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TWO RECENT ROBBERIES

A Clever Thief Robs a Saloon Keeper.

\$800 TAKEN FROM A BUREAU

No Clue to the Whereabouts of the Thief—Robbers at Salona—Break in a Store and Help Themselves.

A man giving his name as John Dunn and his home Tyrone stole about eight hundred dollars in clean cash, the half of it being gold, from Joseph Maxwell, a restaurant keeper at Smoke Run, Clearfield county, on Friday night last. Dunn represented himself to be a traveling agent for wall paper, etc., and secured lodging for the night at Maxwell's restaurant. Maxwell had the money in a bureau drawer in his room, adjoining which was the one occupied by Dunn. Dunn kept a watch over the movements of his host, who had occasion to go up stairs to change some money, and after discovering the location of the cash had no trouble in stealing it, as he (Dunn) had keys to fit the door to the room and to the bureau drawer. Dunn made good his escape, and now an effort is being made to capture him. He is described as a young man, aged about 22 years, not very tall, but weighing probably 150 pounds. He wore a dark coat and vest, black felt hat and had a moustache of about two weeks' growth. Of course he is not a citizen of Tyrone, and is not likely that his name is Dunn.

ROBBERY AT SALONA.

Stamps, Cash and Other Goods Stolen Last Night.

The post office at Salona sustained a heavy loss Monday night by burglars. Some time during the night burglars effected an entrance into the store and office by cutting out the putty and prying open the large plate glass in the front door of the store. The burglars evidently were after money and chewing stuff. They rifled the post office of \$150 worth of stamps and six dollars in cash. From the store they took a jar of chewing gum and a quantity of cigars and tobacco. B. F. Krape, the storekeeper and postmaster, states that the loss all told will foot up \$180. While there is no trace to the thieves, yet there is one man suspected. This man was seen lurking around Salona. He was a stranger, was about five feet nine inches in height and weighs about 140 pounds. He wore a cap and had sandy hair. He carried a box covered with oil cloth.

The man or men broke into the wagon maker shop and took certain tools, with which, it is believed, the glass on the door of the store was pruned open. The tools were afterwards returned to the shop, but were not in their accustomed places.

Woman to Seek Gold.

Miss Phoebe Hoover, one of the faculty of the public school, is now making preparations to take the trip to Alaska gold fields, proposing to start early in April. What woman has done woman can do, and Miss Hoover's years of experience in teaching the young idea how to shoot has developed a fund of determination that will be apt to see her through whatever difficulties may beset her path in searching for the wealth to be found in Alaska's mountains and rivers. Miss Hoover declares she will not return until she has made a fortune.

Shot a White Gobbler.

A party of Lock Haven sportsmen who were out gunning in Nittany Valley recently, bagged a fine white "wild" turkey and as they wended their way homeward chuckled how they had secured better game than their friends who had been out a day or two before. C. J. Wasson was not so happy, for that evening when he went out to do his feeding he missed a fine imported white turkey gobbler. Upon inquiry among his neighbors he learned that it had been shot by the hunters and carried off.

Robbery at State College.

The large grocery store of R. C. Holmes at State College was broken into by burglars sometime Saturday night. They broke open the money drawer and took \$3.50. Also stole a lot of cigars and tobacco, a bunch of bananas and other articles. There is no clue to the perpetrators.

Child Crushed to Death.

On Wednesday afternoon 27th a three year old son and his little sister, children of W. S. Slick, living near Farmers Mills, were at play in the yard, when a barrel filled with wet ashes and standing on a bench, tumbled over and upon the little boy crushing him to death.



DEMOCRATIC GAINS.

The Democracy made great gains on Tuesday in:

- NEBRASKA, IOWA, OHIO, PENNSYLVANIA, NEW YORK, MASSACHUSETTS, KENTUCKY.

There was a general drift to the Democratic columns, in every section of the country.

LATE ELECTION NEWS.

The republicans elected Bushnell governor of Ohio, by about 15000. Hanna claims a majority of one joint ballot of the legislature.

But admitting Republican claims, what a rebuke it presents in the President's own State. Last year he had 50,000 majority, and in 1895 nearly 100,000 with a majority in the Legislature on joint ballot of 84. Now the Republican party is hanging on by the eyelids, claiming the Legislature by two and the governor by a few hundreds. How many victories of this sort—and even it is challenged—can the Republican party stand?

Hanna's chances for re-election to the U. S. Senate from Ohio now are very doubtful.

Dr. Swallow carried ten counties in this state.

