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ATTEMPT TO BREAK JAIL

Centre County's Postoffice Robbers Caught in Time

COULD SAW STEEL BARS

Saw Found in James Ryan's Bed—Was Furnished by a Woman—Close Guard Being Kept Over the Criminals—They are Gamey Birds

The noted postoffice burglars who were captured in the Seven Mountains last June, by Sheriff Taylor and his posse, who now are in custody of the U. S. authorities at Williamsport, came near effecting an escape on Monday. We secured the following facts from the Williamsport Gazette and Bulletin:

Sheriff Harvey G. Milnor, of Williamsport, on Tuesday checked four desperate men who are prisoners in the Lycoming county jail, who were ready to saw their way to freedom. They were Lewis, Sherman, Parmar (Parker) and Ryan, who were captured in Centre county after a thrilling encounter with the Sheriff's posse, and James Lewis was wounded in the battle. The four were sent here from Bellefonte, after having given Sheriff Taylor no end of trouble by frequently trying to escape.

SHERIFF FOUND SAW.

Sheriff Milnor got onto the fact that his four dangerous charges were up to mischief just in the nick of time, and at once set about to balk their desperate game. The men are in the steel cell, the need of placing them in the most secure place possible, having been recognized when they were brought here, and the sheriff instituted a search of their quarters. "You would find it anyway," said Ryan, and with these words he drew from his pillow a saw that was to have been the instrument of escape. The saw was confiscated by the sheriff Tuesday afternoon.

SAID DIDN'T USE IT.

"We didn't use the saw, but would have done so had we been given the chance," Ryan informed the Sheriff. They did, however, try to use it, as the blade, a portion of which was poorly tempered, indicated. The prisoners refused to say how they came in possession of the saw.

BOUGHT BY A WOMAN.

An investigation was begun by the sheriff to determine who gave the prisoners the saw. He learned that the saw was purchased at the Neyhart hardware store by a young woman, who said she lived in Jersey Shore and was buying the instrument for a man named Martin.

QUICK JOB WAS POSSIBLE.

A Reading Railway man told the Sheriff that with similar saws heavy steel rails can be sawn through in ten minutes. Without doubt the men could have gone through a single bar in the cell door in two minutes and the whole job could have been quickly accomplished had not the Sheriff foiled them.

GUARDING THEM CLOSELY.

The wife of the Centre county Sheriff, who was here Tuesday from Bellefonte, dropped in to see Lewis, whom she knows. She stated that since the prisoners have been removed from the Bellefonte jail many things have been found, indicating that the four men were constantly following up efforts to escape. Sheriff Milnor is determined to guard them closely while they are in his keeping, and the chances are they will not get away.

LATER: The Williamsport Sun says: On the confession of Tom Gallagher that he had furnished the four United States prisoners in the jail with a saw, Sheriff Milnor searched the cells of the four men and when he reached the third cell occupied by Ryan, the occupant handed the saw to the sheriff, with the remark that he knew that he would find it any way. The men had been in possession of the saw for nine days, according to the estimate of the sheriff. Inasmuch as the offence is against United States prisoners, it is understood that the government authorities will take up the matter, and prosecute Gallagher. The offence is a very serious one.

The Moser Estate.

The Moser heirs, not discouraged by the loss of their first suit, have again begun action to obtain possession of coal land in Rahn township and vicinity, in Schuylkill county, valued at millions of dollars, and now held by the Lehigh Coal and Navigation company. The attorneys for the heirs filed a bill in equity in the Schuylkill county courts this week. Some of these Moser heirs reside in Centre county, but go by the name of Musser, the original of which was Moser. These "heirs to millions" have been looking for word to a fat take these many years, and gladly would we see a big plum fall into the lap of each.

THE VETERANS' REUNION.

The Veterans' Reunion held at Pine Grove last Saturday was largely attended. The day was a fine one, the community showed its old time hospitality, and soldiers and visitors had a good time. Veterans from all parts of the county were in attendance, and comrades joyously greeted comrade and spent the hours in telling of the days when in the tented field and experiences upon the battle field.

