degrees. The inclined revolving grate is the secret of the whole thing. It is by this means that the one trouble, that of clinkers, found in every other invention of this kind, is avoided. The constantly revolving grate keeps the mass of coal and fire constantly agitated, and there is no possibility of clinkers forming. The generator has now been under test for a week, and to-day is as clean as when first fired.

Its generating capacity is far above the average. With the poorest quality of coal, culm is as good as anything else, the average is 125,000 feet of gas per ton of coal. This brings the cost of production down to a minimum. As an experiment the gas manufactured has been used under a 250 horse power boiler of the city steam-heat works, and does the same purpose as fuel that twenty tons of first quality coal has been doing, while only four tons of poor quality coal has been used in the generator.

That the manufacturing world already sees great things in Mr. Kitson's invention is evident from the fact that a company is now being formed by Philadelphia and Luzerne county capitalists with the purpose in view of having erected a large number of the generators at the culm banks near Hazleton, for the purpose of utilizing the culm in the manufacture of fuel gas for public use, on the same plan that power is now furnished by the Niagara Power company. Pittsburgh, Philadelphia and New York manufacturers and capitalists are here most every day watching the test, and so satisfied are they of its practicability that a large number of firms have made handsome offers for its manufacture.

The generator was erected at the Bellefonte Gas Company's works and the product was tested under one of the large boilers of the steam heat plant.

WOLFS STORE.

Welcome 1896.

TO OHIO.—Mr. C. D. Weaver has gone to Ohio. Whether he has gone to stay we did not learn.

IN PHILADELPHIA.—Mr. Wallace Krider and family, and Miss Lizzie Hosterman are at this writing, spending about ten days in the city of brotherly love (Philadelphia.)

WEDDING.—A very pretty wedding took place on Christmas day, at the residence of Cyrus Zeigler. The parties are Mr. Wm. K. Haines, from Haines township and Miss Ella C. Zeigler from this place. We wish them a happy life.

REVIVAL.—Rev. Kepler is at this writing is holding a protracted meeting at this place. Result thus far, two seekers.

The Gilbert brothers have taken the contract to chop a lot of cord wood for Newton Brungart.

Messrs. J. C. and Clayton Auman have each bought a horse from Wm. Douty recently.

Mr. A. E. Strayer was to Lamar one day last week on business.

Mr. Harry Barr and family from Gettysburg were guests at Mr. James Neese's last Sunday.

LEGAL

INTELLIGENCE

Gathered From the Various Offices.

As Recorded for the Past two Weeks—Large list of Marriage Licenses and Real Estate Transfers—Trial List for January Court.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

- Edward Whittaker, Bellefonte
- Jennie C Hampton, Spring twp
- Daniel McMonigal, Hannah
- Emma Ewing, "
- John Barto, Gatesburg
- Anna M Masterson, "
- D Hall Bottorf, Lemont
- N Winona Hess, Shingletown
- James Harpster, Ferguson twp
- Leland Huey, Blair county
- John Slegal, Gregg twp
- Anna Hatfield, Aaronsburg
- John C Beck, Loveville
- Bessie Whippo, "
- George Wasson, Walker
- Mollie Lannon, Union twp
- Harry Weaver, Spring Mills
- Ida Mark, Penn Hall
- Harry Wagner, Benner twp
- Agnes Peters, College twp
- Clancie Pietcher, Howard
- Lydia Holter, "
- Wm Lytle, Benner twp
- Mary Stamm, "
- Howard McClintic, Bellefonte
- Mattie Fulton, Spring twp
- Joseph Renwick, Phillipsburg
- Carrie Mingle, "
- T S Segerpalin, Gorton Heights
- A C Tingglist, "
- Enos McCallister, Wilkesbarre
- Emma Woomer, Boalsburg
- Wm Haines, Aaronsburg
- Ella Zeigler, Wolfs Store
- Geo Letterman, Milesburg
- Mertie Rager, "
- Frank Fry, Boalsburg
- Maggie Clark, Marion twp
- Wm Tice, Howard
- Maggie Fisher, Milesburg
- Elmer Lucas, Pennfield
- Jennie Fisk, "
- Arthur Johnsonbaugh, Huston twp
- Alice Ardery, Worth twp
- W S Meese, State College
- Lizzie Cori, "
- Albert Womelsdorf, Logan Mills
- Lizzie Frain, Marion twp
- John M. Homan, Pine Grove Mills
- Susie Foreman, Centre Hall
- J. E. Ward, Pa. Furnace
- Ella Harpster, Gatesburg
- Geo. F. Stine, Union twp
- Jane Riddle, Huston twp
- Charles Ellis, Phillipsburg
- Thurza Rylet, "
- Oscar Homan, Penn Cave
- Ida Breon, Spring Mills
- James Sankey, Potters Mills
- M. G. Auman, State College
- Francis Poorman, Curtin
- Martha Rodgers, "
- Herman McMinn, Dubois
- Cora Fisher, Unionville
- N. Hartwick, State College
- Eliz. Thomas, "