Kentucky is democratic by 30,000. Look at New York city and state. In 1896 McKinley had 56,000 plurality in the Greater New York. In 1897 Van Wyck, democrat, had 85,000. In the state in 1896 McKinley had 287,000 plurality. On Tuesday the democratic candidate for chief justice had a plurality of 50,000.

The grand total vote in this state for state treasurer was: Beacom, 349,579; Brown, 229,533; Swallow, 114,982.

The grand totals for auditor general are: McCauley, 400,695; Ritter, 260,164; Lathroe, 55,882. Dr. Swallow, the prohibition candidate, has a plurality in ten counties—Blair, Clearfield, Clinton, Cumberland, Dauphin, Huntingdon, Juniata, Lycoming, Montour and Northumberland. In Columbia county, which gave a plurality for Brown, Democrat, Swallow has a larger vote than Beacom, Republican, and in each of nine other counties which give pluralities for Beacom, Dr. Swallow's vote is larger than that of the Democratic candidate.

Maryland is very close and official vote will be necessary.

From Maryland we get the good news that the Democrats have carried the Legislature on joint ballot, their majority being put at five. This probably insures the return of Senator Gorman to the Senate for another term. It is a brilliant personal victory for the senator, achieved against great odds, and will retain in the National councils one of the most sagacious and resourceful political leaders of the day.

In Nebraska William J. Bryan carried his state of Nebraska by 11,000 majority. This year it goes for Bryan, substantially, by 20,000. In 1896 President McKinley carried Ohio 49,000 majority over Bryan. This year his friends are claiming a majority of 5,000 to 8,000, while the democrats do not concede the state. These figures demonstrate that Mr. Bryan is a very lively corpse. Also, that Brother McKinley has fallen into the sere and yellow leaf. It is an eight months' opinion of his administration.

Swallows big vote is the thing that surprised the politicians.



Official Vote of Centre County for Election Held Tuesday, Nov. 2 1897.

Table with columns: President 1896, State Treasurer, Auditor General, Jury Commisr., Co. Survr., and various candidates like McKinley, Bryan, etc. across different townships.

TUESDAY'S ELECTION.

On pages two and three of this issue we give a general survey of the result of Tuesday's election. Later returns may change the result, but it is pretty near correct. The returns for Centre county will be found in the above tabulated statement which is copied from the official returns in the Probationary's office. The totals are not given and we give those furnished by W. E. Gray, the republican county chairman:

- Beacom, Rep. 3205-97
Brown, Dem. 2108
Swallow, Pro. 1458
Thompson, Ind. 12
Beacom's Plurality 1107
Auditor General: McCauley, Rep. 2576-59
Ritter, Dem. 2517
Lathroe, Pro. 656

- Jury Commissioner: Williams, Rep. 2597-59
Hoy, Dem. 2538
Dale, Pro. 604
William's Plurality 59
County Surveyor: Cleaver, Rep. 2606
Wetzel, Dem. 2650-44
Wetzel's Plurality 44

The above figures may vary some on final count, which will be made to-day, but they are approximately close enough. It shows that only about one-half of the vote in Centre county was out on Tuesday.

Shooting at Millheim.

On Wednesday evening Dr. Mohn and the hack driver, Mr. Huey, of the Musser house, at Millheim, got in an altercation—and the Doctor shot Huey in the hip. As a result Huey is laid up and the wound may be troublesome.

Dr. Mohn was intoxicated and was quarreling with an umbrella mender. Will Huey interfered and the Dr. shot him in the hip. The ball has not been found yet. The Dr. is under arrest.

Club House Opening.

This evening the Nittany Rod and Gun Club will open their new club house at Hecla Park, with an elaborate banquet that will be in keeping with the occasion. Many prominent members of the club will be present.

Chairman Jones, of the democratic national committee, says:

"I regard the results of the elections as particularly favorable to the democratic party and very gratifying to democrats everywhere. It is all they could ask, and more than many of us expected.

With Ohio hanging in the doubtful column, Mark Hanna and his politics can't be very popular. Even the wool-growers must have gone back on him.

NEARER FREE COINAGE.

W. J. Bryan gave out the following statement on the election:

The returns are so incomplete that it is impossible to discuss the result in detail. The sentiment in favor of the Chicago Platform shows a healthy growth throughout the country. Perhaps our opponents will now admit that silver is not dead. The attempt to secure international bimetalism has proved a failure and it is now more apparent than ever that the people of the United States must legislate for themselves on the financial question.

