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## FELONIOUS ASSAULT.

Samuel M. Clevenger Beaten in His Home at Needmore, Monday Night and House Robbed.

### DESPERADOES NOW IN COUNTY JAIL.

Two tramps aged 26 and 28 years, respectively, gained entrance into the house of Samuel M. Clevenger, an aged citizen, near Needmore, this county on Monday night, and after brutally beating the old gentleman over the head with the butt of a revolver, they ransacked the house, appropriating what money they could find together, with articles of clothing and such other things as they wished, tied their victim hand and foot, and took their departure, leaving him, as they supposed—dead.

Samuel M. Clevenger, aged about seventy years, a well known Prohibitionist and brother of our townsman, Aaron Clevenger, lives alone in a small story and a-half house, about 12 by 14 feet, about three quarters of a mile north of Needmore on the road leading to the old Palmer homestead where Dr. J. J. Palmer and his mother Mrs. Maria Palmer now live.

Last Sunday two young Germans passed through Thompson and Belfast townships, stopping at the homes of farmers along the way asking for something to eat. Finding no one at home at Aaron P. Garland's, on part of the old Gregory farm north of Needmore, they broke a window, entered the house, and after ransacking it, carried away some small articles. At Clayton Deshong's, the family was away from home, and they broke into his house, took two watches, a pocket knife, some tobacco, and clothing.

About noon Monday they called at S. M. Clevenger's, Mr. Clevenger was at home, treated the strangers kindly, and had quite a talk with them. They said they were on their way from Cumberland to Pittsburg, and there was nothing in their manner that would indicate that they were not entirely honorable. Monday night, however, about 10 o'clock, after Mr. Clevenger had gone to bed, he heard some one at the pump. Then a voice called to him to bring them a tin cup that they might get a drink. Samuel got up, got a tin, went to the door, and when he opened it to hand the tin cup out, he beheld his noontime visitors, who rushed in upon him grabbing him by the throat and demanding his money. When he told them he had no money they began to abuse him, beating him in the face, clubbing him over the head with a revolver, and knocking him down. They then tied him hand and foot and proceeded to ransack the house—looking in every nook and corner for money. They only succeeded in finding about a dollar and a half, but they took the old man's hat, shoes, and vest, and some other things; they then tramped his toes to see if he were alive, and as he did not flinch, they left the house.

After Mr. Clevenger was reasonably sure that the men had gone away, he began to try to extricate himself, which he accomplished in about an hour. He then dragged himself to the home of W. H. Wink, a neighbor, called them up, and told them of the occurrence. The neighborhood was at once aroused by telephone, and soon searching parties were on the trail of the tramps. Dr. Palmer came to the relief of Mr. Clevenger, and found in addition to the lacerations and bruises about the face and head, that a bone in one of his arms was fractured, and that he seemed to be suffering from some internal injury.

About 4 o'clock Tuesday morning, Elmer M. Peck, who lives in the old John Morgret property in Needmore, heard two men walking along the road by his house,

## OUT IN ILLINOIS.

Threshed Two Thousand Bushels of Oats From 8:30 A. M. Until 5 in the Afternoon.

### WAGES FROM \$22 TO \$35 A MONTH.

Buds Ill., Aug. 17.—The fact that I read with interest the letters in the News from different members of Fulton county's family, in different sections of the country, leads me to conclude that somebody might find some pleasure in reading a few lines from this neck o' woods. I say this neck o' woods—and yet this is a prairie country, and not a bit of native timber in miles and miles.

We are having fine weather out here at present. The growing crops are looking fine, and the grain that is now being threshed is yielding very satisfactorily—Wheat, from 22 to 41 bushels an acre, and oats, from 35 to 63. We have fine prospects for a bumper corn crop, if we get rain right soon.

We have been threshing for about two weeks. To-day, we threshed 2,000 bushels of oats from half past eight this morning until five o'clock this afternoon. We thresh out in the field—that is, haul the bundles in from the field without stacking. Our threshing crew is composed of 22 people—9 rakes, 5 pitchers, 4 granmen, 3 machine men, and 1 water boy.

Our separator is a 60 inch, with a 36 inch cylinder. It is an automatic feeder, and has an elevator and weigher combined. Last year we operated a 42 inch cylinder and a 66 inch separator.

