

ANOTHER SENSATION NEAR LEWISTOWN

ROBERT F. LITTLE HELD UP AT POINT OF REVOLVER

TOOK WATCH AND MONEY

Then the Bandit Made Mr. Little Give Him His Hat—Left Again for the Mountains—Thought to be the Express Train Robber.

Following close on the daring express train robbery which took place last week near Lewistown comes another daring hold up which has caused the traveling public to be very cautious about traveling the lone roads of that vicinity.

On a lonely road three miles south of Lewistown Robert F. Little, a prominent citizen of Lewistown, while returning from a drive with his wife and child was held up and robbed at 6.20 o'clock Friday evening by a highwayman, who answered in every detail the description given of the lone robber who held up the Pennsylvania Express train in the Lewistown Narrows on Tuesday morning, Aug. 31. The robber at the point of a revolver secured ten dollars and a gold watch from Mr. Little.

Late Friday afternoon Mr. Little with his wife and child started on a drive along the lonely mountain road. For some time Mr. Little has been ill. He is just convalescing and is still weak. When they had reached a point along the mountain road about three miles south of Lewistown upon the return drive a highwayman, disguised with a burlap mask closely resembling that worn by the train robber, stepped out from the mountain, stopped the team and demanded that Mr. Little surrender his money.

With the revolver kept steadily pointed to the occupants of the carriage, the robber compelled Mr. Little to go through every pocket and rendered ten dollars in money and his gold watch. This was all the money that Mr. Little had with him and it seemed to displease the robber as he made some remarks saying that he was dissatisfied with such a small sum. Then the robber calmly turned to Mr. Little and asked him to hand over his derby hat.

Mrs. Little objected to her husband giving up his hat and possessing great nerve told the robber that her husband had been ill and that if he had to ride back home in the night air without a hat it might cause more sickness. But the robber was insistent and calmly said that he was sorry that he had to take the hat, but that he had lost his own and simply could not help taking that of his victim. During the hold-up an employe of Mr. Little's came along the road and he was quickly lined up along side the carriage and told to keep quiet under threat of being shot.

Finally released Mr. and Mrs. Little drove hurriedly back to Lewistown and reported the hold-up to the scores or more of Pinkerton detectives and railroad officers who are quartered at the Coleman House. Mr. Little and his wife describe the highwayman as being about five feet eight inches tall and weighing between 165 and 170 pounds. He wore a mask made of a burlap sack with the spaces for the eyes burned out and tied at the three corners in the same manner as that worn by the train robber. As in the holdup of the express train the robber is said to have spoken with a foreign accent.

The robbery took place at a spot known as Doe Trough Hollow, a lonely spot where the Black Hawk mountains extend fully five hundred feet overhead and there is a sharp drop to the Juniata river. The space gets its name from the fact that it is just at a point where the land resembles in shape a horseshoe and at the toe there was a pool of water to which the deer came from the mountains.

As soon as the robbery was reported to the score or more of detectives at Lewistown posses were organized and a hunt was started in the darkness to try to secure the man.

Late Friday evening the army of detectives and their assistants moved to a lonely spot in the mountains known as the Old Kettle where it is expected the robber is in hiding. The Old Kettle marks a lonely hollow in the hills where the various small mountains meet and it affords a retreat that is inaccessible for the posse except at great risk. Plans were made to shoot up the kettle in the darkness and try to drive the robber from cover, but this plan may be abandoned on account of the great risk the attacking party would run. A former Pennsylvania railroad employe of Altoona is suspected of being the bandit.

Fined for Loose Stones.

According to law it is a misdemeanor for loose stones to be left on the highways. This fact has been brought to the attention of supervisors recently, but many of those public servants remained indifferent to that duty of their office. Finally patience ceased to be a virtue with a prominent farmer at Salem, and he caused Penn township, Snyder county, supervisors to be arrested, because many loose stones were found on roads for the care of which these men are answerable. After a hearing, a snug fine was imposed and paid. This action was the initial effort in an endeavor to have Snyder county roads kept as the payer of taxes has a just privilege to expect them, says the Selinsgrove Times.

A Surprise.

In the following the Altoona Tribune, Republican, expresses its- if as only a fair minded member of that party can consistently. It says:

"The most surprising incident in the battle to remove the incubus of Cannonism from the national life was the action of the State merchants, association at its recent Pottsville session in protesting against Cannon the man and the idea he represents. Surprising as it was it was likewise significant of the widespread impression among the people of this country that Speaker Cannon represents the most vicious principles of our political life. In almost any other section of the country than Pennsylvania would the nation have looked for such an outburst against Cannon."

VIOLATE THE LAW.

Those Who Furnish Cigarettes and Papers are Responsible.

It is generally known that every time a boy under twenty-one years of age smokes a cigarette the laws of Pennsylvania are violated. Some one is responsible for this violation and is liable to a fine of from one to three hundred dollars.