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

- John I. Thompson to Jessie Woodring, 29 acres of land in Worth township, for \$300.
- Emma E Munson et Baron, to John P. Harris, trustee, &c, lot of ground in Phillipsburg, for \$4350.
- Mary Kumerant et Baron to Nicholas Redding, a certain lot of ground in Bellefonte borough for \$400.
- Anna Barnhart et Baron to J. B. Houdeshell, 50 acres and 94 perches of land in Boggs twp., for \$400.
- Emanuel Musser et ux to David G. Eiders, 10 acres of ground in College twp., for \$1,000.
- J. W. Barnes et ux to Miss Elizabeth Stine, lot of ground in Spring township, for \$850.
- John M. Wagner's heirs to George F. Walker, a tract of land in Union twp., for \$250.
- Michael Reagan et ux to Beech Creek R. Co., a tract of land in Snow Shoe twp., for \$300.
- Michael Rishel's adm's to William P. Rishel, a tract of land in Gregg twp., for \$2917.65.
- Henry Boozer et ux to E. M. Huyett and W. O. Rearick, one-third interest in a half acre of ground in Centre Hall borough, and one-third interest in lot No. 3 in same borough, for \$2083.33.
- Luther Guisevite et ux to Henry T. Zerby, 4 tracts of land in Haines twp., for \$4350.
- Susan Ellenberger, to Geo. W. Ellenberger, 157 acres and 157 perches of land in Ferguson township, for \$4,000.
- A. M. Hoover to Bella J. Hoover, one-twelfth interest in a lot of ground in Milesburg borough, for \$50.
- E. M. Huyett et ux to W. G. Rearick, one-third interest in Centre Hall foundry and machine shops, for \$1750.
- Adam Heirkheimer et ux to Wilson Dillen, 2 acres land in Huston township, for \$25.
- Jane Ellenberger et al to Elizabeth Singel, a lot of ground in Half Moon twp., for \$30.
- John Sweetz to S. J. Shunk, lot of ground in Haines twp., for \$20.
- Wm Hess et ux, to Hannah Cartright, land in Rush twp. \$174.88.
- Aaron Williams et ux et al, to G R Williams, 25 acres land in Worth township. \$500.
- John P. Condo, sheriff, to John M Dale, 3 tracts of land in Snow Shoe and Burnside townships. \$100.
- Frank Rudy et ux, to Ira and Calvin Gates, land in Ferguson twp. \$175.
- J. C. Gates et ux, to Ira Gates et ux, 2 lots of land in Ferguson twp. \$300.
- Laura Mull et al, to Chas. Murray, land in Phillipsburg. \$6000.
- Philip Williams et ux, to G. R. Williams, for \$600.
- S. C. Stewart et ux, to Nancy Fink, land in Taylor township for \$111.38.
- George Lyon et ux, to Nancy Fink, land in Taylor twp. for \$58.62.
- W. L. Sellers, to Kate Horner, lot in College township, for \$70.
- Adam Krumrize et ux, to Jacob Krumrize, land in Ferguson twp., for \$275.
- John M. Dale et ux, to P. B. Crider et al, land in Snow Shoe and Burnside townships, \$8,500.

