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## OUR HISTORICAL VIEW

Interesting Article by S. B. Row, of Philipsburg.

### DAVID LEWIS THE ROBBER

Some of the Thrilling Adventures of this Noted Highwayman—Numerous Arrests and Escapes From Jail—A Daring Character

In a recent issue a short sketch was published of Lewis and Connelly, the famous highwaymen. That article attracted the attention of S. B. Row, of Philipsburg, who gives us a more extended sketch of this noted character. Written in a pleasing and entertaining style.

The adventures of highwaymen have always been a source of fascination to both authors and readers. Josephus refers to them in the account he gives of Abraham sending "the ancientest of his servants to betroth Rebecca for a wife to his son Isaac." He says the messenger on his journey had "to pass through Mesopotamia in which it was tedious traveling, both in winter for the depth of the snow, and in summer for want of water, and besides this for the robberies there committed, which are not to be avoided by travelers but by caution beforehand." Writers of Grecian history make mention of Procrustes, a celebrated highwayman infesting the mountains of ancient Attica, who laid all captives on an iron bed he kept for that purpose, and in order to adapt them to its length, cut off their legs if they were too long, or stretched them out if they were too short. His name, it is stated, signifies "stretcher," and was derived from the latter circumstance. The historian Macaulay speaks of Hounslow Heath and Finchley Common as being the most noted spots where plunderers of this sort plied their vocation during the reign of Charles the Second. According to that eminent author, these "gentlemen of the road" were bold and skillful riders, and in some instances of quite aristocratic appearance. Claude Duval, one of the most famous highwaymen, was a French page of the Duke of Richmond, dressed in the height of fashion, and was considered a fine gallant by many of the gentler sex. Macaulay relates how he and his troop stopped a lady's coach, in which there was a treasure of four hundred pounds, nearly \$2,000 of our money, but that he took only one hundred pounds, and allowed the fair owner to ransom the rest by dancing a coranto with him on the wild, inhospitable heath.

Nearly everybody in this part of the state has heard of David Lewis, and of some of the exciting episodes in his chequered life. One of these took place in Adams county. A robbery, causing the loss of a considerable sum of money, was imputed to him. On the ensuing morning several persons started in pursuit. They overtook a well-dressed man riding a horse leisurely along the road, and asked him if he had noticed any one answering a conjectural description they gave of Lewis, whom neither had ever seen. A negative answer was given, and as they were going in the same direction, the stranger accompanied them a considerable distance on what turned out a fruitless search for the supposed offender. A few days later they were surprised to learn by a letter that their genial companion was the man they had been hunting, and that he was anxious to know if they were well pleased with his appearance and conduct. At another time he went to an isolated cabin in Mifflin county, possibly to extort some kind of plunder, but when the door was opened by an elderly lady who showed signs of distress, he asked what was wrong, and being told that a constable was coming to take her cow for arrears of rent, he gave her twenty dollars, with instructions to take a receipt when she paid it. Lewis then went a short distance from the cabin, and awaiting the return of the officer, with a pistol in hand, not only recovered his own money but a larger sum which the constable had in his possession. In this way the poor woman had her rent liquidated, as well as a surplus of several dollars, and the considerate highwayman reimbursed himself with a percentage of profit that would doubtless satisfy the most greedy money-lender of the present time.

David Lewis was born in Carlisle, Pa., on the 4th of March, 1790. His parents were poor but respectable. In 1793 the family removed to Northumberland county, where the father of David was appointed a deputy district surveyor, which position he held until the time of his death, several years later. David continued to live with his mother until 1807, when he enlisted with a military squad at Bellefonte, but being "clobbered" or some offence he deserted and ran

## METHODIST CONFERENCE.

The Swallow Case Develops Several Sensations.

This week the Methodists of Central Pennsylvania have taken possession of our town, as the session of Conference is now in progress in the M. E. church at this place. It is a large gathering and with it comes a great many visitors. This is the third time within a score of years that body has assembled at this place.

Tuesday evening was the first event and was devoted to a Temperance Anniversary. Wednesday morning Conference was formally organized with Bishop John M. Walden, presiding. When the roll was called 200 ministers responded. Rev. T. S. Wilcox was chosen Secretary; Rev. Conway W. Dickson, Statistical Secretary; Rev. John Harning, Treasurer. Next came the reports of the presiding elders, etc. Space will not enable us to give this in detail.

