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DAVID LEWIS.

The Noted Highwayman and Counterfeiter.

(Continued from last week.)

After remaining in Bedford jail for some time, and finding the usage not such as should be given to prisoners in our condition, I determined to escape, and accordingly put the convicts and prisoners, who were confined with me, on a plan to get off, which succeeded to my full expectation. We let out all the prisoners that would go, excepting an ordinary fellow, that had robbed a poor widow, and who, I was determined, should be left behind to take care of the jailer and his family, whom we had locked up in the same apartment lately occupied by us.

Connelly and myself proceeded along the mountain to Dublin Gap in Cumberland county, where we came across an old acquaintance, and remained there a few days, and then went to Petersburg in Adams county, where we procured some clothing and other necessities, having left Bedford in a very destitute condition. After we had refreshed ourselves and recovered from our fatigue, we crossed over to the Conewago hills in York county, and having committed several petty robberies and depredations, we directed our course into East Pennsboro, one of the most populous and wealthy German settlements in Cumberland county, with the view of robbing some of the rich farmers in that neighborhood. Hearing that Jones Roop was about to build a new mill, and had gathered a good deal of money for that purpose, we lurked about in the vicinity for some time but could not meet with favorable opportunity to accomplish our end.

We next visited Kreitzer's tavern, and judging from the largeness of his bar, the size of his purse, we expected to be more fortunate with him than we had been at Roop's, but we were again disappointed. While in his bar-room, we heard some of the neighbors talk in the absence of Mr. Kreitzer of his not having one cent for every dollar in the possession of Mr. Beshore, who was represented as having more ready money than all the rest of his neighbors put together. We immediately laid our plans for an attack on his house, and would certainly have succeeded, but for the presence of mind and bravery displayed by his wife who blew a horn to alarm the neighborhood displaying as much courage on the occasion as some men, and more resolution than any other woman I ever met with.

It was not long before a number of the neighbors came to her assistance, and Connelly snatching up a rifle which stood in the house made off, while I, who for the first time in the last five years being intoxicated to excess, was taken prisoner, and after being well secured and fastened, some cowardly fellow came up and struck me in my defenceless condition. I was then taken to Carlisle jail and put in a very strong room, out of which I saw but little chance of escape, but to my great joy and satisfaction soon heard that the Sheriff of Bedford county jail had come down to demand me. I was the more pleased with the prospect of an exchange of prisoners from the dislike I took to the jailer, who seemed to be a very surly fellow, and always looked as if he begrudged the prisoners the common jail allowance. The Sheriff was not successful in his application, but upon Alexander, Mahon and William Ramsay, Esqs., swearing that the Carlisle jail was not sufficiently strong to hold me, I was ordered to be taken to Chambersburg by Sheriff Ritter, a thick headed lump of a fellow, whom I had remembered to have seen before, while following an occupation for which he was much better fitted than the one he was engaged in. In conducting me to Cham-

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OVER AT THE MINES.

Harry Henry Writes from Six Mile Run.

As it has been some time since I saw many of my friends in Old Fulton, I will give my best wishes to all by a short sketch of my life here.

It is a little more than two years since I left Fulton and came to Six Mile Run, Pa., which is a small borough of about 1000 inhabitants and a very busy little town. There are 7 large stores, and several small ones, 3 large halls, 2 churches, 2 meat markets, 2 hotels, restaurants, barber shops and everything up-to-date. House rent is from \$5 to \$10 per month, and it is almost impossible to get one at any price. There have been at least 30 houses built this fall—some of which are double; also, there were 2 school houses—one 6-rooms and the other 4-rooms—which cost, \$10,000. These houses are brick cased.

Teachers are paid from \$40 to \$60 a month and trouble getting them at that price.

This is a mining town. Two years ago, there were only 9 mines in operation; now there are 20. Coal is scarce and high in price. The banks are worked night and day and are shipping daily fifty and sixty 60,000-lb., R. R. cars, the coal worth at least \$2 a ton.

Men who want to work will find no trouble in securing it here; and, in regard to wages, a man who has a good room can easily make \$4 to \$6 in eight hours. Day work runs from \$1.76 to \$2.75.

Fulton county people are well represented here, there being many from Clear Ridge, Water fall and other places, especially in the north end of the county.

