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REVEALED BY A DREAM

The Body of Edward Gehret Found on Sunday

DROWNED FIVE MONTHS AGO

Features Were Unrecognizable—Knew the Shoes and Clothing—Brought to Bellefonte for Interment—Remarkable Incident

The remains of Edward Gehret, the unfortunate young man of Mill Hill, who on January 22nd last was drowned at Hayes Run bridge, were recovered Sunday afternoon. Edward Gehret was formerly of Bellefonte but prior to his death was a resident of Mill Hill and in the employ of the New York Central road as a member of the concrete bridge gang, with three other men he was employed during the false work at No. 9 bridge at Hayes Run station on the New York Central road. The water was very high and the ice was banked up against the bridge causing it to give way. Gehret was thrown into the river and drowned but the other men escaped with their lives.

The railroad company and friends of the young man searched for the body but failed to find it. Their search certainly could not have been very thorough as the body was found within three-quarters of a mile from where the accident occurred. Gehret was born in Bellefonte and was 31 years old. He leaves a wife and a little son, Samuel 4 years old.

The finding of the body is the realization of a dream which a Mr. Kerns, of Hayes Run had a few nights ago. He dreamed that at a certain place in the creek he saw the foot of a man protruding from the water, and that the foot belonged to the body of Mr. Gehret. He thought several times of his dream, and intended going to the place Sunday morning and making an investigation, but was prevented from so doing on account of having a sick horse. He however told his brother-in-law, Alexander Lucas, the place where he dreamed he saw the foot. Mr. Lucas went to the place and after considerable search found the foot sticking up. He caught hold of it and satisfied himself that there was a body to it and sent word to Mill Hill of the find.

The water where the body was found is quite deep, John Roffe and Undertaker Kessinger ventured in and tried to bring up the body. They found that it was held down by a large stone which lay across the arm and shoulder, it took an hour to remove the stone and get the body to shore. The body was in a bad state of decomposition. The boundary line between Clinton and Centre is at this point and part of the body was in Clinton and part in Centre county. The face was crushed and decomposed beyond recognition. White identified the blue bathing shirt, overcoat and shoes as those of Gehret.

The remains were brought to Bellefonte and taken to the home of his brother Harry Gehret where the funeral took place Monday afternoon at 5 o'clock, in charge of Bellefonte Castle, Knights of the Golden Eagle, of which deceased was a member. Interment in the Union cemetery.

Struck by Lightning

Monday afternoon a flash of lightning struck a telephone wire on Curtin street and the current lead into the residence of Sam. Gault. It tore the telephone from the wall and parts were thrown across the room. The window sash was broken and set on fire. Mrs. Gault was sitting on the porch at the time, but suffered no serious injury. Neighbors ran to the house and found it filled with smoke and the fire burning but it was easily extinguished. The same thing happened at W. R. Rankins house, the phone was busted and the woodwork set afire but was easily extinguished.

An Odd Combination

One of the most amusing things seen on the street in a long time was witnessed Thursday afternoon on Hepburn street, says the Williamsport Sun. A lad probably six years of age was wending his way home, and in each hand he carried a quart whisky bottle. He had the bottles by the neck, and on account of his size the bottoms at times dragged on the ground. Thus loaded down, the boy was whistling as loudly as he could, "Onward, Christian Soldier." The combination proved a laughable one.

Clearfield Raftsmen's Journal: An industry that made history ceased to run last Saturday. Saws in the big John E. DuBois mill ceased to hum, after cutting one thousand million feet of lumber. About six million of dollars was paid out to workmen including money expended for woods work.

EDITOR JOHN A. DALEY.

The Hustler, published at Howard, Pa., contains the following announcement in the last issue:

"Hon. John A. Daley has secured an option on this paper and will use the columns for Roosevelt and the state ticket, also for pure local politics in Centre county. No person can doubt Mr. Daley's honesty nor Republicanism and he, like President Roosevelt, is against combines, trusts and rings, and being a fluent writer will make the columns of this paper very interesting so if you want to know what Daley has to say subscribe for the Hustler."

Mr. Daley is a forceful speaker and no doubt will prove an interesting and fluent writer. If he gets down to the ins and outs of politics in Centre county he could make some tales unfold.

The Hustler publishes an account of the last Republican County Convention and then says:

"The above is taken from the Bellefonte Daily News, which we suppose suited the Bellefonte ring, but does not suit the majority of Republican voters throughout Centre county, because it seems that Bellefonte can concoct almost any scheme and push it through whether it suits the rest or not. Talk about harmony in the party! yes, they have it but only on their side."

