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How's the Suit?

Thomas H. Suckling, Sr., of Hollidaysburg, dean of the clothing merchants of Blair county, experienced a surprise the other day. An elderly man who has lived in the borough all his life walked into the Suckling store and inquired if the firm kept a record of business transactions for years back. He was told that the only record in the possession of the firm was of those who failed to pay. The man produced a \$10 bill, and asked to make a payment on my wedding suit which I bought here in 1893," he said. Mr. Suckling blinked, checked the records, and wrote a receipt on account.

He's Worried

Although he is scheduled to die in the electric chair February 14, Norman Williams, 25, of Atlanta, Ga., thinks he ought to have his tonsils removed. His throat has been troubling him and he would like to have that little matter attended to before he goes. He was examined, however, by a physician, and informed his throat was so much improved the operation would not be "necessary." It was quite a disappointment to Williams.

Three Answers

Three prospective employers responded to the advertisement of J. Arnold Clinger, Jr., of Salt Lake City, which stated: "Young man 23, wants job. Qualifications: Lazy, dishonest, uneducated, to say nothing of being a confirmed drunk. Please do not call too early." Clinger says, however, that only the first sentence was right, as he does not smoke, drink, swear, steal or sleep late.

Wants Action

Andrew J. Biemiller, Milwaukee legislator, believes that life begins at 40 and wants the state legislature to do something about it. He introduced a bill in the state assembly providing a penalty of \$200 against any employer who discharges a man over 40 or fails to hire him because of his age. Farm workers and domestic help would be excluded.

Stringless Divorce

Declaring that when her husband went to work, he stretched strings across the front and back porches, Mrs. Margaret Holz, 23, of Media, Pa., asked for a divorce. She said if the strings were broken when her husband returned, he would accuse her of having men visitors. She got her divorce—with no strings attached.

Taxless Town

Although the 140 citizens of Mt. Edna, Ind., paid no taxes on real or personal property during 1938, the town wound up the year with a balance of \$251.30 in its treasury. A balance from 1937, plus receipts from State gasoline and excise taxes, provided funds to take care of local rent expenses and leave a balance.

Bicycle Kidnaping

Something new in kidnaping came to light recently when George Brickel, 17-year-old drug store delivery boy, of Kansas City, reported that a man had forced him at the point of a gun to sit on the crossbar of his bicycle, and rode Brickel three blocks, robbed him of \$1.16 and then let him go.

Fall Cures Leg

After slipping on the ice and piling up in the snow, John McGonigle, of Cleveland, received a pleasant surprise. His stiff leg, which he had injured in a similar accident four years before, functioned normally and he was able to get up and walk away.

Predicts Own Death

Predicting that he would die within a few hours while reading his Bible, fellow circus workers found John Sweeney, 75, of Rochester, Ind., who had worked with the circus for fifty years, seated in his chair, his Bible in his lap—dead.

Drives New Car Off

While a crew was unloading automobiles at a railroad dock in Tulsa, Okla., a man walked up and asked, "Is this car ready?" "Yep," someone replied. The man got in and drove off. Police are now hunting the missing machine.

Intruder Robs Muncy Resident

Stranger Enters Home and Uses Black Jack in Tussle With Owner

State Motor Police have been investigating the hold-up by a stranger of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Hill who reside about one mile south of Muncy, stop Mile Hill, only a few feet from the Locoming-Northumberland County line. It was reported the intruder entered the Hill home, last Thursday, demanded money, and fled after securing a small amount of cash and engaging in a tussle with Mr. Hill. Hill was struck over the head with a black jack in the altercation. The attention of a passing motorist was attracted by the scene and he hurried back to Muncy to report the trouble to Chief of Police Harry Merrett. The chief notified the State Motor Police who are reported have secured several valuable clues as to the identity of the robber.

Girl Fractures Arm Miss Dorothy Confer, daughter of Claude Confer, of Runville, suffered a fracture of an arm while playing at school one day last week.

DEGREES AWARDED TO 27 COLLEGE STUDENTS FROM CENTRE COUNTY

Honors Are Conferred On Total of 194 Undergraduates and Graduates At Penn State Last Week

Among 194 undergraduate and graduate students who received degrees at the annual midyear commencement exercises at The Pennsylvania State College Friday night, were 27 students from Centre County, including 16 graduate students and 11 undergraduates.

Presentation of degrees was made by Dr. Ralph D. Hetzel, president of the College, and the commencement address was given by Dr. F. P. Corson, president of Dickinson College, Carlisle, whose topic was "The Habits of Scholarship and the Demands of the Contemporary World."

In the Centre County group, Charles M. Speidel, of State College, was included in the honors group.