The distinguished Dr. Silas Swallow, the fighting parson of Harrisburg, is here with stenographers and counsel for his trial on the charge of lying, etc., preferred against him by Rev. C. V. Hartzell. The matter came before Conference at 11 a. m. Wednesday, when Conference entered into executive session for an hour, then recess and another session. It was a stormy time in which a half dozen would be trying to hold the floor and heated discussions ensued. Swallow lost the first point, when he contended for an investigation before open Conference. Next he insisted that the committee be selected, as to seniority. The matter was finally adjusted by each selecting two members and they choose the fifth member who will arrange details and select fifteen members from Conference to sit in the trial as jurors.

The next surprise was sprung when Dr. Swallow preferred sensational charges against his accusers as follows:

REV. C. V. HARTZELL—lying, defamation of character, inciting to riot, slander and libel and attempt at bribery.

DR. E. H. YOCUM, presiding elder, of Harrisburg, district—lying, dishonest and fraudulent dealing, corrupt partisan and negligent administration of his office as presiding elder, and libel.

DR. J. WESLEY HILL, pastor of the Grace M. E. church, Harrisburg—perjury (that while at Ogden, Utah, he secured money from that church by false pretense and used it to pay life insurance pretending that it was for the church and offered affidavits of church officials to prove it), lying, dishonest and fraudulent dealings, circulating slanderous libels, negligent and partisan administration, as a pastor.

All the above charges are set out clearly under specifications and with much detail. The above is only a brief summary of Dr. Swallow's severe arraignment of his accusers. These charges were referred to the same committee for investigation. The committee of five were at work last evening endeavoring to select the committee of fifteen so that this matter can be gotten under headway at once as they realize there is a large and important task before them.

From this it will seem that Dr. Swallow will endeavor to purify the standing of some members of Conference by the scorching process. It is evident that these "brethren of the Gospel" can not "dwell together in peace."

## TROLLED FOR A WILDCAT.

And Landed the Fierce Animal on Platform of Caboose.

Conductor Hubbard of the Delaware and Hudson road has made a novel record as a troller. For a week or two the trainmen have noticed a big wildcat in the vicinity of Fairview, Pa., and several times the crew discharged revolvers at it from the caboose, but the alert cat just "winked the other eye" and skurried into the laurel bushes. Then a bright idea struck Conductor Hubbard. He had a Carbondale blacksmith make a big iron hook. This he baited with a chicken and attached a piece of bell cord to it. When the train was going down the heavy grade, on Monday night, Conductor Hubbard hung the line from the rear end of the caboose, keeping the chicken a few inches above the track.

When the train was rounding a sharp curve the wildcat suddenly sprang from behind a pile of railroad ties and seized the chicken. Hubbard gave a hard, quick pull, and in a moment the screaming, struggling cat was upon the platform. After a severe struggle the trainmen killed the beast with a hatchet and a crowbar. It weighed 50 pounds. Hubbard will collect the scalp bounty from the county and have the hide made into a coat to wear when hunting in the mountains next winter.

These republicans are making a great deal of fuss over the selection of a candidate for Governor. Thus far Elkins has been sweeping everything in sight, for the reason the Quay machine wants him. He will make another governor like Stone. In order to fool the people like patches are sent out that Quay does not want Elkins and favors Cameron. That is all a bluff.

## SMALLPOX IN THE COUNTY

New Cases at Rebersburg and Millheim.

### NO FATALITIES REPORTED.

Strict Quarantine Being Observed—no Smallpox at Zion, Illness Due to Vaccination—Excitement at Eagleville Also.

Centre county has had a genuine smallpox scare the past two weeks and there is some occasion for the public being alarmed. The situation is not as bad as the various reports would make it, which is natural in such a condition, as no one wants to take any chances or be exposed to the disease. From careful inquiry we believe we can give our readers pretty near the correct state of affairs in regard to the various parts of the county that are supposed to be infected.

