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## OUR HISTORICAL REVIEW

### Proclamations Issued to Capture Indian Murderers

### TWO LAWLESS CHARACTERS

Stump and Ironcutter Who Caused Much Trouble—Brief Sketch of a Noted Indian Missionary in this Section—Rev. Brainerd.

XXXII.

The following messages we give by way of appendix, including Proclamation I and II of Gov. John Penn as being of interest and applying to this section of the state. Middle creek, mentioned in these proclamations, is in Snyder county, and the murders were committed near Middleburg, of which we gave a complete account in an earlier chapter. Also a brief biography of Rev. Brainerd from whose interesting diary as a missionary among the Indians we compiled chapters 30 and 31:

#### PROCLAMATION.

Whereas, it appears by a deposition, this day taken, before the chief justice of this province, that on Sunday, the 10th day of this month, a certain Frederick Stump, a German of Penn's township, in the county of Cumberland, did, in violation of the public faith, and in defiance of all law, inhumanly and wickedly kill, without any provocation, four Indian men, and two Indian women, in his own house, near the mouth of Middle creek, in the said county; and that the said Frederick Stump went the next day to an Indian cabin, about 14 miles up the said creek, and there barbarously put to death, and burnt an Indian woman, two girls and a young child.

And, whereas, not only common justice loudly demands, but the laws of the land and the preservation of the public faith of treaties with the several Indian nations require that the most speedy and vigorous exertions of the civil authority should be made, in order to secure, and bring to condign punishment, an offender that hath perpetrated so audacious and cruel an act on Indians, who, for several months past, have lived near the frontiers of this province in a friendly and quiet manner, and have at all times, since the establishment of the general peace with the Indians in 1764, behaved themselves peaceably and inoffensively to all his majesty's subjects.

I have, therefore, by and with the advice of the council, thought fit to issue this proclamation, and do hereby strictly charge and command all judges, and justices, sheriffs, constables, officers civil and military, and all other of his Majesty's faithful subjects within this province, to make diligent search and enquiry after the said Frederick Stump; and that they use all possible means to apprehend and secure him in one of the public jails of this province, to be proceeded against according to law. And I do hereby promise and engage, that any person or persons, who shall apprehend and secure the said Frederick Stump, so that he be brought to conviction, shall have and receive the public reward of two hundred pounds.

Given under my hand, and the great seal of the said province, at Philadelphia, the 19th of January, 1765.

#### II PROCLAMATION.

Whereas, a number of armed men, unlawfully assembled, did, on Friday, the 29th of January last, forcibly enter the jail at Carlisle, in Cumberland county, and, in defiance of all laws, rescue from thence the persons of Frederick Stump and John Ironcutter, who had been apprehended and committed there, for the murder of ten Indians, on Middle creek, and have since set them at liberty.

And, whereas, the measures hitherto pursued for retaking the said Stump and Ironcutter, have proved ineffectual; and there is reason to believe that the murderers are either concealed within this province, or have made their escape to some of the neighboring colonies.

And, whereas, it is absolutely necessary in the present critical situation of affairs, for the preservation of the peace and friendship subsisting between his Majesty's subjects and the several Indian nations; and as it is highly expedient for the discouragement of such atrocious crimes, that the said Frederick Stump and John Ironcutter should be brought to exemplary punishment.

I have, therefore, with the advice of the council, thought fit to issue this, my second proclamation, hereby strictly charging and commanding all judges, justices, sheriffs, constables, and the civil and military officers, as well as all other subjects within this government, to make diligent search and enquiry after the said Frederick Stump and John Ironcutter, and to use all possible means for apprehending and securing them, that they may be proceeded against accord-

ing to law. And as an encouragement for bringing the said offenders to justice, I do hereby promise and engage, that any person or persons, who shall apprehend and secure the said Frederick Stump and John Ironcutter, so that they may be prosecuted to conviction, shall have and receive, as public reward for Frederick Stump, two hundred pounds, current money; and for John Ironcutter, one hundred pounds.

Given under my hand and seal of the said province, at Philadelphia, the 16th of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty-eight, and in the eighth year of his Majesty's reign.

By his Honor's command.

JOHN PENN.

Joseph Shippen, Jr., Secretary.  
[God save the King.]

REV. DAVID BRAINERD.