Among those receiving advanced degrees were Lloyd H. Kemp, Howard, master of education in education; Edward C. Dunkle, Lemont, master of science in agronomy; Frederick D. Bennett, master of science in physics; John S. Bowman, master of philosophy in English literature; Howard S. Coleman, master of science in physics; Robert F. Doran, master of science in ceramics; Selwyn Edwards, master of education in physical education; Celeste M. Fontana, master of science in chemistry; Benjamin R. Harriman, doctor of philosophy in chemistry; James O'Hara Maloney, master of science in chemical engineering; Alfred C. Heunier, master of science in chemistry; Edward Jay Nichols, doctor of philosophy in English literature; Mary L. Presper, master of science in home economics; John W. Richards, master of science in chemistry; Ewald Rohman, doctor of philosophy in chemistry; and Albert E. Schubert, master of science in chemical engineering.

Illness Fatal To Newton I. Wilson

Former County Commissioner Dies Sunday at Old Hometown; Was 69 Years Old

Newton I. Wilson, former Centre County Commissioner and member of one of the pioneer families of Halfmoon township, passed away at his ancestral home at Warriors Mark, R. D., at 3:45 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Death resulted after a nine weeks' illness with cerebral thrombosis. He was 69 years old. Widely known and held in high esteem throughout the county, Mr. Wilson was traveling towards Philipsburg from the Clearfield direction when the truck went into a skid. Simcox was not injured. Motor police who investigated the accident did not estimate the amount of property damage.

Stolen Purses Found By Boy

Pocketbooks Taken From Lock Haven Students Are Recovered

The pocketbooks stolen from two Teachers College girls in the hold-up on West Main street, Lock Haven Sunday afternoon, Jan. 28th, were recovered by Kenneth McKague, a Queens Run boy.

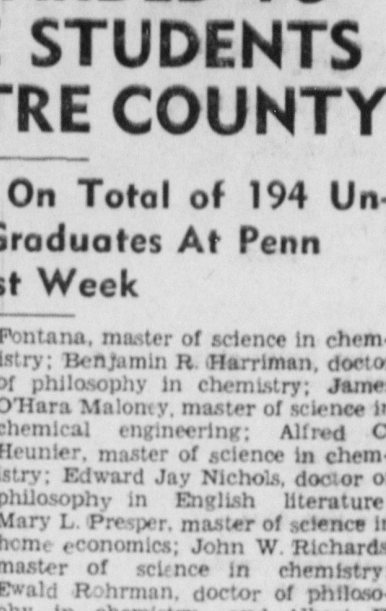
WANT SCHWAB'S HOME FOR VETERAN HOSPITAL

A group of veterans asked Pennsylvania congressman last week to back proposal that the federal government buy Charles M. Schwab's palatial estate at Loretta, Pa., as a site for a veterans hospital.

Seek New Equipment

Bids will be opened Feb. 21, for \$10,000 worth of equipment for the Industrial Home for Women, at Muncy, Col. A. S. Janeway, executive director of the state authority, has announced.

Abraham Lincoln



"Fondly do we hope . . . fervently do we pray that this mighty scourge of war may speedily pass away."

Game Birds and Animals Are Pets Of Rockview Penitentiary Inmates

With the same devotion of the small boy to his dog, prisoners at the Centre county Penitentiary are carried daily to the runways of the institution's 536-acre mountain reservation at Rockview, near the summit of the Alleghenies.

TRUCK SKIDS FROM ROAD; DAMAGES FENCE AND PORCH

Slippery roads were blamed for an accident at Point Lookout early Friday morning when a truck operated by Richard Simcox, 18, of Philipsburg, skidded on the icy roads and crashed into a fence and front porch of the William Almond property there.

Simcox was traveling towards Philipsburg from the Clearfield direction when the truck went into a skid. Simcox was not injured. Motor police who investigated the accident did not estimate the amount of property damage.

STORY OF A CIRCUS DAY TRAGEDY

Fancied Grievance Led to Slaying of Bellefonte Citizen

One of the earliest of several remaining unsolved crimes committed in Centre county that have left a stigma upon the skirts of justice occurred on a circus day in Bellefonte about forty-nine years ago. It was the cowardly killing of Harry Waterhouse by a supposedly employe of the show, who at first gave his name as Billy Smith and later turned out to be John Wilson.

Victim and Stranger Meet

Rogers' Circus and Menagerie had arrived in Bellefonte in the morning of September 3, 1890, and pitched its tents on the Glass Works Meadow, the site now occupied by the American Lime & Stone Co. hydrating plant. The streets were thronged with town and country folks who had turned out to see the parade and make take in the circus at the show ground.

Together in the Afternoon

Rine and Wilson met again after dinner and drank somewhat. They started to have their pictures taken but Wilson refused to have one made of himself, but willingly paid for Rine's picture. Wilson had nothing further to say to Waterhouse at the time and was to all intents, in a much better humor.

They were together until 3 o'clock in the afternoon when they started for the show ground. When they reached the former T. Gerberich residence on North Thomas Street they sat down on the steps for about five minutes and talked over different matters.