### TWO NEW CASES AT REBERSBURG.

Down in Miles township the Frank home near Rebersburg is still the object of much concern as the seven victims of the disease, which were reported in our last issue, are all there. The condition of the different patients is considered satisfactory, with the exception of Hon. Willis Bierly who was the last to succumb to the attack. He is the one who cared for the other six for over two weeks and in that time his physical condition became impaired somewhat and for that reason the course of the disease is affecting him more severely than the others, although his recovery is considered hopeful. Since the last issue there have been two more cases reported from that section, being children of Wm. Shultz who resides a short distance from the Frank home, and in the earlier stages of the disease had been at the home where the disease broke out. The children are a boy about nine and a little girl of seven years who were taken ill on Monday and Tuesday of this week and were taken at once to the Frank home where they can be cared for by the nurse and kept from associating with others of the community.

### ONE CASE AT MILLHEIM.

When Arthur Bierly died at the Frank home Edward Winters accompanied undertaker Samuel Campbell of Millheim to that place to assist in preparing the body for burial. At that time the case was pronounced "black measles," but there was much fear of it being smallpox. They took all the precaution possible, but since then it seems that Mr. Winters became infected and the past week the young man became ill and the local physicians have pronounced his case smallpox. As a result the town is in considerable of a fright lest the disease should spread. The Millheim health authorities have quarantined the homes of Winters and of Mr. Campbell the undertaker to prevent a spread of the disease. Winters' condition is said to be satisfactory and there is every prospect of his recovery.

### A SCARE AT ZION.

During the past week there has been much excitement in this section over the report of the appearance of a case of smallpox at Zion. The facts in the case we give as told us by Dr. Fisher, who was in this office yesterday, and absolutely declares that it is a false report. On the 7th of this month Charles Rockey, who had been employed at Pitsaun, Pa., came home owing to the prevalence of that disease in that section. He is a son of Geo. Rockey, who lives near Zion and occupies one side of a double house and Christ Decker the other on the Decker farm. After he was home for a few days the family called on Dr. Fisher to vaccinate the young man and other members of the family, as well to avoid any danger. As a result of the vaccination, as is customary, he grew slightly ill, and in addition there were some slight eruptions on the boy's face. At the time the boy was vaccinated the report was spread in the community that the young man was ill with the disease, as he had come from an infected district. When the slight eruptions, ordinary pimples, appeared the Dr. was positive that they were not smallpox symptoms or even varioloid. But in order to take due precaution he notified the occupants of the house to remain separated and that they stay at home, and a notice of "supposed varioloid" was posted on the door, as a necessary precaution for the safety of the community. In a few days these symptoms all disappeared, and now Dr. Fisher states that the young man is absolutely well. All that ailed him was illness due to the vaccination. The Dr. feels somewhat concerned about the various reports afloat that he was trifling, or trying to conceal the true nature of the disease. He is positive in what he states, and called to have us publish these facts so that the unfounded rumors

afoat will not be taken seriously, any longer.

### SCARE AT EAGLEVILLE.

Eagleville was considerably excited the past week by the appearance of persons exposed to smallpox. Orrin Stover and wife returned from a lumber camp near Reynoldsville in which one of the workmen developed a bad case. Mr. and Mrs. Stover had charge of the camp and were exposed to the case. Before the camp was quarantined they left and went to Eagleville stopping at the Stover house, their former home, now occupied as a boarding house by Mrs. Linn, a widow. The school directors of Liberty township, on authority from the health officers in Bellefonte, quarantined all in the Stover house to await developments. The children of those who had called at the house were hastily sent home from school. Those who were exposed here were uneasy and much indignation is expressed because the facts were not made public immediately. Up to this time no case developed.

### SMALLPOX AT PEMBERTON.

One Case Came to Tyrone, but was Husted Home in a Hurry.

Saturday a man named John O'Connell, who is aged 38 years, came to Tyrone from Pemberton on the West bound train. He was ill, and upon landing at the depot proceeded at once to the office of Dr. G. W. Burket. Dr. Burket immediately diagnosed the case smallpox, or varioloid, and accompanied the man to the office of Dr. W. S. Musser who agreed with Dr. Burket in the opinion. Health Officer Wands was summoned who immediately provided rigs and the man was conveyed to Pemberton overnight, and having visited no other places in the town.

Officer Wands and Dr. Musser in a separate rig accompanied O'Connell to Pemberton, and upon arriving at the boarding house of the sick man, kept by John Stewart, they found another man, named John Blubell, aged 22 years suffering from smallpox in genuine form, and a little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stewart was also found ill with symptoms of the same disease quite visible. The house, containing five men, three women and four children, was quarantined at once, and two watches, one for daylight and one for night, put upon it.