"The Hustler has been and always is for fair play and that is what it has decided to have. You may think it does not have many readers throughout the county, but we are here to say that three thousand don't cover them, and also that it will take an active hand in this campaign as an Independent Republican organ."

Trout in Her Shirtwaist

Thirty-five trout, snugly tucked away in the loose part of her shirtwaist, caused the undoing of Mrs. John Tebo of Emporium. When the fish warden held her up near Potato creek, Cameron county, he found that her fish basket was empty. Then he noticed that she appeared stouter than usual about the waist. Investigation revealed the smuggled fish.

William Cought, the woman's son, had 30 undersized trout in his creel at the time, and the mother and son were promptly arrested. The pair were taken before a justice of the peace, who fined the son \$100 and his mother \$150. This is at the rate of \$10 a trout, the legal penalty for taking these fish under size. Neither of them could pay the fine and they went to jail for the customary alternative of one day for each dollar.

Would-be Burglars

The farmers along Brushvalley road below Centre Hall are sleeping with firearms in their rooms ready for use in case of emergency, as a number of ineffectual attempts have been made during the past week to force an entrance into some of the farmhouses. During one night last week after the family of Gardner Grove residing in this vicinity had retired, Miss Anna Winters, of Lock Haven, a guest of the family who was reading heard a number of attempts being made to force open a window on the first floor, she waited until she distinctly heard the window being raised, at which she aroused the members of the family. The noise made in doing so evidently scared the burglars who fled leaving behind them the evidence of their most unwelcome visit.

Impersonated Mail Clerk

The Altoona Tribune says: "Postoffice Inspector James H. Wardle, of Altoona, on Monday 13th, at Bellefonte caused the arrest of Barney McClain, of that place, on the charge of impersonating a federal officer. Last fall McClain, representing himself as D. L. Kemples postal clerk running between Driftwood and Red Bank Furnace, called on the assistant postmaster at Renovo and obtained a small sum of money by his false representations. He also visited Altoona, but failed in an attempt to work the same scheme. Inspector Wardle took up the case and succeeded in running McClain down. He was arrested by the United States deputy marshal and will be placed on trial in the United States court next October at Scranton."

Dropped Over Dead on a Car

F. R. Stover, of Eagleville, while standing on a car on the North Bend and Kettle Creek railroad near North Bend, fell over and immediately expired. It is supposed he was attacked with heart trouble. Deceased was employed by the New York and Pennsylvania company in getting out paper mill wood. He was aged 45 years and is survived by his wife and two children—Christ Stover, of Philadelphia, and Mrs. Nettie Stover, of Johnsonburg.

Strawberry and Ice Cream Social. The Co-Workers of the Lutheran church will hold a strawberry and ice cream social at the residence of Ex-Sheriff W. A. Ishler, on Thursday evening June 23rd. The proceeds for the benefit of Faith Fund of Society. All are invited and will be welcome.

A little short man often stands high in the community.

ROOSEVELT NOMINATED

Senator Fairbanks, of Indiana, for Vice President.

A LACK OF ENTHUSIASM

Apparant On All Sides—Hanna Would Have Stampeded the Convention—Considerable Trouble Over The Tariff Question.

The political event of the week is the Republican National Convention, which assembled at Chicago on Tuesday. It probably attracts less attention than any held in recent years for the reason that the ticket is settled, Roosevelt and Fairbanks, and in all the minor details Roosevelt's wish in all matters goes. For these reasons there was a lack of interest, and enthusiasm was not marked.

The opening audience on Tuesday barely half-filled the galleries, though delegates and alternates crowded the main floor. There were great patches of empty seats.

Temporary Chairman Elihu Root, eloquent and forcible, the personal choice of President Roosevelt, was unable by his really fine opening address, to arouse the crowd. There were cheers, of course, when the names of McKinley and Roosevelt were mentioned, but the only two shouts that had the snap of genuineness went up when the secretary read the name of Marcus A. Hanna at the end of the formal call for the convention, and again when, in course of his very able speech, Chairman Root said:

"With McKinley we remember Hanna with affection and sorrow—his great lieutenant. They are together again." One grizzled delegate was heard to say with emphasis: "By the Eternal; if Mark Hanna had lived we would stampede this convention for him in spite of hell and his own objections."

Everybody admitted that Roosevelt will be nominated and that Fairbanks will be his running mate, half the delegates of Pennsylvania declare their sorrow that they have no other except Roosevelt to vote for.

Speaker Cannon was chosen for permanent chairman.

The great effort is to make the tariff plank a "stand-pat" declaration and at the same time hold out a promise for revision "when necessary." How to word the revision clause has been giving the Republican leaders some concern for several days, and the Sub-Committee on Resolutions finds this the most vexatious question before it.