Wilson pulled out a large revolver from his coat pocket and showed it to Rine and made some threats in regard to Waterhouse. He also told Rine he had another revolver with him. The latter persuaded him to put the weapon in his pocket and they started again for the show.

A Crime Without a Motive

Recalling the unprovoked tragedy of 1890, in which a Bellefonte iron worker was shot and killed by a stranger whom he had met but a few hours before, brings to mind the prevailing opinion at the time that it was purely "a murder without a reason."

Waterhouse, the victim, was an inoffensive fellow who was never given to quarreling; in fact he was known to go any length to avoid trouble. A few hours after he met a circus follower by the name of Wilson, the latter developed such an intense hatred for Waterhouse that he shot him down without explanation. No one has ever been able to advance a reasonable motive for the dastardly murder. Wilson's only defense was that Waterhouse and a companion were about to rob him. This was a highly implausible statement, as witnesses to the tragedy afterward testified.

Why then did Wilson kill Harry Waterhouse? His escape from the county jail and success thereafter in eluding all efforts to recapture him, has left the forty-nine-year-old question unanswered.

Uses Deadly Weapon With Effect.

When halfway between the Gerberich residence and the old Isaac Mitchell home they saw Harry Waterhouse coming towards them. Wilson exclaimed "There comes the old fellow," and grew angry and abusive toward Waterhouse. A few hot words passed between them when Wilson struck at Waterhouse, the latter warding off the blow. He struck at him again, when Rine grabbed Wilson and tried to hold him.

Slayer Flees From Scene

He drew a large revolver, firmly braced his feet, took careful aim at Waterhouse and fired the deadly weapon, saying, "There, take that, will you."

Wilson Held for Trial.

Wilson was granted a hearing and held without bail for court. At the (Continued on page four)

TRUCK STRIKES THREE YOUTHS WALKING ON CLEARFIELD HIGHWAY

One of Group Picked Up Bleeding and Unconscious Is In Serious Condition In Clearfield Hospital

Robert Hoak was treated for black eye, ankle injury, and body lacerations. Walter Snyder, another brother and fourth member of the party was untouched. He was far enough behind the file to escape the swing of the vehicle.

Three Juniata Youths Confess

Boys Admit Implications in Numerous Robberies of Garages, Stores

The wave of petty thievery which has swept across Juniata recently was partially solved Sunday night when Altoona police took into custody three 14-year-old youths, all of whom admitted implications in numerous robberies of attempted breaking and entering.

MAN IN HOSPITAL MAY FACE MOTOR CAR CHARGE

Walter Saylor, of Florence, Allegheny county, driver of the car which left the road near Martha last week and crashed over an embankment, injuring the driver's wife, may face charges of misuse of registration plates motor police report.

Murderer Makes Successful Escape From Centre County Jail

After he committed the deed Wilson started to run for the show ground, having the revolver still in his hand which he finally dropped. McKnight and Crosswhite followed him to the ground and informed Officers Garis Polk and Mullen, who started in pursuit of the man. He was caught on near Collins Furnace, at a Hungarian shanty. He made no attempt to resist arrest.

Survived But a Short Time

In the meanwhile Dr. H. K. Hoy was summoned to the scene of the crime where the body of Waterhouse was lying. Nothing could be done for the mortally wounded man and he expired a few minutes after the arrival of the physician. The wound was in the center of the neck, in front, at about the bottomhole of the shirt. The body was taken in charge by the Post overseers and removed to the borough poor home.

Wilson a Bad Character

After Wilson had been lodged in jail he was searched and another revolver with five chambers loaded was taken from his inside coat pocket. About \$14 in money was also found in his pockets. Other articles discovered on his person were a large dirk knife, a steel key, a file, and a pair of overalls, which clearly pointed to the fact that he was a professional house-breaker. When the officers first started after the fellow he was seen throwing something into the nearby field. Search being made at that point a silver watch and gold chain were found. It is thought the watch he cast aside was a stolen one.

Three Philipsburg Coasters Injured

Crash Into Rear of Automobile Driven by Donald J. Crain

Three young children of Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Fleck, Windy Hill, Philipsburg, R. D., were injured Sunday afternoon while sledding when their sled struck a car one mile east of Philipsburg in Rush township.

COLLEGE DISPLAYS RARE INDIAN POT

A perfect specimen of Indian pottery is being preserved in the museum of the School of Mineral Industries at the Pennsylvania State College.

Born in Different Towns.

Two girls, who with their mother are in the care of the Community Hospital, at Kane, are twins, although they were born in different towns. Daughters of Mr. and Mrs. John Clogg, of Wilcox, one was born at home and the other six and a half miles later in the hospital.

'KEEPING UP WITH THE JONESES' — Eddie's Taking No More Chances