When Officer Wands put the quarantine upon the house one of the men in the place, by the use of a liberal amount of profanity declared that he was not going to be penned up in the house, and proceeded to walk away. The officer explained to him that he could neither release himself or be released, but he persisted in walking away. Finally the officer saw that more summary means would have to be employed to enforce his orders, so he thumped him two or three telling blows from the right shoulder. This had the desired effect, and the obstreperous gentleman laid himself down on the floor of the house to take a rest and nurse himself back to comfort, for the blows he received were causing him considerable pain.

### Dog Kills Herd of Pet Deer.

A wolf hound burrowed under the fence which enclosed a herd of 10 handsome deer in Lakemont Park, a summer resort near Altoona, and throttled the entire herd. Flora, a fine doe, which has been regarded as almost a phenomenal of intelligence, was among those killed. All the animals were tame, having been in the enclosure since 1894. Flora would shake hands, beg for food with nods of her head, and do many other things which endeared her to thousands of children from all parts of the State who had visited the park.

### Killed in His Own Sawmill.

Jacob T. Glasgow, 49 years old, of Bellefonte, a contractor, was found dead in his own sawmill, one mile west of Bellefonte, on the 19th. He was engaged in adjusting the machinery preparatory to putting in a lathe mill, when he was caught in the belting around the neck, carried to the ceiling and strangled to death. No one was with him. He had been dead several hours when found. He is survived by his parents, four brothers and five sisters.

### Whirled Around a Shaft.

George Butler, a pressman at the Lock Haven sewer pipe works, met with painful injuries last Thursday while at work in the factory. His clothing caught on a shaft and he was whirled around until most of his clothing was torn off. Two of his ribs were broken; his left arm between the elbow and shoulder was also broken. He was, besides, badly bruised about the body.

It is cheaper to pay \$1 in advance for the Centre Democrat than to borrow it 52 times a year from your neighbor.

## 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

A pension of \$17 a month has been granted to Oscar L. Rank, of Philipsburg.

Dr. John F. Harter is confined to his home at State College with a bad case of bilious fever.

Dorry Swisher, of Huston township, fell from a load of props at Julian, and had his arm broken above the elbow.

A fire escape was put up at the Syracuse House, Howard, last week. It leads from an upper story window to the porch roof.

At Shingletown, store keeper Mahon is selling off at cost, to quit the business to engage in poultry and stock raising near Altoona.

Daniel C. Grove's illness, at Zion, is from a complication of diseases; he was very ill but is better we are glad to note, and will be up in a few days.

The spring term of the Spring Mills Normal, under the direction of Prof. D. M. Wolf, will open Monday, April 14th. This school always had a large attendance.

The revival meeting that has been in progress in the M. E. church at Howard for nearly four weeks resulted in seventeen conversions and eighteen added to the church membership.

The dedication services of the Blanchard Y. M. C. A., which were announced in last week's paper, has been postponed, to April 6th, 7th and 8th on account of an unavoidable occurrence.

D. K. Mothersbaugh, of Boalsburg, will leave on the 31st of this month for the purpose of attending the Williamsport Business College. He is one of Harris township's bright young men.

Wilbur Henney and Frank Ross, of Centre Hall, went to Pittsburg and were fortunate in securing employment; Henney in the Westinghouse shops and the latter as a motorman on a street car.

Henry Comer, of Milesburg, an old soldier who is totally blind, has received the pleasing information from Congressman J. P. K. Hall that his pension has been increased from \$12 to \$30 a month.

The Methodists of Milesburg several years ago erected a very neat and cosy brick church at a cost of \$10,000. During the winter the congregation paid off the debt and are now free of all obligations.

Senator Heinle will receive the support of Clearfield for renomination, unless some favorite son asks for the honor, which is not probable. There are no Congressional candidates in the field as yet. Some of the leaders want Congressman Hall to run in the Twenty-first district, but he will hardly agree to do so.

Daniel Moore, who years ago was well known along the river as a pilot, just died at Karthaus aged 91 years, 10 months and 2 days. Mr. Moore was a great hunter in his young days when game was plenty and the deer and bear could be counted by the score. His service as a river pilot was always sought and many trips he made to the lower timber markets and walked back home before the railroads were built.