With some speechmaking and temporary organization, Tuesday's work closed, secretary Root being temporary chairman.

BELLEVILLE MAN KILLED.

A force of men were busy Tuesday morning adjusting wires; they were about to undertake the work of changing the wires running into the Cottage hospital, at Phillipsburg, says the Journal. John Tate, one of the telephone linemen, ascended a pole to make the proposed change, and in doing so his shoulder came in contact with a live trolley wire. It proved to be one of the sub-station wires leading to Munson, carrying 10,000 volts. The result was that, in addition to being badly burned, the current was so strong as to mean almost immediate death. The instant the accident occurred, another employe began ascending the pole to bring down the unfortunate man, when he suddenly fell to the ground, knocking the other man from the pole. Tate was found to be dead when his body was approached.

The deceased, whose age was about 23 years, was a native, it is thought, of Bellefonte. His mother is dead, and his father, one brother and one sister live at Yeagertown, and two or three other brothers, we understand, are living near Pittsburg. For nearly four years he has made his home with Mrs. Dewey at Chester Hill.

Blasts Raise Slocum's Dead.

By the use of dynamite and heavy guns fired by men from the Second Battery, scores of bodies were brought up from the bottom around the shores of North Brother Island, Tuesday. Searchers gathered in 112, bringing the number of bodies recovered to date up to the appalling total of 845. Of these 700 have been identified, and the missing still are approximated at something more than 300. Many of the bodies last found will never be identified because of the changes that have taken place during the week they have been under water. The further the probe goes in the investigation into the New York York excursion boat horror the more dreadful are the disclosures. The owners, the officers of the boat and the inspectors are all proven to have been recklessly indifferent to their duties and responsibilities.

THE TOWN OF SPANGLER.

The following is an extract of an article that recently appeared in a Patton, Pa., paper:

If the inquiry were made, to whom belongs the honor and credit of inducing capital to invade and develop the extensive coal fields of Northern Cambria, and who in the face of most perplexing difficulties which hitherto had been considered insurmountable, finally succeeded in transforming the barren wastes of this rock ribbed region into a scene of marvelous business activity, the answer would be, we owe it all to the energy and sagacity of Col. J. L. Spangler and the late Ex-Governor Daniel H. Hastings.

As early as 1855 these gentlemen were firmly convinced that a fabulous amount of wealth lay hidden under the rough and rugged surface of this sparsely settled locality, and a tour of inspection made by Col. Spangler confirmed his belief. It is needless to relate what followed. Railroads were built, mines opened, giving employment to thousands, and as a sequence towns commenced to spring up for the accommodation of the rapidly increasing population. As a well merited compliment to the pioneers of this great enterprise the towns of Hastings and Spangler were so named. It is of Spangler we wish to say a few words.

For a few years after it was formed the growth was rapid, and of a substantial character. During the general business depression a few years ago Spangler lapsed into a state of "innocuous desuetude" which continued for some time, but prosperity returning the citizen awake from their lethargy and immediately the march of improvement commenced.

Jas. A. McClain, head of the Spangler Imp. Co., started the machinery of that organization to work, and as if by magic a change took place. New buildings were erected, values advanced and the town assumed an air of thrift and prosperity.

In 1890 it had about 1,700 persons within the town limits, today it has no less than 2,500 some estimating it as high as 3,000. It boasts of five hotels, six large general stores, besides a large number of smaller shops, two fine meat markets, two furniture stores, three large commodious churches, one hardware store, graded public schools, the Denlinger Bros. extensive oil plant, a \$200,000 brewery almost completed and a handsome new bank and office building.

The bank will open for business June 1st with a capital of \$50,000 and will be called the First National Bank of Spangler. Col. J. L. Spangler will be president with Jas. A. McClain as cashier.

A number of business houses and residences are in course of construction, all being of a fine class. A \$9,000 brick hotel will be built this summer and countless buildings of a cheaper grade. The cause of all this stir at Spangler is that there is business transacted at that place. It is headquarters of the following coal operations: Spangler Coal & Coke Co., Maderia Hill C. M. Co., West Branch Colliery, Susquehanna, Derringer Bros. Coal Co. and much business of Peal, Peacock & Kerr and Pennsylvania Coal and Coke Co. is done there.

There is more we could write of our sister town did space permit, but will close with congratulations on the success of Spangler, with the wish that it may some day almost attain the high standard of our own Patton.

LOVE REVERSED AGAIN.