Free and unlimited coinage at sixteen to one is nearer now than it was a year ago. High tariff upon a gold basis has disappointed those Republicans who looked to it for relief. Taken as a whole the returns are very encouraging.

I think I voice the sentiments of democrats, populists and silver republicans when I say the fight will be continued with even more earnestness until the gold monopoly is broken and the money trust is overthrown. The fusion forces increase their percentage in Nebraska and probably their actual majority.

W. J. BRYAN.

Seriously Ill.

Mrs. David L. Kerr, nee Miss Sue Neff, of near Centre Hill, has been seriously ill for the last two weeks from a stroke of paralysis. She has been in a critical condition for the last week, and her many friends almost despair of her recovery.—Reporter.

Since the above was put in type Mrs. Kerr's illness terminated in her death on Tuesday morning. Services will be held at the house on Friday morning, at 10 o'clock, and the interment will be made at Centre Hall.

He Made the Corn Fly.

Otto Reighard, of near Loganton, a few days ago gave another exhibition of his skill as a corn husker. In one day, from 6 o'clock in the morning until 6 in the evening, he tore the husks off 110 bushels of ears. Who can beat it?

If there is any body in Centre county who can beat this record, we would like to hear from him.

Injunction Granted.

The Centre Hall Water Company succeeded on Tuesday in securing an order from the Supreme Court restraining the town council from further work on the erection of water works by the boro.

The case will be heard in January when the legal position and rights of the parties will be finally determined.

Married.

On Oct. 21, 1897, Mr. G. Claude Loder, formerly of Jacksonville, Walker Twp., and Miss Dora Menger, of Glen Richie, Clearfield county, Pa., were married at Olean, N. Y. Mr. Loder is a son of R. B. Loder, and is a promising and energetic young man.

Death in Central City.

On the morning of the 27th, Mary Margaret, the little infant daughter of James H. and Alice M. Weaver, of Central City, passed away at the home of her parents. The little one was only 14 months old and death was due to catarrhal fever.

SCHOLARSHIP CONCLUDED

A Large Number of Votes Polled on Saturday.

RESULT OF THE LAST COUNT

Miss Ida Showers was first and Miss Violetta Wolf second—Both Will be given Scholarships for the Winter Term—Their Portraits will Appear Next Week.

On Saturday evening The Centre Democrat scholarship for a term in the State Normal, at Lock Haven, Pa., closed.

An unusual large number of votes were cast during the last few days, and on Saturday the voting was as lively about this office as a contest at a democratic primary election in the South Ward when the boys have their war paint on.

From all parts of the county ballots came pouring in by mail, until the ballot box was packed that they had to be pounded in.

The two judges, Messrs Wm. T. Royer and W. Harrison Walker, Esq., found a task before them in making the last and final count which required several hours. This was done privately in the Treasurer's office at the Court House.

THE RESULT.

At 7 p. m. the following bulletin was issued announcing the result:

Miss Ida Showers 2784
Miss Violetta Wolf 1370

W. T. ROYER.
W. HARRISON WALKER.

It is remarkable how close the vote was, out of over 19000 ballots. Taken all together there were at least 22000 votes cast during the contest. That indicates that the public took an interest in the scholarship and appreciated our efforts in this direction.

The Lock Haven State Normal, without a doubt, is one of the best in the state. Its buildings are new and spacious. The equipment is modern and complete.

The faculty is one of the best instructors, who have had experience in educational fields and we know that Miss Showers and Miss Wolf will make good use of the opportunity that will be afforded them to attend this institution.

We are sorry that all who entered this contest can not be awarded a Scholarship. But THE CENTRE DEMOCRAT is by no means a U. S. mint where boodle is easily coined, or a Klondike gold operation where wealth is dug up in scoops and fortunes realized in a day, so we must be content with our humble efforts.

Messrs W. T. Royer and W. Harrison Walker, Esq., made a careful count of the vote, and we are glad to say everyone is satisfied that the same is true and correct. We are indebted to these gentlemen for their services and at an early date it is our intention to present each with a rich claim in the Klondike region. Mr. Royer is Deputy Treasurer of Centre county, and will be kept busy for several years handling the county funds, and an increasing legal practice and many social functions of our friend W. Harrison Walker will absorb his entire time, so that we fear they may not profit by our generous disposition. They will please accept our thanks for efficient services rendered.

At the beginning of the contest The Centre Democrat announced that it would give away a free Scholarship to the Lock Haven State Normal for the Winter term, also tuition free to the person next highest. As the contest narrowed down between Miss Showers and Miss Wolf, two very deserving young ladies, the publisher of this paper has concluded to send both. Thus all should be satisfactory.