The subject of this notice was born at Haddam, Connecticut, April 20, 1718. His mind was early impressed with the importance of religion. After preparatory studies he became a member of Yale College in 1739, where he was distinguished for application and general correctness of conduct. He was expelled from this institution in 1742, in consequence of having said, that one of the tutors was as devoid of grace as a chair. In the spring of 1742, he began the study of divinity, and at the end of July was licensed to preach. Having received from the society, for propagating Christian knowledge, an appointment as missionary to the Indians, he commenced his labors at Kaunameek, a village of Massachusetts, situated between Stockbridge and Albany. He remained there about twelve months, and on the removal of the Kaunameeks to Stockbridge, he turned his attention towards the Delaware Indians.

In 1744 he was ordained at Newark, N. J., and fixed his residence near the forks of the Delaware and Lehigh rivers, Pennsylvania, where he remained about a year. From this place he removed to Crosswekking, in N. J., where his efforts among the Indians were commenced with success.

In the summer of 1745 and 1746, he visited the Indians on the Susquehanna, at Duncan's Island, at Shamokin, and on the West Branch. On his return in September he found himself worn out. His health was so much impaired, that he was able to preach but little more. Being advised in the spring of 1747 to travel in New England, he went as far as Boston, and returned in July to Northampton, where he passed the remainder of his days. He died October 9th, 1747, aged twenty-nine years.

### KILLED AS THEY SLEPT.

Two Lock Haven Young Men Mangled by the Cars.

Harry Croak and Edward McLain, of Lock Haven, were killed near Nisbet Station early Monday morning.

Harry Croak was the son of Michael Croak, and Edward McLain was the son of John McLain.

The bodies of the young men were found at 4.18 Monday morning by track walker W. S. Forney. At the coroner's inquest the watchmen of the Linden railroad bridge stated that he saw Croak and McLain about midnight and they inquired of him where they could get on a train.

It is probable that they were warming themselves at the Nisbet cinder dump and fell asleep upon the track. It was shortly after one o'clock when the east-bound train struck them, but the fact that an accident had happened was unknown to the trainmen until the train reached Northumberland. There blood and a man's shirt was found on the engine pilot.

### Mobbed the Paymaster.

J. O. Reed, of Phillipsburg, the new general manager of the "Wopsy" railroad, had another exciting experience with the foreigners employed as track hands last week. In company with his paymaster he went up the mountain to settle the wage claims. Handing the men the money due them up to August 1st, he was about to board the train when the foreigners bore down upon him demanding that they be paid to Sept. 1st. Not being able to explain to the understanding of the men that all the crews were being paid only to August 1st, but able to understand the intentions of the track hands toward him, Reed produced private funds and settled the claims in full. When other employees of the road learned the trackmen had been paid to Sept. 1st, they deluged Reed with similar claims.

### Woodsmen Going West.

A representative of Ireland Brothers, a lumbering firm operating in Colorado, is engaging Clinton county woodsmen to go west, agreeing to pay \$2.50 per day. At Westport sixteen men agreed to go to Colorado and work for the Messrs. Ireland and will start for that place next Monday.

## VETERANS' ANNUAL PICNIC

Held at Pine Grove Mills and was Largely Attended.

### FUNDS FOR THE MONUMENT

Over \$21,000 are now Assured—Effort will be made to Secure \$35,000—Prominent Speakers Present—At Hecla Park next year.

The veterans' reunion at Pine Grove Mills, on Saturday last, was one of the most successful and pleasant yet held by the old soldier boys. The day was fine, the attendance quite large, and the grove large and convenient to the railroad station. Many tables were spread with the best for a good feast and the hospitality of the community was royal and all visitors were provided for with all to satisfy the inner man. The interest taken by Capt. W. H. Fry did much for the success of the reunion; the Captain and his estimable wife provided their large table with free seats for any of the scores they invited to partake of a royal dinner and among those to get away with a good portion of it was the writer. There was the same measure of hospitality by other families.

General Beaver, president of the Veteran Club, presided and delivered an appropriate address in the forenoon. The next annual reunion of the club will be held at Hecla Park in September, 1902.

President Beaver, after dinner, read the report of the Soldiers-Curtin Monument Committee, showing the most satisfactory condition of the financial status of the monument fund from appropriations by the state, county, Veteran's Club, and private subscriptions. Efforts will be made to obtain further sums, and the assurance is given that the Centre county soldiers' monument will be one of the finest in the state.

Addresses were delivered by Hon. Geo. W. Atherton, Senator W. C. Heinle, Rev. John Harpster, Gen. James A. Beaver, D. F. Fortney and others. After speaking the veterans had their pictures taken in a group.