The cigarette law is a law just the same as any other law, and persons violating it are just as liable to punishment as the man who breaks into your house, steals your horse, holds you up on the highway, burns your house, cracks your safe or the murderer, only the penalties are different. Some of these days some one will be hauled over the coals for furnishing boys under the age limit with cigarettes or cigarette papers. The fine is just as severe for the papers as the cigarette and whether by sale, gift or otherwise. The law reads:

LARGE DISBURSEMENTS

Amount Paid Out for Relief Funds, by Penns.

According to reports issued today, the Relief Funds of the Pennsylvania System have in twenty-three years paid out a total of \$26,702,947.78 in benefits to employes of the railroad. Of this amount, \$15,896,425.59 were paid to members who were unable to work, while the remainder, \$10,806,522.19, was paid to the families of employes who died.

Reports of July show payments amounting to \$98,298.79 on the Lines East of Pittsburgh and Erie. To members incapacitated for work, \$59,757.10 were paid, while to the families of members who died there was paid the sum of \$38,496.69. The total amount paid out of the Relief Fund of the Lines East of Pittsburgh since it was established in 1886 is \$19,477,986.52.

On the Pennsylvania Lines West of Pittsburgh, a total of \$43,164.80 was paid out in the month of July; \$20,000.00 representing the amount paid in benefits to the families of members who died, and \$23,164.80 for the Relief Department on the Lines West in 1889, there have been paid in benefits a total of \$7,224,961.26.

AN OLD BUSINESS HOUSE.

The well-known grocery and provision house, of Sechler & Co., in the Bush House block, is the oldest business house in the mercantile line, in Bellefonte, having been established in 1865 on Allegheny street and in 1869 removed to its present location in the Bush House block, where it has remained up to this time, a period of forty years, not counting the first year when it was founded. It soon took rank as the largest and most reliable grocery store, not only in this town but in the county. Its goods were ever reliable and dealings square which gave Mr. Sechler permanency, and a large trade. This reputation and consequent good fortune still clings to Sechler's grocery.

In all these years Mr. Sechler has given strict attention to his business and never has a customer had occasion to complain as to treatment of the first class quality of his goods.

Centre County Fortunate.

The water of Windber has been found to be in such an impure condition that residents have been warned to boil it before using.

As regards pure water, all of the Centre county villages and towns, have pure water from mountain springs. Bellefonte stands at the head of any in the state for absolutely pure water, and in such abundance, all the years round, with a surplus to supply an additional population of 30,000, from the spring in the heart of the town. Then there are the following villages, never in want, and supplied from mountain springs: Woodward, Aaronsburg, Millheim, Rebersburg, Madisonburg, Spring Mills, Centre Hall, Boalsburg and Pine Grove—all on the Pennsylvania side.

A New Club.

A number of gentlemen from Tyrone have formed a country club, and recently they purchased from John P. Lyon, of Bellefonte, the handsome stone residence located at Pennsylvania Furnace, known as the Lyon homestead. The committee who made the negotiations was composed of Hon. A. A. Stephens, J. K. Johnston, A. M. Laport, R. H. Zentmeyer, and Frank K. Lukenbach. The purchase does not include the whole farm, only the large house with forty acres of land. The price paid for it was \$5000. The house is conveniently arranged for club purposes, and the interior will be fitted up with the most modern furnishings. The immense lawn is dotted over with shrubbery and large shade trees. There is also a never failing spring and a large stable.

Hay Wagon Hit by Engine.

Nineteen persons were severely injured, two probably fatally, Friday night when the hay wagon in which they were being taken to a corn roast was struck by a freight engine at the St. Clair crossing of the Williamsburg branch of the Pennsylvania railroad, in Blair county.

Dorothy Henderson and Edna Snively, of Williamsburg, were caught in the upset wagon and dragged a great distance. Both were injured internally and their condition is critical. The seventeen others, all young women and men, were painfully cut and bruised.

Whipped Her Old Son.

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A STORY ABOUT EARLY HORSETHIEVES

OPERATED IN THE LOWER END OF NITTANY VALLEY

THIEF CUT OFF BOTH HANDS

In the Iron Mills at Milesburg—Took Stolen Horses to Canada—Incidents Familiar to Our Older Readers of The Centre Democrat.

Away back in early years there was much horse stealing going on in Centre and adjoining counties. The Lamar correspondent of the Lock Haven Express mentions one case which will be recalled by readers of the Centre Democrat who lived in those days.

"What is known as the Peter Smith farm was owned and occupied by Arnold Custard, an Englishman, who kept a hotel opposite which was a store, and the Lamar postoffice, kept for many years by the late Hugh White. This hotel was the half way house between Lock Haven and Bellefonte and was the scene of much revelry, especially during "training" time, when the militia would plant their cannon and muster their infantry and cavalry for the annual maneuvers at this place. During these years there sprang up a well organized gang of horse thieves, whose rendezvous was in the mountains and which extended over a wild territory. The depredations of this gang became so frequent that the citizens organized a protective association which included nearly all the horse owners of the valley, each member paying a small fee of admission and also pledged to pay his proportion of expense toward reclaiming stolen horses and capturing the thief.