Hired help is scarce—wages ranging from \$22 to \$35 a month.

Now, Mr. Editor, I want to say how much I enjoy the NEWS from week to week, and hope that your faithful corps of correspondents will continue to furnish all the happenings from the different sections of the dear old county, as heretofore; for it is only when one is eight hundred or a thousand miles from home that one appreciates to the full, what a local paper means.

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going in the direction of Hancock. Believing that these were the men wanted, he watched until he found which road they took after they crossed Barnett's Run, and then getting Willie Powers and John D. Mellott—the three on horseback, started in pursuit. They followed them across the Ridge into Pigeon Cove, and when they reached Job Hess's, they learned that the men had been seen passing that place a short time before. Mr. Hess mounted a horse and joined in the chase. The pursuing party heard of their man again at Will Ranck's, and when they reached George Chesnut's barn—almost to the Maryland line, they saw their men, and hastening to them piled guns on them and ordered them to "hold up hands." One of the men obeyed unhesitatingly, but the other made an effort to get his hand in his pocket, but looking into the muzzle of John D's gun about a second, he decided to comply with the request. The men were disarmed, and marched back to Needmore, where they were identified by Mr. Clevenger, as were also the articles of clothing taken from him, and the articles taken from the home of Clayton Deshong.

The necessary legal proceeding were taken before Squire S. L. Wink who issued a commitment, and the men were brought to town and lodged in the County Jail Tuesday evening by John D. Mellott, Elmer M. Peck, and Prof. B. N. Palmer—these gentlemen having been deputized for that purpose by Constable Harvey Snyder, who was sick at the time.

## FOSTERS IN ILLINOIS.

They and Others from the Broadtop Region Went to Fulton County, Illinois.

Rapatee, Ill., August 20.—Editor of "Fulton County News."—Believing that a brief letter from this place would be readable to your subscribers, when the same comes from two old Fulton county boys, the following is respectfully submitted:

Rapatee is situated on the Iowa Central railroad, 32 miles east of Peoria, and 20 miles south from Galesburg, and is in the midst of one of the garden spots of grand old Illinois. Now, while we frequently meet people from Oklahoma, or the two Dakotas, who call this "Back east," and think it an old settled country, yet in 1835 it was a vast prairie, and the hunting grounds of the Indians. In that year some families from Highland county, Ohio, began the settlement in what is now north Fulton and south Knox counties. But from 1850 to 1860, was the time that those grand old families from the Broadtop mountains came here and took possession of those rich prairie lands. Most of them now sleep in the Lyons cemetery south of Rapatee in Fairview township, Fulton county.

The Cooks, Fosters, Shreeves, Marks, Andersons, Evanses, Figards, Barnetts, Hortons, Grays, and others, and what a country they opened up for us to enjoy.

Well, 1909 will long be remembered as a big crop year in Illinois. The fruit crop was, and is, a record breaker, and the wheat crop was a very valuable one—a good bit of it was contracted at \$1.05 per bushel from the machine, and crops of from 45 to 45 bushels per acre were common. Corn reached the top here in May when it reached 70 cents. Lots of 1908 corn crops brought from \$35 to \$55 per acre. Quite a contrast from 1896 when we bought corn for 18 cents a bushel and oats at 9 cents. The high price of farm produce has caused every native Illinois boy who can scare up a team, to farm; so that almost all our farm hands are from the East. The Kentuckians lead in numbers, but a great many Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Virginia boys are working in this locality, and they are a fine lot of young men as a whole. At the wages they receive they can save money.

There has been a great improvement in farming in Illinois during the last 25 years, but we will leave that for a future letter.

Now a word about your scribes: Samuel A. Foster, son of J. C. Foster, of Eid, Fulton county, Pa., came here last March, and likes the country and the people first rate, and wants to read the Fulton County News.

D. I. Foster was born and raised in Broadtop township, Bedford county, but was a citizen of Fulton county, Pa., in 1887. He has been in the coal business at this place since September, 1888—is lessee and manager of the C-pe coal bank. He visited Fulton county, Pa., in 1889, and again in January of this year. He is not a kid by any means, as he is called "grandpa" by seven boys and one girl. He and his wife have eight living children. So you see this country is as good to grow boys and girls in, as it is to grow horses, cows, and pigs.