The Association realized \$310.00 from the day's proceedings.

Officers re-elected were: President, Gen. James A. Beaver; vice presidents, W. H. Fry and W. C. Patterson; secretary, Henry Musser; assistant secretary, S. B. Miller; treasurer, G. M. Boal.

A resolution was passed thanking Senator Wm. C. Heinle for his efforts in securing the passage of an act appropriating \$10,000 by the state for the monument fund, and also thanking Governor Stone for his approval of the same.

The substance of the report made by General Beaver in reference to the monument fund was:

#### FOR SOLDIERS' MONUMENT:

Cash on hand	\$1,000.00
Subscription Veteran Club	1,000.00
Subscription from others	1,000.00
	\$3,000.00

#### FOR CURTIN MEMORIAL:

Cash on hand	\$ 300.00
Money on interest	2,700.00
Subscriptions	200.00
	\$3,200.00

That makes a total of \$6,200.75 assured by this organization, which along with the \$10,000 from the state and \$5,000 from the county aggregates over \$21,000. The purpose is to raise not less than \$30,000 and if possible \$35,000. The design has not been approved and that too will partly determine the cost.

### Suit Involving Millions.

President Judge O. P. Bechtel has set down September 17th as the date when the famous Moser case involving millions of dollars, will be tried in the Schuylkill county court. John G. Johnson and other Philadelphia lawyers have been engaged in the case. The suit involves the title to land comprising nearly the entire borough of Tamaqua, and also valuable coal lands on which the Lehigh Valley Coal Company has seven collieries. If the plaintiffs win over 500 families will lose their homes.

This is the case in which the Centre county Mosers (Mussers) claim an interest, and as it involves many millions they would get big fat slices if they win—but that "if."

### Grace Lawrence Free.

After being out nearly seven hours the jury in the retrial of Grace Lawrence, on the charge of conspiring to defraud D. H. Huffman, returned a verdict of not guilty and placed the costs on the county in court at Williamsport, Wednesday of last week. At the first trial she was found guilty of blackmail and conspiracy. The admitted unconstitutionality of the blackmail law confined this trial to conspiracy, and it was left for the jury to decide whether the defendant's sworn confession, implicating others, on which the prosecution depended, was obtained by duress.

## PRESIDENT WILL RECOVER.

His Condition Very Encouraging—Physicians are Hopeful.

We doubt if any readers of the Centre Democrat in the remotest districts were not aware, days ago, of the villainous attempt at Buffalo, last Friday to take the life of President McKinley. The startling news was flashed over the wires that evening and since then apparently the only topic of interest is as to whether the wounded president will recover from the dangerous wounds inflicted by the assassin's bullet.

On the second page we give a complete account of the assassination and other matters incident thereto, with a careful report of the president's condition to Tuesday morning. Up to that time there was a grave period of uncertainty and those in attendance were on the alert for the appearance of any alarming symptoms, but thus far all indications are for a sure and speedy recovery. Tuesday the president was much improved and was in a cheerful mood. Owing to the ball passing through the stomach no nourishment was given by the mouth, only by enema, but it was decided to give liquid food on Wednesday so that the organs of digestion would resume the normal functions. For the present no effort will be made to remove the ball lodged in the back as it may never cause any trouble there. The views of all the attending physicians on Tuesday were exceedingly hopeful.

#### AFTER ANARCHISTS.

The assassin being a boastful anarchist and an admirer of the teachings of Emma Goldman, the authorities in all sections of the country are tracing and tracking all anarchists. Many well known anarchists in different cities have been placed under arrest and on Tuesday Emma Goldman was detected in Chicago and will have charges preferred against her as being an accomplice in the assassination.

Public sentiment against anarchists is at a high pitch, and as a result many sensational stories are afloat about plots formed to kill public officials, much of which we believe is without foundation.

#### Game in Season.

Grey, black and fox squirrels can be killed from October 15th to December 15th inclusive. Penalty \$10. Red or pine squirrels are not protected.

Ducks, geese, brant, swans and snipe can be killed from September 1st to May 1st. Boats propelled by sail or steam are forbidden.

Rail and reed birds can be killed during the months of September, October, and November.

Rabbits can be killed from November 1st to December 15th inclusive. Penalty \$10.

Deer can be killed during the month of November, and but two deer in one season by any one person. Penalty \$100. Pheasants, wild turkey, quail, and woodcock can be killed from October 15th to December 15th. Penalty \$10. Woodcock can also be shot during the month of July.