Capt. Fry called the meeting to order, and announced that in absence of Gen. Beaver, president of the club, vice president Patterson, of State College, would preside until the arrival of the president. Rev. Heckman, of the M. E. church opened with prayer. Mr. Patterson then made the announcements for the day, when Rev. Aikens, pastor of the Pine Grove Lutheran charge, delivered the address of welcome replete with warm expressions of honor and esteem for the veterans for their heroism in the time of the country's need. Adjournment until after dinner was then announced and many tables were groaning with the best of that good country, prepared by the good wives and daughters thereof. Squads of families, and combinations of families, squatted under the trees of the pleasant grove and with invited guests, did the handsome for the inner man. The writer was drafted by Capt. Fry whose estimable wife had a large table richly laden with the fat of the land and in company with others we did all we could to make the good things vanish, but they just came piling in on all seated around the board, by the vigilant hands of Mrs. Fry and her pleasant attendants, that, when we left, there seemed to be as much more, and more, for guests that followed, and yet "ten baskets full" were left.

After dinner, General Beaver having arrived, he called the meeting to order and introduced the speakers. The first was an old veteran, Richard Price, of the 81st Reg., of Clinton county, who kept the old boys in a happy mood of the days gone by. Rev. Dr. Holloway was called upon and gave some interesting reminiscences of the battle of Gettysburg, he having been a student at the college when the cannon roared there.

John A. Daley of Co. A, 45th P. V. I., recited an interesting poem for the boys, which was well received.

Comrade John G. Love, of the 3th P. V. cavalry, was the next speaker, patriotism and valor being his theme.

Col. Austin Curtin spoke briefly, and moved that a vote of thanks be extended to Capt. Fry and his assistants for the elegant arrangements, the citizens for their hospitality and the speakers for their interesting addresses and to A. G. Archey for the use of the grove.

Comrade D. F. Fortney was called for but owing to the lateness of the hour was brief.

President Beaver made a verbal report of the Curtin monument and Soldiers Memorial committee stating that the matter was still in statu quo, nothing definite as to the design of the monument having been agreed upon.

Comrade Patterson moved that a joint committee of the Ladies Rebecca Daughters of the Revolution meet the committee at the first joint meeting to devise some plan along that line.

The venerable J. J. Goheen away up in the eighties was present and beat the same old bass drum that he played for Co. E, 45th P. V. I., when that company left for the front over 43 years ago.

The officers for the ensuing year were then elected as follows: President, Gen. James A. Beaver; vice president, Capt. W. H. Fry; 2nd vice president, W. C. Patterson; treasurer, Capt. Geo. M. Boal; secretaries, W. H. Musser and S. B. Miller.

The State College band, and a drum corps headed by Al. Roberts, furnished excellent music.

Next Reunion will be held at Hunter's Park.

A Great Scare.

"Burglars tried to enter the residence of Oscar E. Miles on Pike street, Milesburg, Monday morning about 1 o'clock. Miss Odessa Confer heard them drop a window and gave the alarm. Messrs. John Miles and Edward Grove searched the house but failed to find the nocturnal visitors. In a short time the near neighbors gathered around the dwelling but the intruders had been good their escape. Mr. Miles is absent from home and doubtless this was known by the would-be burglars, hence their attempt to rob his home."

The above is from the Daily News. We are told that there was no reason to think burglars were in the house, as only an unsupported window dropped. But their screams for help startled the whole neighborhood a screaming. Some men shot revolvers in the air, women screamed and some of them in their fright went tearing through the streets in their night clothes and since then everybody has been enjoying a good laugh over the fun and fright.

A criminal is a man who is found out.

AN INTERESTING OLD PAPER

Copy of "The Centre Democrat" Issued in 1829

EXPENDITURES OF CENTRE

County Were Then Insignificant With that of the Present Time—Some Local Items of Special Interest—Peculiar Advertisement

A friend has left upon our desk an ancient paper, "Centre Democrat, Bellefonte, Pa., Saturday, Feb. 14, 1829," Vol. 2, No. 18, age-worn in appearance, five columns to a page, four pages. "Edited and published by John Bigler, for Philip Benner—Proprietor." The terms are two dollars per annum—for a weekly paper not half as large as the present Centre Democrat, which is \$1 per annum.