A FARMERS INSTITUTE

To be Held at Unionville, January 16th and 17th.

Topics that will be Discussed and some of the Prominent Speakers who will be Present—It will be an Interesting Session.

The following is the programme of the Farmers' Institute, to be held in the Methodist church, Unionville, Pa., under the auspices of the Pennsylvania State Board of Agriculture, Thursday and Friday, January 16, 17, 1896:

THURSDAY MORNING.
Meet at 11; adjourn at 12.
Prayer.
Organization.
Music.
Address of welcome.
Response by Hon. Thos. J. Edge, Secretary of Agriculture.
Introduction of visiting speakers.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.
Meet at 1:30; adjourn at 4:30.
Query Box.
Music.
Potato Culture—D. N. Kern, Shimmersville, Pa.
Discussion.
Fertilizer Brands and their Meaning—Hon. Thos. J. Edge, Secretary of Agriculture.
Discussion.

THURSDAY EVENING.
Meet at 7; adjourn at 9.
Query Box.
Music.
Fruit and Fruit Trees—Thos. W. Fisher, Unionville.
Discussion.
Pruning Fruit Trees, (Illustrated)—D. N. Kern.
A general discussion of fruit culture.

FRIDAY MORNING.
Meet at 10; adjourn at 12.
Query Box.
Music.
Successful Drainage—A. C. Sisson, Member of Board for Lackawanna Co.
Discussion.
Plant Food and how to get it—Geo. C. Watson, Prof. of Agriculture, State College.
Discussion.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.
Meet at 1:30; adjourn at 4:30.
Query Box.
Music.
Commercial Fertilizers and Farm Manures—Prof. Geo. C. Watson.
A general discussion of the fertilizer question.
A Farmers' Views of the Farmers' General Needs—John A. Woodward, Howard, Pa.

FRIDAY EVENING.
Meet at 7; adjourn at 9.
Query Box.
Music.
Does Farming Pay?—D. N. Kern.
Discussion.
Some of my Farm and Garden Methods—A. C. Sisson.

GENERAL INFORMATION.
Every session is public and free, and everyone is invited.
The "Query Box" is often the most interesting part of the institute. If there are any questions concerning farm interests upon which you desire information write it out and put it in the question box. Some one will be found to answer it.
Every subject presented by speakers will be open for discussion.
For additional information address,
JOHN A. WOODWARD,
Howard, Pa.
Member of State Board for Centre county.

First Wife Caused His Arrest.
Robert C. Lyle was arrested in Bellwood last Friday and lodged in jail here on the charges of desertion, immorality and having two wives. In 1888 Lyle, then a resident of Centre Hall, this county, married a Miss Keller, a member of one of the best families in that place, whom he deserted after the birth of a child. He went to Bellwood and married another girl, who has borne him three children. A week ago the wronged wife learned the whereabouts of her husband, and a warrant was at once issued.

The officer succeeded in locating his man at Bellwood; Lyle secreted himself in a house but was finally captured. On Monday Lyle was released from jail by giving bail for his appearance at next term of court.

Father Peter Brady.
Rev. Peter Brady, pastor of the Roman Catholic church at Ocoola Mills, died early Thursday morning Dec. 26, after a brief illness, at the age of 45 years. Father Brady was well known throughout this end of the state.

PINE GROVE MILLS.

Some Interesting Items From Ferguson—Weddings—Sickness—Personals.