During the time of the greatest activity of this gang of outlaws, George, the son of Mr. Custard, was suddenly made a victim of their clan and one dark night his horse—a fine one—mysteriously disappeared. George being a member of this association became entitled to their aid and quickly notifying the constable, Ben Straw, these two made a break for Canada, where they had reason to believe the horse to be headed. Other members of the association also became active and riders were sent post haste in every direction in pursuit of the thief. The constable and Custard however appeared to have struck the trail properly and in the course of a few days recovered the horse in a stable in southern Canada and within two miles of the horse found the thief, who was asleep in bed and who was engaged to marry a handsome young "Canuck."

Of course his very creditable aspirations in this line were in the bud and both prisoner and horse were brought back to Pennsylvania, where this very "fly" young man was tried and sent to the penitentiary for two or three years. The incident in the meantime during his term of service in the pen had been lost to sight comparatively by the appearance of other similar events, but which was forcibly brought back to memory soon after his liberation when he made his appearance at the ax factory at Milesburg, where he started the large shears used for cutting off large bars of steel and deliberately placed both wrists between the blades, and his hands severed completely from the arms dropped to the floor, when he remarked to the horror stricken workmen present that "they would never steal any more horses." His name was "Irely," but except his name we have been unable to unravel any further mystery connected with him. Of course similar depredations continued after this man took the cure, but he never was again suspected, and in fact we have no clear knowledge of him subsequently, but the criminals by heroic methods adopted by the citizens, were banished or sent for good terms to the penitentiary and in course of time the perpetrators left these parts and in this age of the township's history the people pride themselves upon their honesty and thrift.

Will Hang For 80 Cents. Frank Lee, colored, was sentenced by Judge Woods on Tuesday to be hanged. Lee is 22 years old and a native of Huston, Halifax county, Virginia, and came to Lewistown five years ago. He was convicted at May term of court of murder in the first degree and was hanged three weeks ago. The crime of which Lee was convicted was an especially cold blooded one. It was the outcome of an altercation over eighty cents said to be due him from his partner, George Porter, also a colored man. After telling Porter that he would kill him, he walked more than a block, secured his shot gun, loaded it and returned to the little store and pushing open the door held the gun within eight feet of his victim's breast and fired. Porter died three hours later.

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FOUR DAYS IN WOODS.

Wandered Alone in the Woods Before Discovered.

After wandering around in the woods for four days Mrs. Alexander Probat, of Lockport, near Lock Haven, was found Thursday morning at 11 o'clock at the cottage of Rudolph Wildmann, on the hill nearly a quarter of a mile above the mountain spring brewery in Lockport, by William and Chas. Welshans, two boys who live a short distance from that point. Her appearance indicated that she had been wandering about, but she did not appear to be any the worse for her experience. She had sufficient strength to walk to her home, and in fact her condition would lead one to think that she had been partaking of food regularly. But as far as is known she had nothing to eat since she rose from her bed and in the stillness of the early morning hours on Sunday while the other members of the family slept, left her home wandering aimlessly about. It is possible that she found and ate huckleberries, which saved her from becoming exhausted. That she was hungry is indicated from the fact that as soon as she reached her home she began to prepare for the noonday meal and hustled about as if she had only been calling on a neighbor for half an hour, instead of being out in the woods for four days and nights. She would not reply to interrogatives as to where she had been or whether she had anything to eat. Her mental condition is such at times that she is irresponsible for her actions. A close watch will be kept over her so that she does not leave her home again.

The search instituted for the missing woman under the direction of Rev. H. W. Laye and Harry Crispin, failed to bring to light any trace of her. About 50 men took part in the search, covering the hills and mountains from the river northward a mile and a half, almost to the settlement. Different groups took different routes and the men remained out until after nightfall. Some of the men were in the woods in the vicinity of the Wildmann cottage but they did not pass close to the cottage which is located at an open point in the hills. It is believed Mrs. Probat saw some of the men who were searching for her and secreted herself in some thicket or declivity, where she could not be seen.

Sold Bogus Feed Fined \$50.

Charged with selling bogus cattle feeds, twenty-two dealers in Lycoming, Bradford and Potter, Cameron, Elk, McKean, Warren Tioga counties were recently fined \$50 each on information made against them by George C. Hutchinson, special agent of the state department of agriculture. Hutchinson says the dealers in question have been selling feed made by a Buffalo concern, which consists of fifty per cent, ground corncobs, the remainder being inferior bran and wheat middlings.

The Cough of Consumption

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Will Appreciate It.

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Representatives of the Division of Zoology, State Department of Agriculture, announce that work will be resumed upon orchard inspection in Centre county under the supervision of Inspector T. C. Foster. Mr. Foster has been engaged in orchard inspections for the past four years, and will come here from Perry county, where he has been occupied the past year.

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