On the first page, the first column is given to poetry, "The Gambler," and an "Indian Hymn." The balance of the page is taken up by a tale, "The Cloak," and congressional proceedings. The second page furnishes doings of the state legislature, foreign news, and news of the state.

On third page the market reports quote butter 7 cts per lb., flour \$8.50, hams .07 cts per lb., lard .08; cloverseed \$4.25; timothy seed \$2.50; tallow .07 1/2 per lb., and deer skins 15 cents per lb.—these were Philadelphia prices, and no doubt, the home prices were lower. The establishment of a new postoffice at Cedar Springs is announced, with Samuel H. Wilson, Esq., as postmaster. Also a patriotic "address by Samuel M'Kysson, Esq., on the 26th ult. to Logan township volunteers."

Thos. Burnside, Pres., advertises notice of election by the stockholders of the Bellefonte and Phillipsburg Turnpike Road Company to be held at the house of Evan Miles, in the borough of Bellefonte, on the first Monday in March, between the hours of 2 and 5 o'clock, to elect three managers. A farm on Bald Eagle Creek and Wallace Run, 350 acres, 180 acres clear, occupied by Rudolph Mulholland, also a farm in Spring township, occupied by William Gill, 450 acres, 75 acres cleared, are advertised for sale by James D. M'Clanaghan.

John Potter, Treasurer of the Centre and Kishacoquillas Turnpike Road Company, advertises notice of an election to be held at the house of John Coverly, at Potters Mills, first Monday in March.

A dissolution of partnership between Jacob Geist and William Faith, Gregg township, is advertised.

On 4th page is advertised the Receipts and Expenditures of Centre county for the year 1828.

Names of Collectors of 1828, and previous years, who paid funds into the treasury:

BALDEAGLE—William Moore's adm'r's, Collector, Henry Snyder, Philip Berry, Levi Packer, George Haagon, George Bressler.	
BUSH—Hardman Phillips, Collector, Jacob Aires, David Adams, William Aires.	
SPRING—Richard Carey, Collector, Philip Benner, Martin Meese, Geo. Williams, John M. Brite, James Smith, Reuben Valentine.	
BELLEFONTE—George Loeberger, Collector, James Williams, James Steel, Evan Miles, J. M. Benner, Robert Hays.	
HOWARD—Michael Meese, Collector, John Smith, John Shenk, John Askey, Roland Curtis, John M'Gee, John Liggett, Frederick Shenk.	
POTTER—Moses Feimley, Collector, Jacob Keller, Henry Moyer, John Dubberman.	
MILES—John Rhine, Collector, Henry Royer, Geo. Brumgard, John Walker, John Shefer.	
LAMAR—John M'Ghee, Collector, Peter Best, John Robb, James Thompson, Thomas Ferster.	
HALFMOON—Samuel Stein, Collector, Jesse Richards, Joseph Yader, Thos. Wasson, Sam'l M'Glathery.	
BOGGS—P. H. Teirney, Collector, Joseph Green, Enoch Passmore, Lawrence Peters, Frederick Malone, Frederick Astes.	
WALKER—Hugh Neill, Collector, Henry Hoy, R. D. Macbride, John Beck.	
FERGUSON—Henry Hubler, Collector, Eli Hastings, Robert Weitehill, James Glenn, HAYES—Jacob E. Stober, Collector, Jacob Kryder, John Neidigh, John Wise.	
FATTON—William Turner, Collector, Adam Gray, John Gray, Andrew Shivery, John Glenn.	
LOGAN—John Schrock, Collector, Michael Kitzer.	
GRASS—Philip B. Musser, John Kelley.	

Orders drawn by the Commissioners from the 1st day of January, 1828, to the 31st day of January, 1829.