Miss Minnie Martz is home to spend the holidays with her parents, on Water street.
VISITING.—Mr. Miles Stover, of Bellwood, who a few years ago was one of our little boys here in town, is spending the holidays with his old chums. Miles is one of Blair counties most energetic successful school teachers.

Al. Musser, who for the last ten months has been employed by a wholesale broker, as clerk and stenographer, is home for several weeks.

Miss Spriggs, of Huntingdon, is visiting at Keller's, on Main street.
FOUR TURKEYS.—J. A. Decker attended a shooting match at Boalsburg last week, and carried off spoils to the amount of four fine turkeys.

PURCHASED PROPERTY.—Mr. Jared Mowry has purchased the Merriman property at the lower end of town, which he expects to occupy by the first of April.

LEAVING.—Mr. John H. Lytle and family, expect to move to Bellwood, in a couple of weeks, where Mr. Lytle contemplates engaging in the poultry business in a more extensive scale.

OUR MASHERS.—Some of our school teachers seem to think they were strictly in it at Institute. A.—says he will reverse the maxim, that "an old man's darling is better than a young man's slave" and say that an "old woman's darling is better than a young woman's slave". P.—says he was almost worried to death by the great number of school marms, endeavoring to make his acquaintance.

XMAS EXERCISES.—The Christmas exercises, in the Lutheran church, on Xmas evening were in every respect first class, the church being packed to its utmost capacity. The exercises in the Reformed church on Tuesday evening previous, were equally attentive.

WRONG WAY.—While Christmas has been and always will be a day of rejoicing and mirth to some, and sorrow and disappointment to others, we see no reason why we should not enforce the old maxim: eat, drink and be merry, but we feel sorry to say that some are leaving off part, and making merry by drink alone.

A DUEL.—Our town came very near having a case of assault and battery, but the implicated parties have agreed to settle by fighting a duel to the bitter end.

WEDDING BELLS.—The wedding bells have been ringing freely in our community during the holiday season. Mr. John Homan and Miss Forman of Centre Hall, were married at the home of the brides parents on the 26 inst., after which they returned to discharge the duties as husband and wife on Mr. Homan's farm east of town. They were greeted in the evening by a full turn out of the calithumpian drum corps. Also Mr. Frank Fry, of Shingletown, and Miss Maggie Clark, of Pleasant Gap, were married at the home of the bride's parents, after which they spent several days at the hospitable home of the grooms sister, Mrs. John Cronmiller.

SICKNESS.—There has been quite a lot of sickness in and about town of late. Mr. G. Lucas one of our oldest citizens, and a soldier during both the Mexican and Civil war has been sick for some time, but is being carefully looked after by his comrades and members of the G. A. R. Post.

Miss Bessie Walker has had a very severe attack of quincy, which compelled her to close her school for about a week. Miss Mary Port has also been confined to the house for several days. Mr. Jacob Weaver is somewhat better.

WALLACE RUN RIPPLINGS.
Rev. Kelley, the U. B. minister, started a protracted meeting in this place.

E. R. Hancock, the Marsh Creek school teacher, has been confined to the house with neuralgia for a few days.

PARTY.—There was a party at Mr. John Witherite's on last Friday making road and getting wood. Many of the citizens turned out and a large amount of work was done.

NO BETTER.—We are sorry to say that the health of A. C. Witherite is no better. We hope he may improve in the near future. He is one of the oldest and most respected citizens in this neighborhood.

DEATH.—Mrs. Andrew Barret, died at her home in Holts Hollow, Monday, December 30, after a long illness and much suffering. She leaves a husband and seven children to mourn her death. The remains were interred in the Meshach cemetery January 1, '96.

TOO BAD.—One of our school boys was attending the chicken and waffle supper, held by the Citizens Hook & ladder company. He was introduced to one of Milesburg's young ladies, and gained a reputation of a young and progressive young school teacher, but when he sat down by her side and began to converse with her she got up and left him. A young lady afterward said that she did not believe that he was a school teacher, but she did not look like one. R.—will lawyer the next time.