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## SPECIAL BICENTENNIAL ISSUE

### The Burlington County Gaol

This year marks the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the construction of the Burlington County Prison. Designated a National Historic Landmark in 1987, the Jail was designed by Robert Mills, one of our country's first native-born and native-trained architects. Mills was born in Charleston, South Carolina in 1781 and moved to Philadelphia in 1802. There he studied under the famous architect Benjamin Latrobe. In 1808, the Burlington County Freeholders hired him to design the county jail. He went on to design the Treasury Building, the U.S. Patent Office Building and several other federal buildings in Washington, D.C. His best known work is the design of the Washington Monument.

Mills was an early advocate of buildings designed to include fireproof materials, and the Jail is one of our nation's first fireproof buildings. It was also the first jail designed to promote the reformation of inmates. With the possible exception of Eastern State Penitentiary in Philadelphia, it is the most significant prison building in the United States.

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In continuous use from 1811 until 1965, it was, at the time it closed, the oldest continuously used jail in the country.

The Jail was not always the source of interest and reverence it is today. By 1886, the State Board of Health had issued a report recommending that the already outdated 75-year-old building be closed. The report went on to direct that if the jail was not closed all together, the county government should at least take

a few measures to meet minimal safety and health standards. For example, it recommended that metal rather than wood buckets be used for "night waste" and that inmates be given cots rather than floor mats to sleep on. It also recommended that a separate dwelling be built for the Warden and his family, who up until that time resided in the jail itself. Thus in 1887 the Warden's House was constructed. An extensive renovation of the Warden's House by the Freeholders has just recently been completed.

Although the 1886 report all but declared the Jail obsolete, it would be another 78 years before it would close. In the 1950s, the Freeholders came up with a plan to raze it to make way for a combination office building and modern jail. Several historic groups quickly mobilized in opposition. They included the Burlington County Historic Society, led by Moorestown resident **Delia Biddle Pugh**, and the Association for the Preservation of Historic Burlington County, led by Medford attorney **Jay Tomlinson**. Even the National Trust for Historic Preservation put their two cents in.

A petition signed by 7000 county taxpayers finally garnered the Freeholders' attention. At their May 25, 1954 meeting, they announced that the prison building would be preserved and that the architectural firms of Petty and Croft of Moorestown and Micklewright and Mountford of Trenton would be retained to recommend the best use of the building. After the meeting, Freeholder Director **Edwin L. Carpenter** of Jobstown told reporters that the Jail would probably be renovated for continued use as a jail, or else be used as a bomb shelter, county museum, or law library.

### **The Birth of the Prison Museum Association**

It would be another 11 years before the Jail would actually close. On November 23, 1965, the inmates were lined up and marched over to their new digs, an armory building on Grant Street which had been converted into a jail. The Old Jail was opened as a museum the following spring.

The group which had lobbied for the Jail's preservation morphed into the Historic Burlington County Prison Museum Association. Incorporated in 1966, its first president was **Jay Tomlinson**.

At least 12,000 visitors came to see the Old Jail the first year. This great interest justified the Freeholders' initial engagement of a full-time curator. By the time he retired several years later, interest had decreased and leveled off. Operation of the museum was then transferred to the County's Cultural and Heritage Affairs Commission.

PMA members gave tours throughout the 1970s, and solely manned the Museum after the curator retired in 1981. One of these members was **Charlie Holman**, a former Jail guard. In those days, Charlie really *was* the Prison Museum. This fine gentleman passed away just a few years ago; he was nearly a hundred years old at the time. Another colorful PMA member of that era was former newspaper reporter **Hop Stoddard**.

The 1980s were tough for the Old Jail. The late **Scot McCrum** was a feisty leader of the PMA in the early part of the decade. **Dave Kimball** took the helm in the latter half. By 1990 the building had fallen into disrepair. The roof leaked, the lead-based paint on the walls was rapidly chipping off, the exhibits and signage which the PMA had installed were looking pretty tired and there was virtually no bathroom facility. The PMA was held together on a shoestring and a prayer by **Dave**, **Janet Sozio**, who had joined in 1983, and **Carole Melman**, who had joined a few years later. These three, especially Dave, saved the organization from oblivion. In 1993, the Freeholders closed the Museum until repairs could be made. Dave was stuck with storing the PMA's records and artifacts and maintaining its modest treasury. The PMA then went to sleep.