Wolves and Panther scalps, 8514 50	
Auditors pay, 22 50	
Commissioners pay—	
John D. M'Gillen, 1827, 18 00	
George Shenberger, 1827-28, 27 80	
Jacob Kryder, 1827, 24 10	
William M'Kibbin, 1827, 28, 69 00	
Jacob Herring, 1827-28, 65 80	
Costs on sundry indictments—officers and witnesses, 174 58	
Constable's returns, and attending Courts, 155 36	
Township Supervisors, road tax on unenclosed lands, 547 55	
Road viewers pay, on public roads, 49 00	
Robert Tate, Sheriff, summoning jurors, &c., 95 28	
John Rankin, Prothonotary and Clerk Sessions, costs, 1827-28, 199 96	
Grand and Travers Jurors, pay and mileage, 1,770 27	
School Teachers teaching poor child's Election expenses, 124 07	
Same, 1827, 388 87	
Assessors pay, part 1827 and 1828, 328 60	
Samuel Flack, crying Courts, 41 23	
Daniel Billow, crying sales, 1827, 5 00	
Wood-fuel for Court-House and Jail, Stationary, and expenses in Commissioners office, 944 85	
	15 87

Frederick Shenk for Baldeagle Bridge, (Howard), 50 00	
James Williams for Spring creek bridge, 637 50	
Jail expenses, boarding prisoners, &c., Robert Tate, Sheriff, conveying two convicts to the Penitentiary, 202 74	
Justice's costs on Sundry prosecutions, &c., 4 73	
Thomas Hastings, Jr., late sheriff, fees and jail expenses for boarding prisoners, &c. due him at settlement, 278 21	
William W. Potter, counsel for Commissioners three years, 90 00	
James M. Petrikin, do in one case, 5 00	
John D. Petrikin, in part the balance due him, 680 00	
Supporting convicts in Philadelphia Penitentiary, 101 06	
Commissioners Clerk 1828 and 1827, 112 26	
Henry Petrikin, election notice, 1827, 18 25	
Adam Gentzel, printing and election notice, 1827-8, 32 50	
Ephraim Banks Prosecuting Atty's fees, James Kinneair, Esq., inquisition on a dead body, 17 00	
John Weaver superintendent Brush valley road, 25 00	
William Pettit, a book for Register's office, 10 00	
Favement before door, 12 50	
	22 50

Amount of payment, \$7,003 97.
Treasurers compensation—Allowance of 3 per cent. on collecting and paying out \$7,003 97, 210 12
Balance in the hands of the Treasurer, 87 87

TOTAL, \$7,919 96

The report is signed by Wm. M'Kibbin, Jacob Herring, and Anthony Kleckner, commissioners. Attest—Samuel Pettit, Clerk.

Centre Troop is ordered for drill, by S. H. Wilson, Captain, at the house of John Snyder, Inkeeper, Walker township, Monday, Feb. 23.

Philip Benner advertises for rent 3-story brick tavern stand south west corner of the Diamond, Bellefonte; also store house occupied by W. W. Potter, and fulling mill, &c., and sawmill, on Logan's Branch.

D. F. Pruner advertises a runaway: Six Cents Reward.

RANAWAY from the subscriber residing in the borough of Bellefonte on the 21st inst. an indentured apprentice to the Carpenters business, named John Amahiser.

Any person taking up said runaway and returning him to the subscriber shall receive the above reward, but no charges paid. All persons are forwarned against trusting or harboring him on my account.

D. J. PRUNER.
September 24, 1828.

Smith & Harris, druggists advertise their card:

HARRIS & SMITH.
Apothecaries and Druggists.
Have just opened a shop on the corner of High and Spring Streets, in Bellefonte, where they will constantly keep for sale, on the most reasonable terms, an assortment of
Drugs, Medicines, Dye Stuffs, Paints, &c. &c.

Amongst the articles now on hand, are the following, viz:

Sulphate of Quinine,
—Manufactured by Pelletier—
Croton Oil, Sassafras, Panacea,
Olive and Castor,
Small and Frothing,
Sperm Candles, & Winter strained Sperm Oil.

A NEW LOCATION.

This week the Frank B. Stover property on High street, Bellefonte, next to Olevine's hardware and adjoining the Crider stone building, consisting of a residence and meat market, was purchased by the publisher of this paper. Possession will be obtained April next, when the meat market, after some alterations, will be used for the office of the CENTRE DEMOCRAT, and our residence will be in the other portion of the building. Owing to the present crowded condition of our business, for want of more room, such a change was necessary long ago, and we were exceedingly fortunate in securing such a desirable location, so well adapted for our peculiar needs. Remember, the office remains in the Garman Block until April 1st, 1904.