We have Hon. David Black as Mine Superintendent. He don't forget a Fulton county boy, when employment is sought.

He and I are about the only Democrats here, so we have lots of work to do to keep our side moving.

Farmers who have produce for sale can find good market here. Eggs are worth 25 cents; butter 25; pork 8c; corn 75c a bushel; hay, \$17 to \$20; potatoes, 60; apples, 65 to 75; rough lumber, \$16; siding and flooring, \$22—these are merchants' cash prices.

This town is located on a branch of the H. & B. T. R. R., two miles east of Riddlesburg. Defiance is between this and Riddlesburg, and it is another lively town with two hotels and two stores.

Broadtop is in a prosperous condition and I hope may continue so to be. Town lots are selling from \$50 to \$150 apiece, and are well elevated.

The above is only a few brief items, and my time is limited, so I cannot say any more this time, but wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

H. N. HENRY.

Brush Creek.

Quite a storm of sleet and rain here the twelfth and thirteenth. The oyster supper at Crystal Springs last Saturday evening was well attended.

A debate will be held at Akersville on the 19th. Everybody is invited.

The Akersville Sunday school is preparing for a Christmas entertainment.

A. W. Duval made a business trip to Whips Cove on the 15th.

J. N. Hixson and family attended the oyster supper.

H. E. Akers has moved to Clearville and G. W. Conner has moved to his residence.

J. L. Jackson is reported on the sick list.

Miss Lucretia R. Jackson who has been in Bedford county has returned home.

Some of our neighbors have been seen sleighing in buggies since the snow.

On account of the rain there was no practice at Akersville last Friday evening.

Rev. C. H. Campbell, pastor of Akersville M. E. church has not been able to preach for two weeks.

Soldier's Orphan.

In a letter received a few days ago by Mrs. S. M. Cook from Prof. Thomas E. Wilson, principal of the Soldiers' Orphans' School at Chester Springs, Pa., the following reference is made to an Ayr township boy who entered the school in October—"Walter Cuff, I am pleased to say, enjoys good health and is happy and contented. In his school work his teacher feels that he is making good progress, considering his limited advantages before entering our school." We are glad to have such a report of "Boss," and hope that up the hill of knowledge he will "keep a-go-in'."

Needmore.

Nature has again clothed the earth with a robe of snow and the merry jingle of sleigh bells again greet our ears.

Miss Emma Pittman who is spending the winter with A. Runyan's family, spent part of last week visiting the families of David Evans and Samuel Hess.

The school at this place is progressing nicely under the efficient management of our teacher Miss Cora Funk.

'Squire Will Peck of Gem was seen in our village one day last week.

Rev. S. L. Baugher and wife have returned to their home after an extended visit in other parts of the county.

Miss Minnie Funk spent Saturday and Sunday at her home near this place.

E. N. Akers of Sipes Mill was in this place one day last week.

Mrs. Job Mellott of this place is suffering from a light stroke of paralysis.

Oliver Mellott expects to start to Pittsburg this week, where he has a position as street-car conductor.

Messrs. Ross and Marie Mellott of Maryland are spending several weeks with relatives and friends in this vicinity.

Listen for wedding bells soon!

Mr. W. Scott Palmer passed through here last Friday enroute to his place of business at Connellsville.

Wm. Carnell, J. C. Fisher and Charlie Gordon—our champion hunters report for one day last week one very fine turkey, one pheasant, two quails and—well we will not say how many rabbits for fear the truth of our statement might be taken in question.

Mr. Silas Morgret hooked up to his sleigh last Sunday morning and struck out alone. Look out, girls. Silas has a number-one rig.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Peck made a trip to Bedford county, last Sunday.

The wonderfully heavy sleet we have had the last few days causes the trees and shrubbery in the light of the sun or moon, to look like polished silver.

Miss Clyde Hess of Philadelphia, who is just recovering from an attack of fever, is here hoping to faster regain her health in the country.

Their Tin Wedding.

We acknowledge the receipt of an invitation to be present at the celebration of the tenth anniversary of the wedding of Prof. and Mrs. Oscar S. Johnston at their home in Pittsburg, Kansas, on the evening of the 23rd inst.