Fraternally yours,  
S. A. AND D. I. FOSTER.

Commissioners Refused to Pay.

The County Commissioners of Bedford county recently refused to pay the courtier and the tip staves at the rate allowed by the recent act of the Legislature. Under its provisions the courtier is allowed \$60 per month and the tipstaves \$40 per month. At the above rate the pay of the courtier is more than that of the district attorney or the associate judges.

The matter will be appealed from the decision of the commissioners to the court.

## RECORD OF DEATHS.

Persons Well Known to Many of Our Readers, Who Have Answered Final Summons.

### ALL SEASONS ARE THINE, O DEATH.

JOSEPH D. STEVENS.

Joseph D. Stevens, one of Fulton county's oldest and most highly esteemed citizens, died at the home of his son Charles, in Wells Valley, Saturday, August 21, 1909, aged 82 years, 6 months and 26 days. The funeral took place on the following Monday, and interment was made in the cemetery at Clear Ridge, Rev. W. M. Cline of Fort Littleton conducting the services.

The deceased was born in this county, and in this county spent his entire life until about two years ago, when he moved to Huntingdon county. A few days before his death, being in his usual health, he went down to visit his son Charles in Wells Valley, and while there was stricken with hemorrhage of the kidneys, which resulted in his death as before stated.

Mr. Stevens was twice married; the first time to Miss Hannah Holland, of Clear Ridge, and to this union were born eight sons and one daughter—seven of whom are living, namely, Thomas B., of McConnellsburg; James D., of Fort Littleton; Vincent C., Harrisburg; Dr. John E., and Dr. Albert S.—both of Hancock, Iowa; Dr. Frank K., McConnellsburg, and Emma F. Shaffer, of Fort Littleton.

His first wife died in 1878, and a few years later, he married Miss Fannie Elias, of Wells Valley, who survives him, together with two sons, Edward G., of Huntingdon county, and Charles E., of Wells Valley.

Mr. Stevens was a man of more than ordinary natural ability, and he taught school several terms during the earlier part of his life. Quiet and gentle in disposition, he had many friends. For sixty-three years of his life he was a devoted member of the M. E. church, and always took a deep interest in the church's welfare.

LADIG.

Sarah Ellen, wife of Michael Ladig, died at the family residence at Dublin Mills, this county last Monday morning aged about 58 years. Her funeral took place Tuesday afternoon, conducted by Rev. Harry Moyer, of the M. E. church, and interment was made in the cemetery at Hustontown.

Mrs. Ladig has been an invalid for many years. A few weeks ago, she had a stroke of paralysis, and this was followed last Sunday by a second, from which she did not recover. She was practically a lifelong member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and bore her illness with that patience and fortitude that is the fruit of Christian faith.

Besides her husband, she is survived by one daughter, Miss Elsie, at home.

Mrs. Ladig was a daughter of the late Adam Deaver, of Taylor township, and a sister of Benjamin and Jacob, of that township, Della McClain and Mollie Chilcote of Robertsdale, and Tennyson, Joseph, and Allen—all living away from the County.

FISHER.

Catharine, wife of Joseph Fisher, died at the family residence in Altoona, Pa., Sunday, August 15, 1909, aged 58 years, 8 months and 26 days. Her funeral took place at four o'clock, the following Tuesday afternoon, and her remains were laid to rest in Oakmont cemetery, Altoona.

Mrs. Fisher was a kind wife and mother; and, although severely afflicted at times for many years, she, as the Savior has said, "had done what she could." Besides her invalid husband, she is survived by the following children: Thomas, of Tuncelon,

## CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR RALLY.

To Be Held in the Presbyterian Church, McConnellsburg, Thursday Afternoon and Evening, Sept. 9th.

With a view to effecting a County Organization, a Christian Endeavor Rally will be held in the Presbyterian church, Thursday afternoon and evening, September 9th. The Field Secretary of the State of Pennsylvania, A. J. Shartle, of Reading, Pa., will be present. Mr. Shartle was one of the speakers at the International Convention in the city of St. Paul, in July, and is an able and enthusiastic worker.