Last Thursday morning, when half of our edition was printed, the information reached us that Judge Love had received another reversal from the Supreme Court. October 27th, G. J. Confer was badly injured in attempting to drive across the track at the Howard, Pa., station, on account of being struck by a passing freight train. At April Term, 1901, suit for damages was heard in our court. Confer claimed that he stopped, looked and listened and then drove across; that cars obstructed his view and no whistle was blown or bell rung to warn him. Other testified to the same thing, showing negligence of the Pa. R. Co's employes, who testified to the contrary. The jury rendered a verdict of \$4000 for Confer, which Judge Love set aside. Ellis L. Orvis, Esq., who was Confer's attorney, carried the case to the Supreme Court and last week it filed its opinion completely reversing Judge Love on almost every point.

A New Episcopal Diocese.

At the meeting of the Episcopal Diocese of Central Pennsylvania, held at Williamsport on 15th, it was decided to divide the diocese and establish a new one out of the archdeaconries of Harrisburg and Williamsport. The archdeaconries of Scranton and Reading remain in the old diocese.

Bishop Talbot, who has the choice, says he does not know whether he will remain in the old diocese or take the bishopric of the new one.

The new diocese's arm will embrace the counties of Potter, Clinton, Tioga, Lycoming, Sullivan, Centre, Union, Northumberland, Montour, Columbia, Blair, Huntingdon, Mifflin, Snyder, Juniata, Perry, Cumberland, Dauphin, Bedford, Fulton, Franklin, Adams, York and Lancaster.

Odd Fellows' Picnic.

The Odd Fellows of Centre county will have a picnic on Friday, June 24th, in Kreamer's woods at State College. It will be an all-day picnic with a baseball game and speeches in the afternoon.

OUR HISTORICAL REVIEW

Peculiar Experience of a Party of Hunters.

FIRST TEACHERS' INSTITUTE

In Centre County Was Held at Oak Hall—Was Pronounced a Success and Encouraged—Politics in 1850 and the Party Vote.

November 15th, 1849, a party of hunters from Williamsport went up to a shanty near Mr. Eddy Lick's, in Centre county, to engage in a hunt. They spent the day walking to the shanty, where they arrived late in the evening, and on entering the hut to build a fire and prepare for lodging, a very disagreeable smell arrested their attention, and on striking a light and looking about they found a dead man lying in a corner of the cabin. They were eight miles from a house; night had hung her sable curtains and unloosed all her hobgoblins, not to mention the droves of wolves, bears, panthers and wildcats which always infest the woods after dark. But these were tart and cheese-cakes compared with the society of a dead man. On went their knapsacks quicker by odds than they came off, and down the dark and winding path in Indian style, except that no one was behind, they scampered with sinews as elastic as if they had been renewed with rest and provender. At two miles they reached the second shanty: they did not venture in; who could tell upon entering they might not find another dead man, perhaps two, and indeed it was not improbable to find a dozen.

They resolved, therefore, to encamp outside, build a fire, and awaited daylight, and dispatched a part of the company to the settlements for assistance to remove the dead man. Joseph Baumgardner, Esq., of Eagleville, held an inquest on the 17th on the body of the man who was thus found in George Furst's camp, on Beek Creek, about thirteen miles above its mouth. The inquest judged him about thirty years old. An empty pocket book, a comb and razor were all, save his clothing, found upon the unknown dead.

In the summer of 1850, Henry Brockert erected the building known as the Brockerhoff House, which he commenced the year before. The Whig county nominations, made in August, were William R. Harrison, of Bellefonte, for Assembly; Philip B. Waddie for county commissioner. The average Democratic majority in Centre county in 1850 was 740. James H. Rankin was the first district attorney elected; R. G. Durham was elected county surveyor over W. G. Waring. William H. Blair led the state and county ticket, having 892 majority in the county. A vote was had on the amendment to the Constitution making the judges of the Supreme Court and judges and associates of the several courts elective. The vote in Centre county was 1537 for the amendment, 1038 against it, making a majority of 599 for the amendment. Except in Bellefonte, which stood 88 for and 91 against it, Bellefonte gave 49 majority for the Democratic State ticket.