The four year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Rees, of Karthaus, was fatally burned a few days ago. The little girl and her twin sister had been left alone in the house by their mother, while she went to the barn to look after the cow. The twins were in bed and the mother supposed they were asleep, but one of them got up and found a match which she lighted. The flames caught her night dress and the greater portion of her body was burned. She died a few hours later.

Mr. Harry Meyer who was raised by the Kepharts in Benner twp. and who has been attending the Lebanon College, was married a few weeks ago to Miss Sue Brown another student at the same school. Miss Browns home is in Genesee, N. Y. and it is said her parents are quite wealthy. Mr. and Mrs. Meyers have been visiting at the Kephart home, at Fillmore and Friday they left for New York state, where they have a home already furnished and where a splendid position awaits Mr. Meyer.

### IN ADJOINING COUNTIES.

F. Moyer, of Loganton, was granted a pension of \$10.

John H. Boone died Monday night at midnight at his home in Sugar Valley.

The story that conductor Cook's train

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## FACT, FUN AND FANCY.

Bright Sparkling Paragraphs—Selected and Original.

She took the seat in front of me, Alas, I gave a sigh. For looming up I saw a hat, At least twelve inches high.

I could not see the stage at all, So gave a little cough; It was enough; she took the hint, Also the bunnet off.

I gave a smile, one little smile, And then dumfounded sat, For coiled upon her head the hair Was higher than the hat.

Bock beer is ripe. On the wing—feathers. Spring bonnets are blooming. It's the early bird that gets frost-bitten.

A bigamist is a man with more wives than brains.

The grass widow sometimes finds herself in clover.

The favorite air of the average girl is a millionaire.

Earrings are still the fashion with telephone girls.

The waiter lives by fees, the book agent biographies.

In the eyes of an old maid all single men are cowards.

When the beggar asks for help he is looking for a succor.

A rose for the living is better than a bouquet for the dead.

When a vessel is sinking it takes more than a barber to razor.

Some people are naturally polite and others have favors to ask.

Any season of the year is planting time with the undertaker.

The musical composer would not be able to get along without his staff.

A gentleman is one who is willing to concede something to his neighbor.

The trouble with most people who can't sing is that they don't know it.

The girl with a stone for a heart doesn't deserve to be called a "peach."

The henpecked husband sometimes tries to bolster up his courage with cocktails.

One of our Bellefonte girls blushes at dinner whenever she sees the salad dressing.

Cupid's arrows would doubtless be surer the mark if they were all tipped with gold.

There is one thing to be said in favor of music. It never comes out of the little end of the horn.

A man may be too poor to hire a lawyer and at the same time can afford to keep his own counsel.

The road that is paved with good intentions generally has a disinterested friends at every corner.

When some men are said to be going to the dogs we can't help thinking it's pretty tough on the dogs.

The homely girl should take consolation from the fact that even the homely potato sooner or later encounters the masher.

We often charge our adversities to the hard luck account, while the successes are owing to genius and undying perseverance.

A Bellefonte young woman went into a store to get a bath sponge. When she faced the clerk she got rattled and called for a sponge bath, and the clerk fainted.

Punctuation counts a whole lot. At a church entertainment recently a demure little old maid of very retiring disposition was to sing a duet with the minister. When their part came, the deacon announced, "Miss Surreville will now sing 'Put Me in My Little Bed accompanied by the minister.'" No wonder everyone laughed and the little old maid fainted.

Senator Mason and William J. Bryan met recently in the marble room lobby in Washington, says the New York World. They shook hands, and Mr. Mason said:

"So you are in the newspaper business now?"

"Yes," replied Mr. Bryan.

"Doing well?"

"Very well indeed."

"Good circulation and your paper going everywhere?"

"Yes, splendid prospects."

"That reminds me of a story," said Mr. Mason. "A friend of mine started a newspaper which seemed to be flourishing and prosperous. I met him one day and asked him how he was coming on with the paper. 'Fine,' he said; 'good advertising, good circulation and everything in nice shape.' 'Your paper is going everywhere?' I inquired. 'Yes, indeed,' he said; 'I just put a mortgage on my house this morning to keep it from going to the devil.'"

Colonial Ties with Gun Metal Buckles at Yeager & Davis.