### The Resuscitation

Five years passed. Then, in 1998, Dave received calls from **Mary Pat Robbie**, now the County's Director of Resource Conservation, and **Karen Smith**, the County's Capital Projects Manager. The Freeholders were ready to start making plans to renovate the Museum and wanted him to reorganize the PMA. The ever agreeable Dave said "okay" but had to chuckle at the thought of calling a meeting of PMA members. He would have to have a meeting by way of séance, since so many had died during the dormant years. He called Janet, Carole and the other PMA members who were still vertical and at a "Resuscitation Luncheon" held at Robin's Nest

Restaurant, the PMA was reborn. Dave was the president, Janet the vice president and Carole a trustee.

On March 24, 1999, the Freeholders approved funding for extensive repairs, including construction of three restrooms, installation of an elevator and replacement of the entire electrical system. They retained a Philadelphia architectural firm, **The Vitetta Group**, to design the renovation. The Freeholders also gave the PMA an office in the Warden's House. Dave organized volunteers to conduct tours and dusted off our artifacts, Janet got our records and office together and Carole planned our first post-resuscitation event, *April Fools Night*, which was held on April 1, 2000. Janet also worked with **John Devlin, Esquire**, of the Law Firm of **Parker, McCay and Criscuolo**, who revised the Association's by-laws and corporate documents as a gift to the PMA. Janet also started producing a quarterly newsletter which eventually evolved into the *Prison Museum Post*. The PMA struggled to generate and maintain interest in the Museum in the face of constant setbacks which kept stalling the renovation. The worst was the unexpected delay and expense related to the removal of the lead based paint which had chipped off the walls. Finally, though, the renovations were completed. The PMA hosted an opening party on June 15, 2000. On July 2, 2000, the PMA and the Jail were featured in a *New York Times* article.

The PMA continued to keep interest in the Museum alive throughout 2000 and 2001 with events and tours. Finally, on October 17, 2001, the Freeholders held a ceremony to celebrate the new exhibits which had been created and installed by the local firm **Exhibitius**. From then on, the Museum and gift shop would be open four days a week, and manned by a part-time jail attendant employed by the County. The Freeholders who served during this time were **Vince Farias, Bill Haines, Phil Haines, Dawn Addiego, Jim Wujcik and Theresa Brown**. **Fred Galdo** was the County Administrator. Also during this time, the Freeholders created the County Parks System, of which the Museum was made part. **Bill Haines** was the Freeholder in charge of the Parks Department. He and Fred were energetic and intrepid administrators who created a supportive environment in which the PMA thrived. Bill is now retired from public life and along with his sister Holly operate their family's magnificent and historic cranberry farm in Chatsworth. They are both PMA members. **Dawn Addiego** currently serves

as the 8<sup>th</sup> District State Senator. Phil Haines went on to become the County Clerk and a state senator and is currently a superior court judge.

## Today's PMA

Today's PMA Board of Trustees is led by Mount Holly attorney **Janet Sozio, Esquire**. A PMA member since 1983, she has been President for the last 11 years. She is a past president of the Burlington County Bar Association and a recipient of the Professional Lawyer of the Year Award given by the New Jersey Commission on Professionalism and the Law. Janet graduated from Trenton State College with a B.A. degree in history education before obtaining a law degree at Rutgers University. She was a family lawyer for many years but now practices chiefly in the areas of bankruptcy and foreclosure. She has served as editor of the PMA publication (now the *Post*) since 1999. In 2003, she started printing excerpts from the old Mt. Holly Herald and the Mt. Holly Mirror in each issue of the *Post* for the edification and enjoyment of its readers. Among her current PMA projects is the organization and recording of the PMA's history.