Teachers' institutes were the result of a recommendation of the State Convention held Jan. 16 and 17, 1850, for their formation in the several counties of the Commonwealth. In pursuance of this, W. G. Waring published, Feb. 13, 1850, a call addressed to those interested in education to meet at April court. The meeting, April 23d, was presided over by Rev. James Linn, when a committee consisting of George Livingston, Andrew Gregg, and J. P. Packer was appointed. The citizens of Oak Hall School District having extended an invitation for the first institute to be held there, the above committee called a meeting of teachers for Monday, September 30th, at Oak Hall. There was a small attendance, but the meeting was organized on the afternoon of October 1st by choice of Reuben Hunter, chairman, and John H. Hahn, secretary. A constitution was adopted, and the officers for the ensuing year elected by ballot, as follows: James H. Rankin, Esq., president; George W. Haines and Robert Waring, vice-presidents; James M. Blair, corresponding secretary; William G. Waring, recording secretary; J. M. McMinn, librarian; John H. Hahn, treasurer.

In the evening a spirited meeting was held, addressed by the president and Messrs. Thomas, Holohan, McMinn, Rote, Blair, Haines, Heckendorn, who were followed by several of the citizens. The citizens then present thereupon held a meeting, and on motion of Joseph Baker, Esq., seconded by Henry S. Baker and Christian Dale, adopted and signed the following resolution, which was directed to be incorporated in the

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FACT, FUN AND FANCY.

Bright Sparkling Paragraphs—Selected and Original.

HOW THEY DO IT.

The sewing circle weekly meets. The savages to gowu, And while they dress the heathen up They dress their neighbors down.

A boil generally comes to a head but its different with a corn. That comes to the foot.

When a fellow has a difference with his best girl, it's just as well to split the difference.

That a girl doesn't mind wearing her heart on her sleeve if she can wear a diamond on her finger.

There were no ballet girls in the days of the prodigal son, and yet he was addicted to the fatted calf habit.

The man who is always dodging the butcher and the grocer is usually the first to criticise the financial workings of the government.

The boy with a new watch who keeps it in its chamois bag more than one week after he gets it should have been a girl.

Wearry Walker—"what did that lady say to yer when yer asked 'er fur gruv?" Hungry Higgins—"She didn't say nothin' but 'saw wood.'"

ADJOINING COUNTIES.

The annual reunion of the survivors of the famous Bucktail regiment will be held in Lock Haven this year. The executive committee has not yet decided upon the date of the reunion but it will likely be some time in September.

Lightning struck the barn of Edward Datesman near Elmport Sunday evening at 8 o'clock burning it to the ground with all its contents. Five head of cattle perished in the flames. The loss is estimated at \$2,500, which is about half covered by insurance.

The executive committee of the Clinton County Veterans' association met Saturday evening and perfected arrangements for the holding of their annual meeting and picnic. It was decided to hold the meeting on Thursday, September 7, at Agars park.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company reduced 5,000 employees in Philadelphia to a two-day a week working basis, at the close of work on Tuesday. It is reported ten thousand men will be idle all of next week, as a result of the company's desire to shorten the summer pay rolls. The forces there had been working eight hours a day and four days a week.

A saw mill owned by J. F. McCormick and A. C. Pepperman, of Lock Haven, and Thomas R. Harter, of Loganton, located near Bestress, in the north eastern end of Nippenose Valley, was destroyed by fire Monday morning, as well as 107,000 feet of white and yellow pine lumber. The loss is placed at \$1,500, with no insurance. The fire started in one corner of the mill.

Professor Drum, of Bucknell University, took an outing Monday. For recreation he took his fishing tackle with him. On his return home David Burke, a fish warden, asked him "What luck?" On being shown his catch, five small sunfish, he arrested him as catching them out of season, and he was fined \$51.50. The professor paid his fine; and said he should not have been ignorant of the law.

A dispatch from Lewisburg says: The friends of James Hafner, Jr., Saturday paid \$56 for one inch of a bull pup's tail. The dog belonged to Miss Laura Hatchinson. Hafner said the dog would be better if relieved of some of its tail, and he clipped off an inch with his teeth. A warrant was sworn out for Hafner's arrest, but before it could be served Hafner's friends settled the case for \$50 and costs, which amounted in all to \$56.

Workmen excavating for the cellar of a new house for Charles Reinhart of Sunbury came upon an old Indian grave containing two skeletons. Nearly all the bones are in a perfect state of preservation. In the grave was found the remains of what had once been moccasins and 125 pieces of wampum Indian money and broken pottery. The excavation is on the river front some distance south of old Fort Augusta. Mr. Reinhart will preserve the find.

The Rev. Dr. Joseph Augustus Seiss, pastor of the Lutheran church of the Holy Communion Philadelphia, and one of the foremost men in the church, died at his home on Monday, aged eighty-one years. He had been ill about three months. He was born in Graceham, Md., and was long distinguished as a preacher and writer, world wide in reputation and prominent in all the affairs and transactions of the English parts of the Lutheran church in America. The literary works and publications of Dr. Seiss are unusually numerous and extensive.