Thanks, Oscar, we should be delighted to spend that evening in your home; but as the walking is bad, and we are getting a little rheumatic, we are compelled to forego the pleasure. We extend our congratulations and trust these happy occasions may be repeated until you are permitted to celebrate your Diamond Wedding.

Presiding Elder Dr. E. H. Yocum will hold the fourth Quarterly Conference in the Hustontown M. E. church next Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock, and will preach Saturday evening at 7 o'clock and on Sunday morning at 10.

SIXTY YEARS AGO.

Gleanings From an Old Copy of "The Bedford Gazette."

When William Wink, of Belfast township called at the News office a few days ago to advance his subscription to the latter part of 1903, he handed us a copy of the Bedford Gazette published September 8, 1843—almost sixty years ago. It is a small five column four-page paper and is a poor apology for the 9-column blanket sheet of the Bedford Gazette of the present day.

It was printed and published at that time by Col. John Bowman for the moderate sum of two dollars a year, payable within the year, or two dollars and fifty cents after the year expired.

While a paper of that size would not cut much of a figure in modern newspaperdom, it, no doubt at that time wielded an influence that was felt throughout the entire county, which then embraced not only the present area of Bedford county which is 1003 square miles, but included all of Fulton and part of Blair. One of the things that strikes the newspaper man of to-day most forcibly is the difference in editorial language used now, compared with that of sixty years ago.

It would seem that the printers' bills in those good old days were called into question much as they, sometimes are at the present. The political party who did not get the public printing tried to make the impression that Col. Bowman was robbing the public, and this is the way the Colonel relieved himself in an editorial in the old paper we have before us:

"For the last five or six months the Bedford Coons have been willfully, wickedly, and maliciously circulating a report that the editor of this paper charged the State an 'UNPRECEDENTED' sum for printing the State Treasurer's Report—that he has plundered the Commonwealth out of several hundred dollars more for doing this work than would have been charged by a COON, &c. &c. &c. Now mark how a plain tale will put those infamous LIARS down!

The Treasurer's Report for 1841 was printed by H. MONTGOMERY, the man who printed the LOG CABIN RIFLE in 1840! It made 444 pages, for which 'same log cabin rifle coon' charged the Commonwealth \$500 for the PRINTING ALONE!

The Report printed by us in 1842 makes 595 pages, a difference of 151 pages, for which we charged \$670.50, being precisely at the SAME RATE charged by this Log Cabin Reform Printer, which any man will find to be the fact by making the calculation for himself. The difference in the pages is what makes the difference in the price, and no one but a FOOL or a VILLAIN would say that the printing of a book containing 595 pages ought not to cost more than the printing of one containing only 444 pages!!

In addition to this, there is no decent man who will compare the two works that will not say that there ought to be a difference of \$100 in our favor in consequence of the very handsome manner in which the Report of 1842 is executed over that of 1841, yet we only charged at the rate established by the Log Cabin Reformers of 1840! Messrs. Hickock & Cantine's bill for folding and stitching, and \$8 charged for printing 600 handsome covers, makes the whole work amount to \$718 and 50 cents—hence it will be seen that the degraded scamps who are set forward as the leaders of the coon party in Bedford are a disgrace and a reproach to the community. Whilst, however, these infamous liars are at tempting to impose the falsehood above alluded to upon their readers, the public records show that the coon printers in Bedford have charged the tax-payers \$50 more than the editor of the Gazette for printing the one item of Receipts and Expenditures, and the soft creature who is now made to father the silly productions of a nest of half-fledged GOSLIN' pet-doggers, had \$5 stricken from a bill which he presented to the Commissioners for a check a short time since, it being that amount more than we had charged the county for doing the SAME WORK! These COONS are great cattle to TALK about

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Elects Officers.

At a meeting of Tuscarora Council, No. 1212, Royal Arcanum, at McConnellsburg, the following officers were elected Monday evening: Regent, George W. Reiser; vice regent, W. S. Dickson; secretary, B. W. Peck; collector, Dr. A. D. Dalbey; treasurer, A. U. Nace; chaplain, Henry A. Comer; guide, John Comer; warden, John A. Irwin; sentry, S. B. Wollett; trustee, W. F. Stoutagle; representative to Grand Council, B. W. Peck.