Death of Adam Nearhood.

Adam Nearhood, of Centre Hall, died Sunday 24th. His funeral took place Wednesday morning and was conducted by the Masons, assisted by the I. O. O. F., and G. A. R., in all of which orders the deceased had been an active member for many years.

With the death of Adam Nearhood the old soldier's column is reduced by one. Within about one year Samuel Shannon post of Centre Hall has lost six of its number by death, namely: James McCleathan, Col. Andrew G. Gregg, Wm. W. Horner, Philip Flory, Maj. Jerry Shreffler and Adam Nearhood.

LOVE-MAKING STATISTICS.

How the Young Man Tells the Story to the Young Woman.

Statistics are at present being collected on almost every conceivable subject. What do you think of a scholar who has actually thought it worth his while to collect statistics in regard to the manner in which men and women made love to each other? He has spent considerable time over this delicate work and now at last informs the world how the men, as a rule, propose to the women, and how the women, as a rule, accept the proposals of the men.

According to the scholar, the number of young men who embrace their sweethearts at the moment when they are inviting them to become their wives amounts to 36 per cent. On the other hand, 67 per cent. of the men in love kiss their sweethearts on the lips at the critical moment, while 4 per cent, shower kisses on their hair and 2 per cent. content themselves with kissing their hands.

At one time it was the fashion for love intoxicated youths to fall on their knees when about to make proposals of marriage, but this fashion is evidently dying out, for we are assured that only 3 per cent. of those in love at present fall on one knee, while only 2 per cent. venture to sue for their ladies' favor on both knees. A curious reason has been assigned for the decadence of this chivalrous custom, which is that of late years the nether garments of males have been so constructed that it is rather risky for a man to flop down suddenly on his knees in a lady's presence. Garments, when strained, will rip and tear, and no self-respecting lover desires to have his act of adoration turned into a farce by any such casualty.

On the other hand wooers of to-day seem to be far more nervous than the gallant men who wooed and won a century ago. Just fancy, 20 per cent. of the lovers of to-day are awfully nervous when the decisive moment comes, and in the throat of each mother's son of them there seems to be huge lump, which it is impossible for them to swallow. How they got over this difficulty heaven only knows. Somehow the lump disappears after they have struggled with it a minute or two, after which it is to be hoped that their agony is at an end.

The behavior of the young women is similarly remarkable. When the men invite them to share their homes they by no means all act alike. Eighty-one out of every hundred fall without a word into the outstretched arms of their chosen ones and so very easily put an end to a rather embarrassing, if otherwise very becomingly, and in maidenly fashion shrink away as though frightened at their companions' boldness: one out of every hundred—possibly more, possibly less, says the statistician—falls on a sofa as though about to faint, and 4 per cent. are really astonished at receiving proposals of marriage.

On the other hand eighty out of every hundred know very well what the men have come for, and hence they are not taken unaware, and they behave just as they should behave on such a momentous occasion. Furthermore, 60 per cent. look their wooers boldly in the eyes, evidently with the idea of still further bewitching them, or of relieving them from their apparent embarrassment. Curious facts these, but the most curious fact of all is that one maiden out of every hundred runs away before the young man has finished his pretty love tale, with the object of telling the good news to her girl friends.

Big Fight Between Physicians.

Dr. W. H. Libbey, of Boston, came to Williamsport last week with the avowed intention of practicing his profession. Some time ago while in that city the local physicians instituted legal proceedings against him. Drs. C. W. Youngman and W. W. Hull again had him arrested on the charge of practicing medicine contrary to law. Immediately after his arrest Dr. Libbey had Drs. Youngman and Hull arrested, claiming damages to the amount of \$50,000. The Bulletin says: This is the fifth time Dr. Libbey has been arrested by the local physicians and in the combined cases he is under bail to the amount of \$2,100. Those pushing the prosecution also threaten to arrest the doctor each day, as long as he remains in town. This also makes the fifth damage suit, brought by the doctor, the aggregate damages claimed summing up to \$225,000. Dr. Libbey is determined to continue practicing in this city, and the fight between the local physicians and the doctor, as to whether or not he can legally practice in this city, grows more and more bitter each day.

Died at Wadole.

Owen Thomas, aged twenty-five years, of near Wadole's, died with typhoid fever and rheumatism, on Tuesday evening 26th. He was a son of David Thomas and unmarried.