The property secured was owned by Col. J. G. Kurtz, in 1860. The present building was erected by him at that time for his residence and for the office of the "Central Press" which he edited and published for a number of years. Mr. Kurtz sold the property to Mr. Tyson and in 1883 it was purchased by Frank B. Stover, who resided there and also conducted a meat market in it since.

Mr. Stover will continue his meat market as heretofore until about March 1st, when he contemplates having sale of shop furnishings and personal property. He has no definite arrangements for the future.

The first steam engine operated in Centre county was built by our townsman, W. R. Jenkins, in 1860, when working as an apprentice in the machine shops at Bellefonte. He devoted his spare time to constructing a 4-horse power steam engine which he sold to Harry Landis, and Mr. Landis placed it in the "Central Press" office to run Mr. Kurtz's machinery, and for years it was considered a great curiosity. People came from all parts of the county to see it work. Mr. Jenkins informs us that the same engine, a few years ago, was running and doing good work.

About six years ago Mr. Jenkins constructed a gas engine, and we believe it was the first engine of the kind in our county, and it was installed in the CENTRE DEMOCRAT office to run our machinery.

"LOOK OUT FOR THE TROLLEY!"

That May be the Next Disturbance in Bellefonte

A LINE BEING SURVEYED

To Connect Milesburg, Coleville, Axemann and Pleasant Gap—Assured to be a Certainty as Soon as Right of Way can be Secured

Bellefonte is to have trolley cars—so they say.

The idea of having a street car line to connect the metropolis of Centre county with the surrounding thriving suburban towns has been talked over by local capitalists and promoters, as well as by the loafers at the court house steps or the frequenters of the hotel corridors and grocery store box ornaments. The question has been thoroughly ventilated, and the universal verdict rendered is that it would be a good thing. Up to this time no local capital was willing to take the risk, and now it seems that some outside individuals will come and equip such a plant and reap the golden profits.

In the past, several charters were granted for an electrical railway in this territory, the last one being the "Bellefonte Electrical Railway Company" issued near two years ago and under whose charter this project has been organized.

To be more definite, on Monday E. C. Pruner of Tyrose, accompanied by F. W. Bedford, of Wilmington, Delaware, were in Bellefonte, and in company with Col. Wilbur F. Reeder, who is local attorney for the company, drove over the proposed route from Milesburg to Bellefonte, out towards Pleasant Gap, with a side line to Coleville. On Monday Mr. Bedford, assisted by D. L. Zerby and Will Reese, started to make a survey of the route. If they decide to build the proposed road, next step will be to negotiate with the boroughs of Bellefonte and Milesburg, and other owners for the right of way, which usually consumes time.

They have announced that work on the route should commence about next March, and that the line might be in operation by July 4th.

The location of the power house has not been determined, some think it would be at Milesburg, while others claim that the Bellefonte electric light plant would be enlarged for this purpose. Much of the above is rumor, and give it only as such, but at the same time there is sufficient evidence to assure us that some serious figuring is going on, and the trolley line may soon materialize.

KATZ-BAUM.

The home of A. Baum, on Bishop street, was the scene of a happy nuptial event on Wednesday at 11 a m when his daughter Selena and William S. Katz, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Katz of this place, were bound in matrimony. The ceremony was conducted by Rabbi Henry Kline, of Altoona, in the presence of only the immediate friends, as the death of the bride's mother, several months ago, has made a deep impress upon this home. The bride and groom were attended by the bride's sister, Mrs. Hilda Reisman, of Princeton, Ind., and Joseph Katz, the groom's brother, with two little flower girls: Miriam Riesman, of Princeton, Ind., and Henrietta Hassel of Washington Court House, Ohio, both being nieces of the bride. The ceremony was that of the Hebrew church. Following the congratulations came the wedding breakfast after which they departed on the noon train eastward bound, whether no one definitely knew, destined to be "at home" at the Brokerhoff House, this place, after September 26th. "Billy" Katz had some inclinations for bachelorhood, but like others, his better judgment finally prevailed, when he learned to know and appreciate the value of a noble woman as a companion. Mr. Katz is connected with the well known firm of Katz & Co., merchants, Bellefonte, and is one of our bustling and successful business men. We congratulate him on the wisdom of his course and good fortune in winning such an estimable young lady.

James Kerr Buys Coal Land.