It is unlawful to kill in one day more than to pheasants, 15 quail or to woodcocks, or two wild turkeys. Penalty \$50. The purchase or sale of pheasants, quail, woodcock, wild turkey, and deer is prohibited. Penalty \$25.

### Copper On Muncy Creek.

The discovery of a vein of copper near Tivoli has created no little stir along Muncy Creek. Smith, Cunrod & Burrows, a Philadelphia firm, recently acquired some leases on land in the vicinity of Tivoli, and as a result of their prospecting a vein of copper ore of from three to four feet in thickness has been found. This vein was struck in a small tunnel being driven into the side of the hill, at a depth of twenty-five feet. The ore is reported to assay sixty-seven per cent. pure copper, a high yield.

### Millinburg Boy Missing.

The parents of Paul Kleckner, of Millinburg, are extremely anxious to learn something about the boy's whereabouts. The boy left home on Monday morning to attend the K. G. E. reunion in Danville. He is a young man about twenty years of age and a barber by occupation. Their alarm increased on Tuesday when the day passed and he did not put in an appearance. Search was made in all towns in that section of the state, without any trace of him.

### Permission Granted.

The railroad officials Friday gave their consent to give Lock Haven gentlemen the privilege of making a race track on the field below that city. Saturday Charles Ball staked off the track and on Monday the shovelers and scrapers were put to work. The track will be leveled in the lower portion of the show field and it will require about ten days or two weeks to finish the work.

If a young king went to school the teacher wouldn't dare shake the ruler.

## VARIETY OF COUNTY NEWS

Items of Interest Gathered From All Sections.

### SHORT AND TO THE POINT

What Transpired Worthy of Brief Mention, the Past Week—News From Over the County—For Hasty Readers—A New Department.

Our streams have again fallen to their low mark.

Typhoid fever cases are reported from different localities in the county.

Phillip Ertel has a corn stalk in his garden at Howard that measures 16 feet in height.

Emanuel Kerstetter, of Penn township, boasts of a corn stalk measuring 13 feet 8 1/2 inches.

The account of a serious accident at Huston station will be found in the Nittany items.

I. B. Showers, the past 18 months residing at Lock Haven, last week moved back to Spring Mills.

Mrs. Mame McCormick, of Columbia, S. C., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Meyer, at Centre Hall.

The district Sunday school convention of Lutheran church was held at Gatesburg, on Monday, September 9th.

The grange encampment is ready for campers and some will occupy tents by end of the week. Preaching in the auditorium on Sunday.

Jacob Mann, of Marsh Creek, while threshing last week fell through the mow and the thresher caught his leg and tore the shoe off his foot.

A four months' old son of Craig Hunter, of near Hunter's Park, died Friday of cholera infantum. Interment at Meyer's cemetery Saturday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Sankey, of Wichita, Kan., are visiting at the home of Hon. Leonard Rhone, east of Centre Hall. Mr. Sankey is attorney at the Wichita bar.

Edward Mincer, of Mill Hall, and Miss Ida M. Johnson, of Zion, were married last Thursday evening, August 29, at the Presbyterian parsonage, by Rev. F. L. Brown.

John P. Condo, in unloading a roll of carpet from a dray wagon in front of his store in Millheim, accidentally threw it against the large plate glass window and broke it.

A six year old child of Ed. W. Boob, living on the Gilliland farm near Potters Mills, was run over by a horse last week, while alone near the barn, and received injuries about the head and face of a serious nature.

J. L. Frantz, of Nittany valley, and George Gramley and Daniel Wirth, of Loganton, went to New Berlin on Monday 2nd, where they have entered Central Penn'a College to prepare themselves for the ministry.

On Friday, Aug. 30, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gray, of South Phillipsburg, went to Martha to attend the Williams reunion. On Saturday, the day the reunion was held, their little three-months child was suddenly taken ill and died.

Thursday morning Newell McCalmont and Hamill Holmes fell from a scaffold in the rear of the Pearce home at State College and Mr. McCalmont was considerably hurt. No bones were broken as could be ascertained at first, but the spine was severely sprained.

One of the linemen of the W. T. & T. company, while at work in the narrows below Woodward, was knocked a distance of ten feet by an electric shock received while holding two wires in his hands. He was unconscious for some time, but soon recovered and went to work again.