The Royal Arcanum is one of the strongest Fraternal Orders in America, and has a membership now of a quarter of a million men—its membership having increased about 50,000 during the past year.

More than six millions and a half of dollars have been paid out in death benefits during the past year, and its financial condition is such that makes it one of the safest and cheapest life insurance organizations in the world.

If you are 25 years of age, about a dollar a month is all it will cost you to carry a thousand dollars life insurance. If younger it will cost you less; if older a trifle more.

Don't delay. If you wait until you are older, it will cost you more; or, perhaps, some disease may develop that would prevent your getting in the Arcanum or in any other insurance organization.

New Grenada.

Harvey Shafer who has been home for a few days suffering with pleurisy is able to be out again.

Nettie McClain who has been in Altoona for some time, returned home recently.

Mrs. Hettie Gracy spent Sunday with her daughter, Ida.

On account of bad weather, the oyster supper of the P. O. S. of A., was a failure, so far as visiting members were concerned—not one being present. The home boys got away with the oysters, just the same.

Rev. W. J. Shaffer has closed a series of meetings at Zion.

William Bergstresser was fortunate enough, recently, to kill two nice red foxes in one day.

Moody Stewart and Thos. Sipes of Wells Tannery were calling on friends here last Sunday evening.

Dr. Campbell is preparing to erect an office building at Robertsdale. We have not been informed as to whether it will be large enough to hold two birds or not.

H. O. Wible, of Knobsville is teaching the unexpired term of No. 4 school, made vacant recently, by the resignation of Stella Bard.

Lewis Rinard, a French girl at Robertsdale, died on Saturday night of diphtheria, age about 20 years. She was to have been married on Christmas—had her wedding outfit all made.

Christmas entertainments are cut out this year at Bethel and Zion.

Samuel Alloway and Irwin Cridder visited Charles Alloway at Three Springs on Sunday.

Allie Cutchall and wife were in New Grenada on Sunday, making use of the good sleighing.

Wm. Fritchey is on the sick list.

Laidig.

David Stevens is quite ill again. Rev. Mefroy will begin protracted meeting at Fairview Monday evening.

Le Roy Cook has gone to Pleasant Ridge to spend the winter with his grandmother.

Joseph Price was called to Mt. Union on Saturday to attend the funeral of his brother.

S. D. Stevens of Chambersburg, spent Saturday with his parents at Laidig.

The trees and other vegetation covered with snow and ice, presented a truly beautiful appearance on Sunday as they sparkled in the sunlight—beautiful beyond the work of art.

CONRAD LONG DEAD.

Fell on Ice, and Fractured His Skull.

Conrad Long who had his home with his sister, Mrs. Barbara Houpt at Webster Mills died Monday forenoon and was buried in the Reformed graveyard at McConnellsburg, Wednesday.

Although about 70 years of age Mr. Long had been in his usual health, and about nine o'clock started to walk out through the gate that opened from the yard. A few minutes later some school children passing on their way to school found him lying at the gate in an unconscious condition. Dr. Sappington was at once called, and Mr. Long carried into the house. When the Doctor came, he administered some stimulants and Mr. Long sat up, and seemed to be reviving, when a relapse took place and in a few minutes Mr. Long was dead. An examination showed a fracture at the base of the brain back of his head which was in all probability produced by his falling owing to the icy condition of the walk.

Mr. Long was never married, and is survived by his sister Mrs. Houpt and Miss Lavinia, who at the time of her brother's death was visiting friends in McConnellsburg.

The deceased was a member of the Reformed church, and an inoffensive citizen.

Moral Reform Meeting.

The Moral Reform Association of McConnellsburg met according to adjournment December 15, 1902, at 7 o'clock p. m. in the Presbyterian church. At the request of the president, because of indisposition, the vice president conducted the meeting. After a short devotional exercise, the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. On motion a committee consisting of Geo. W. Hays, S. M. Robinson, and Chas. Eitemiller was appointed to procure from the files of the Clerk of the Court, copies of all applications for license to sell liquors within the borough of McConnellsburg for the coming year, to gether with the certificates of petitioners and bondsmen accompanying the same, and present them at the next meeting of the Association. Also a committee consisting of Rev. A. G. Wolf, Thos. F. Sloan, and A. U. Nace was appointed to prepare remonstrances against one or all of the applications for license, have them properly signed and placed on file according to the requirements of the court. There being no report from the executive committee on program for next meeting, it was agreed to invite M. R. Shaffner, Esq., to address the Association at its next meeting on "The Statutory Law and How to Enforce It Against Profanity."