The executors of the estate of John M. Chase have closed a contract with the Hon. James Kerr for the sale of over 300 acres of the Boardman vein of coal in Knox township, Clearfield county, which will be operated through the mines at Boardman of the Potts Run Sand company, of which Mr. Kerr is chief owner. This gives the concern over 500 acres of a fine coal and assures Boardman of a good long existence. This town now has a population of 350 and is about two years old. It is at the terminus of the Clearfield & Southern railroad.

FACT, FUN AND FANCY.

Bright Sparkling Paragraphs—Selected and Original.

MAKING A MAN.

Hurry the baby as fast you can,
Hurry him, worry him, make him a man.
Off with his baby clothes, get him in pants.
Feed him on brain foods and make him advance
Hustle him as soon as he is able to walk,
Into a grammar school; cram him with talk.
Fill his poor head full of figures and facts,
Keep on a jumping them in till it cracks.
Now we develop college, compel him to grab—
Of every known subject a dip and a dab.
Get him in business and after the cash,
All by the time he can grow a mustache.
Let him forget he was ever a boy.
Make gold his god, and its jingle his joy.
Keep him a-hustling and clear out of breath
Until he wins—nervous prostration and death

A fall opening—a coal hole.
Great achings from little toe corns grow.
The best part of fishing is lying about it afterward.

A wasted opportunity seldom comes back for a second trial.

A fellow often wastes a lot of time in courting a girl when he could have had her from the start.

A POOR BOY'S SUCCESS.

Sampson Q. Mingle, a well-known former Williamsporter, died at his residence, 315 West Eighty-sixth street, New York city, at an early hour Tuesday morning. Mr. Mingle had been ill since the latter part of June. A general breaking down of the system, due to the business cares and responsibilities which surrounded him, was the cause of his death.

He was born October 15, 1845, in Wayne township, Clinton county, and was the youngest of a family of nine children. His father, Samuel Mingle, was a shoemaker, and removed his family to Penn's valley, Centre county, where he died when Sampson was a little over three years of age. The latter received such an education as four months in each year spent in a country school afforded, together with one term at the Aaronsburg academy, where he made the fires and swept the rooms to pay for his tuition. He spent several years of his boyhood in Aaronsburg.

He started out to seek a situation with all he possessed in the world tied in a handkerchief. He went to Lock Haven, whither he made his way on foot and by stage coach, and secured a position in a store to do the rough and dirty work of the establishment. Here he met and married Rosa Bowers, a daughter of Joshua and Frederick Bowers, one of the pioneer families of the West Branch valley. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Mingle—Bertha, Lizzie and Harry Bowers—all of whom, with the widow, survive the husband and father. After working several years as clerk Mr. Mingle formed a co-partnership with Dr. John S. Mader, the firm conducting a dry goods business in Lock Haven.

In December, 1877, Mr. Mingle removed from Lock Haven to Williamsport. For three years after going to that city, he occupied the position of manager of the Singer Manufacturing Company. Later he embarked in the piano and organ business, during which time he was also engaged in the real estate business on an extensive scale. He was the projector and proprietor of Cottage Place Heights.

In 1897 he located in New York city. In 1896 he purchased Youkers Park, at Youkers, N. Y., and successfully placed it on the market. Two years later he sold it to the Realty Corporation of North America.

In 1898 Mr. Mingle was elected manager of the Depew Improvement company, at a salary of \$19,000 per year.

He then organized the Depew and Lake Erie Water company. Two years ago he purchased Weehawken Heights from the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company, and sold it to a syndicate for \$750,000.

Last year he organized the Rochester and Lake Ontario Water Company with a capital of \$2,500,000 and was its President at the time of his death.

An Important Opinion.

Attorney General Carson furnished Forestry Commissioner Rothrock with an opinion to the effect that he cannot lease state forestry land to a water company for water purposes, nor can he build cottages or lease land for grazing purposes on state lands.

Jacob Lauver, of Kreamer, Snyder county, aged 91 years cut grass with a scythe Thursday of last week. He did it with the same even steady movement of much younger arms and legs. Some time ago he cut quite a quantity of wood for domestic use. He is a well preserved man and one of the oldest men in Snyder county.

The girl with holes in her stockings doesn't care a darn about how she looks.