There are nine Christian Endeavor societies in this county, and about fourteen denominational societies of young people. All these are invited to send delegates.

No work of the church has been more prolific of grand results for the advancement of the cause of Christ than the organization and encouragement of young people's societies; and it is hoped that the meeting on the ninth of September will mean just what its title says—a Christian Endeavor RALLY.

THOMPSON.

The farmers still have prospects of having some corn since the rain of last week.

Misses Genevieve and Marie Pittman, of Charles Town, W. Va., are visiting relatives here.

Charles Myers and friend Mr. McCullough, of Hancock, spent Sunday with Mr. Myers parents, W. R. Myers and family.

After having spent some time with her sister Mrs. Gawer, Mrs. Roush left last Friday for Keyser, W. Va., where she was met by her husband a traveling sales man.

Mrs. Thomas Louis, of Philadelphia, and Mrs. Howard Zimmerman and children; of Hancock, spent a few days here last week.

Miss Florida Clevenger of Washington, D. C., returned to her home last Wednesday.

Harry and Breathed Gordon and families, of Ohio, are visiting their father, David Gordon, and family.

Miss Emma Pittman of Washington, D. C., is visiting Mrs. David Gregory.

Miss Mary Bishop spent Sunday with Jessie Truax.

Anson Weller and wife gave a surprise birthday party on Saturday night in honor of their daughter Cora's 17th birthday.

The Mt. Zion M. E. Church will hold a lawn festival Saturday night.

Mr. Eli Hann, one of Belfast township's substantial citizens, was in town last Thursday on business.

W. Va., David, residing in Texas; Henry, Benjamin and Jacob, in Altoona; and Sadie, wife of Daniel Knauft, in Big Cove. Also, by the following brothers and sisters: Adam Kellner, Saluvia, Pa., William Kellner, Gem; Mary, wife of John H. Doyle, Princeton, Ill.; Mrs. R. R. Haan, Saluvia; Mrs. Thomas Melott, Sipes Mill; and Mrs. Philip Melius, Hustontown.

SIPES.

Corena P., widow of Allen B. Sipes, deceased, died at her home in Toledo, Ohio, July 31, 1909, of paralysis. Mrs. Sipes was born in Belfast township, this county. Her husband was a brother of Theo. Sipes, of near Harrisonville and her maiden name was Fisher. She is survived by one brother, John Fisher, two sisters and an adopted son.

HANKS.

Jason, little son of Dr. J. Grant Hanks, at Breezewood, Bedford county, died last Sunday. The child had measles in April, from the effects of which it never recovered. Jason was born three years ago last March. Interment in the cemetery at the Lutheran church, near Breezewood, on Wednesday.

## UNIQUE TRAVELERS.

Cap Adams and Party on Overland Trip From San Diego, California, to New York City.

### CAMPED HERE MONDAY NIGHT.

One of the most unique traveling outfits that we have ever seen on the road came down the pike from the west Monday evening, camped just west of town, and left early Tuesday morning on their journey eastward. Four men, five Rocky Mountain Goats, and six Rocky Mountain Burros, a wagon, tent poles, canvas, and general commissary department, made up the caravansary. This outfit, under the management of Cap V. Adams, accompanied by Fred English, J. R. Johnston, and Cecii Flenner, left San Diego, California, a year ago, during which time they have traveled 239 days, and have covered a distance of 3,800 miles. Their point of destination is New York City.

They are not traveling on a wagon, and are not limited in time. One of the party is a skilled photographer, who is taking pictures of the places of interest along the route. Another is writing up the trip, incidents connected with their journey, etc., which will be published in book form. The views gathered will also be published and put on sale as postal cards. Hence it will be observed that there is "method in their madness."

The wagon—and the only vehicle in the outfit—is a small four-wheeled one, perhaps eight feet in length, by 30 to 36 inches in width, with low wheels. On the rear seat which is just large enough for one person, rides Cap Adams, who is a cripple—his legs being practically useless. On the front seat, which is a rude affair, is seated the driver, when he finds riding preferable to walking.

This wagon is drawn by the four goats—fine looking specimens too. To protect their feet, they are shod with boots. Their camping outfit, is carried on the backs of the burros which are driven ahead, and give one a glimpse of the time when merchandise was packed across the mountains during the days of the early settlement of Pennsylvania.