According to the prearranged program Rev. J. L. Grove presented an address on "Our Obligation to Remedy the Evils of Intemperance." That part of the program embracing an address by Rev. A. G. Wolf on "What Attitude Should We Take Toward Intemperance in Order to be Sustained by the Bible?" was carried over and made part of the program for the next meeting.

On motion the meeting adjourned to meet December 29, 1902, at 7 p. m. in the Reformed church, if this be agreeable. The meeting was closed with praise and prayer.

SECRETARY.

Mrs. George S. Green.

Mrs. George S. Green, only sister of our townsman Samuel Glass, died in Philadelphia last Sunday, and was brought on Monday evening to the home of her mother, Mrs. Corwell in Chambersburg, from whose residence the funeral took place Tuesday.

Mrs. Green had been ill for a few weeks and her mother was at her bedside when the end came. She was 42 years old and had been married but a few years—she was born near Fort Loudon, but raised principally in Chambersburg.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Brief Mention of Persons and Places You Know.

Mr. Bennett H. Truax of Belfast township, called at the News office a few minutes the other day.

James G. Patterson of Westminster College, New Wilmington, Pa., is spending his holiday vacation here.

Miss Margaret Foreman of Pennington, N. J., is visiting friends here. She expects to return to Pennington after the holidays.

Miss Mary McClosky returned to her home in this place Monday after having made a somewhat extended visit among friends up the State.

Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Clevenger of West Dublin spent Wednesday at McConnellsburg.

Dr. and Mrs. H. S. Wishart, after a residence of thirty-six years at Harrisonville, moved to McConnellsburg last week. We welcome them to our town and hope they may find their new home pleasant.

LOST.—A gold watch chain with a four-leaf clover charm, somewhere on the streets of McConnellsburg. A liberal reward if returned to this office.

Presiding Elder Yocum will hold Quarterly Conference in the M. E. church in this place Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock, and will preach in the same church Friday evening and Sunday evening.

Clarence Shimer and Charley Kelley, of McConnellsburg, spent Tuesday in Everett with the former's sister, Mrs. Lloyd Doyle. They left Wednesday for Bolivar where they have secured employment.—Everett Press.

Our friend Archie W. Johnston of Ayr township, came in early Monday morning and gave us the cash to advance his subscription to the News to Sept. 21, 1904. Mr. Johnston felt that the printer should have a little money for Christmas, even if he had to pay ahead into the next century.—Thanks.

Burnt Cabins.

T. M. Cisney and Ed Welch have returned to Woodvale, after spending a few days with their families.

Mrs. McKabe of Ohio, is visiting Samuel Bowman's family.

Miss Margaret Reese is suffering with a sore finger, bitten, not by a mad dog, but by a good natured young man at Miss Mary Welch's social, playing sheep.

Mrs. John Spitzer and her mother, Mrs. Jones, have returned to their home in Cleveland, O., after having spent some time with friends in this vicinity.—Mrs. Jones is in her 81st year.

Mrs. Elizabeth Cowan has returned to her home at Strasburg, Franklin county, after visiting her daughter, Mrs. John North.

Mrs. Jacob Crouse and daughter Blanch, left last Tuesday for Cleveland, Ohio, to visit Mrs. Crouse's brother, Henry Bender.

Saw in last week's paper that Nicholas Metzler killed a hog that weighed six hundred pounds.—The weight might have been a few pounds more or less, for Nick didn't weigh the hog.

Married, at the home of the bride, by Presiding Elder Amos S. Baldwin; Mr. Harry Cowan of Decorum, and Miss Lizzie Trexler of Shada Gap.

Rotz-Nelson.

At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John S. Nelson in Tod township at six o'clock last evening by Rev. J. L. Grove were united in marriage Miss Arrie Nelson and Mr. Philip Rotz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Rotz of the same township in the presence of a large number of relatives and friends of the contracting parties. The happy couple left this morning for an extending wedding trip up the State.

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