While farmer John Fiedler, of Sugar valley, was hauling a load of potatoes from his field Thursday, a swarm of bees came along and fastened themselves to the coupling pole of the wagon. The bees hung to the pole until a large basket was secured when the farmer captured the whole swarm and now has them safely hived.

At the last term of court Harry Kessinger, of Hublersburg, pled guilty to betrayal and went to jail. On Wednesday of last week Miss Ida Foltz, of the same place, the plaintiff in the case, came to Bellefonte and after terms of reconciliation had been made Mr. Kessinger and Miss Foltz went before Squire Keichline and were united in happy wedlock.

#### IN ADJOINING COUNTIES.

The Pennsylvania railroad is going to do the handsome thing by our neighboring town of Clearfield and give them, after many years of waiting, a big passenger station built of brown stone and brick, 60 feet front.

Harry Crook and Edward McClain, of

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## FACT, FUN AND FANCY.

Bright Sparkling Paragraphs—Selected and Original.

When you're in danger, pretty maid,  
Of being kissed, no trace  
Of fear should ever be displayed.  
Go meet such danger unafraid,  
And meet it face to face!

Love poems should always be bound in calf.

One way to have a housewarming is to put in lots of coal.

Truth is the very best hammer with which to nail a lie.

What's the use of buying trouble when you can borrow it?

Is it the place of a bell boy to run at the call of the belles?

It's peculiar that the product of the still makes men noisy.

A good mirror tells the truth no matter on whom it reflects.

Spinsters probably love cats because cats are not afraid of mice.

A pretty young dressmaker may be even nicer than she seems.

Morn is the earliest riser. She knows when to be up and dawning.

A double-faced person has twice the check of some other people.

As a rule the man who gets in a pickle doesn't look well preserved.

Misfortune usually come in pairs, but the first one came in apples.

The proper age at which a girl should get married is the parsonage.

It's queer that people haven't any confidence in confidence men.

The lawyer doesn't believe that every man is entitled to his opinion.

What done can never be undone, especially if it's a sirlion steak.

Even after working hours the electrician may have some sparring to do.

Bed quilts are mentioned in the Bible. At least, we have heard about Job's comforters.

You may know a woman like a book, but her lips prevent her being a sealed volume.

If you don't make hay while the sun shines you won't cut much ice when it freezes.

To a heart sick person there is nothing more nourishing than the milk of human kindness.

Would you consider a woman whose mind was on her new sack in church, sack religious?

A New Jersey man was recently fined \$10 in a police court for sleeping in a church. The clergyman wasn't even arrested.

A philosopher says it is an easy matter to tell what kind of wheels a man has in his head by the spokes that come from his mouth.

### Under One Umbrella Now.

The following escaped our attention last week:

The Buffalo Express publishes the following Pan-American romance, of which a former Hollidaysburg lady is the heroine: "After an estrangement that continued for fourteen years, and which was the result of a lovers' quarrel, G. P. Norris, of Bellefonte Pa., and Miss Oelia Moughmer were married Tuesday afternoon in Mayor Diehl's private office by his honor. Miss Moughmer's home was in Hollidaysburg, Pa. She had not seen her lover since they quarreled, many years ago, until last Sunday evening, when she was visiting the Pan-American and met him by accident on the plaza in front of the electric tower. They made up on the spot, and are now on a wedding trip up the lakes. The bridegroom is 42 years old and the bride 34." We have asked a number of parties about the groom but as yet have been unable to locate him. Who knows him?

### Womens Department.

The lady readers of the Centre Democrat will find a new department in this issue, on page 6, that will be of special interest to them. In the future we will aim to supply that department with articles relating to the home and household, fashions and other suggestions. We realize that we have many readers among the ladies and their tastes have been rather overlooked. Just as to what that department will contain can not be definitely outlined, but will be of special interest to the fair sex.

### Accused of Packing a Jury.

William F. Daley, postmaster of DuBois under Cleveland, whose name was recently mentioned as being connected with the fraudulent jury drawn for the December, 1890, term of Quarter Sessions Court, for which crime Millard F. Johnson was indicted and pleaded guilty, was arrested, charged with conspiring to commit that crime and aiding Johnson to escape. The charges are made by Johnson's brother, at Clearfield.

### County Commissioners Meeting.

Centre county Commissioners' Meyer, Heckman and Miller and their clerk, Boyd A. Musser, are just now very busy making arrangements for the fifteenth annual convention of the State Association of County Commissioners of Pennsylvania, which is to be held at Bellefonte on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, September 24th, 25th and 26th.