While, as has been stated, the Capt does not possess the use of his legs, he is quite a famous "globe trotter," he having made a similar trip, starting from Hastings, Neb., and traveling a distance of 4,000 miles over mountains and prairies, through canons and deserts, finally stopping when he reached the Pacific coast on account of not being able to find a bridge across the "pond," and the water being too deep for his goats.

A New Law Declared Valid.

A case of more than ordinary interest in which an opinion was handed down at Tuesday's sessions of court at Chambersburg was that of the township of Quincy, vs. John Rock. The suit was entered to test the head tax law of one dollar which is used for road purposes, Judge Gillan holds that the law is valid.

It was an amicable action for the purpose of testing the head tax law of \$1, placed upon residents and to determine if the law is constitutional.

The law provides that the supervisors of each township may collect this tax in money and to disburse such money as they see fit for use of the townships.

It was claimed that this law in some instance worked hardships and it was for that purpose that the suit was brought and its outcome will be read with interest by many farmers and tax payers of the county.

Oscar Levy and family went to their home in Franklin county Tuesday, after having spent a few days with Mrs. Levy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Christ Dishong.

## ABOUT PEOPLE YOU KNOW

Snapshots at Their Comings and Goings Here for a Vacation, or Away for a Restful Outing.

### NAMES OF VISITORS AND VISITED

Mr. C. C. Wagner of near Mercersburg, was a pleasant caller at our office on Monday morning.

Miss Bessie M. Reese, of Burnt Cabins, daughter of Sam'l Reese left Tuesday to visit relatives in Kansas.

Miss Jennie Woodall went to Chambersburg last Wednesday where she has secured employment.

Mrs. Mary Kirkpatrick, of Shirleysburg, Pa., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. C. W. Bryner at the M. E. Parsonage.

Miss Lillian Henry, of Clear Ridge, is spending a few days in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Elvey, on West Walnut street.

Miss Emily V. Greathead, who has been visiting friends in Clear Spring, Hagerstown, and other points, returned home on Monday.

Miss Ruth McGehee and little brother Master Edhe of Burnt Cabins, left last Thursday to spend sometime with relatives in Virginia.

Howard Hoke, son of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Hoke, and Geo. Stoler, of Saxton, are visiting in the families of Messrs. G. Newton Hoke and John B. Runyan, of this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Suders and their little sons, Harold and Herbert, of Wampum, Beaver county, Pa., arrived here last Thursday to visit among their relatives and friends a few days.

Paul and Harry Johnston, and John Spangler, formed an automobile party, that went to Pen-Mar Tuesday. They were accompanied as far as Mercersburg, by Jean and Beulah Johnston.

Rev. C. W. Bryner in down at Pleasant View, Juniata county spending part of his summer vacation with his mother and brother; and, consequently, there will not be any preaching services in the Methodist church next Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Strait called at the NEWS office a few minutes last Thursday morning, as they were on their way out to Dave's old home for a week's vacation. Mr. and Mrs. Strait look as though the world has been good to them.

Miss Frances Daniels, of Pleasant Ridge, is spending this week in the home of her aunt, Mrs. Emma L. Daniels, on North Second street. Miss Daniels has had notice of her old position as teacher in the schools at Salyx, Pa., with a nice increase of salary.

Mr. A. J. Bolinger, of Taylor township, and Elmer Horton, of Youngwood, Pa., were in town Monday. Elmer is a fireman on the Pennsylvania railroad, with a run between Pittsburg and Altoona. He has been spending his annual summer vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Abner Horton, at Saltillo, and with other relatives and friends.

Mr. J. L. Finiff, of Hagerstown, came over last Friday and remained until Monday when he returned home, taking with him, his wife and children, Ernest, Catharine, and Mary, who had been visiting among their relatives and friends in this county for two weeks. Mr. Finiff is employed in the Crawford automobile works, and was formerly with the Pope people. He has had thirteen years experience—first in the building of bicycles, and more recently in the construction of automobiles. Mr. Finiff says that the Crawford people have plans for turning out nearly three times as many machines next year as during the present one.