Vice President **Dave Kimball** received a B.A. degree, major in history, minor in government, from the University of Maryland. He served in the National Park Service from 1953 until 1987. His career began as an entry level historian at Ft. McHenry National Monument, and then continued at Independence Hall from 1955 until 1961. From 1961 until 1983, he served as a park planner and was instrumental in the planning of several national parks, including Cape Cod National Seashore and Delaware Water Gap National Recreational Area. He spent the last four years of his career as one of a group of Park historians who planned the bicentennial celebration of the Constitutional Convention in 1987. They put together an account of what happened on a daily basis leading up to the Convention, at the Convention and afterward regarding ratification. The *Bicentennial Day Book* was one of the Park's bicentennial gifts to America. Dave is the author of a children's book about the Liberty Bell as well as several articles. He recently co-authored, with Dennis Rizzo, *The Burlington County Prison: Stories from the Stones*. It just went to press and copies were delivered a few days ago to the Museum gift shop for sale.

If Janet Sozio is the brain of the PMA, and Dave Kimball the heart, then **Board Secretary Carole Melman** is its soul. A graduate of Temple University with a degree in communications, she has been an editor at NFL Films for 20 years. Carole, who grew up on High Street in Mount Holly in the shadow of the Old Jail, is now a resident of Springfield. She lives there with her husband, Glenn Kenny, and children, Catherine and George. Carole joined the PMA in the late 1980s and gave countless tours in those days. In recent years, she has produced a DVD of the graffiti in the Jail and has organized several events at the Museum. She provided much assistance and support in connection with the production of *The Burlington County Prison: Stories from the Stones*. She is also in the process of a complete renovation of the PMA website, [www.prisonmuseum.net](http://www.prisonmuseum.net). The PMA's prior website crashed last summer, and Carole singlehandedly revived it and then proceeded to upgrade it. She has spent countless hours on this project. Carole and Janet have also written and co-starred in two PMA theatrical productions, *The Reenactment of the Execution of Wesley Warner* and *The Reenactment of the Storming of the Bastille*.

**Treasurer Susan Dargay, Esquire**, is a Mt. Holly attorney whose practice concentrates on family law. Susan has served on the Burlington County Bar Association's charitable foundation as well as other civic organizations.

Long-time PMA member **Tom Faile** serves as one of our four trustees. He is a lifelong resident of the Lumberton area. He has been employed by CVS for many years and is also a retired sergeant in the New Jersey National Guard. Tom loves history, especially the history of the Civil War and the history of the Mount Holly area. He is an aficionado of old movies with an encyclopedic knowledge of the subject. He is a loyal proponent of the Old Jail and has missed only one PMA meeting in ten years.

**Trustee Gary Woodend, Esquire** practices law in Medford, where he grew up. He earned a B.A. degree in economics and finance from Lehigh University, an M.B.A. from the University of Virginia and a law degree from Rutgers University. His practice covers several areas, including finance, real estate, construction law and traffic offenses. He has arbitrated over 500 construction cases, one involving the reconstruction of the subway system under the World Trade Center. He has served both as a municipal

prosecutor and public defender. He is also active in politics and served on the Medford Lakes Borough Council for eight years, two as mayor. Gary was instrumental last year as the PMA's liaison with the Freeholders, Parks Department and other County departments relative to the annual haunted event.

The PMA recently welcomed architect **Regan Young** to the Board as a trustee. Regan is licensed in New Jersey and seven other states and is the senior principal of the Mt. Holly firm Regan Young England Butera: Referendums, Engineering, Architecture, Design, a/k/a RYEBREAD. He earned a B.S. degree in architecture from the University of Maryland and a Master of Architecture from the University of New Mexico. Regan is on the editorial board of *Architecture New Jersey* magazine and is a frequent guest speaker. He is involved in all things Mount Holly, including service on Main Street Mount Holly and curator of several art exhibits which have been held in the town. He is an active Rotarian and was founder of First Night Burlington County: A Community's New Year's Celebration through the Arts in Mount Holly. He has designed many local buildings, including Lumberton's Municipal Building, public school buildings, the Pemberton branch of the County Library, and most recently, the Warden's House renovation.

Last but certainly not least is trustee **Clark Bish**. While he's new to the Board of Trustees, he is by no means new to the PMA and the old Jail. While other members serve as the brain, heart and soul of the organization, Clark is its backbone. Clark has, for the last six years, produced the annual Haunted Prison event, which is the PMA's primary source of revenue. The PMA has purchased exhibits and artifacts, published pamphlets and produced a book, held events and issues a nifty newsletter three or four times per year. None of this would be possible without the Haunt.

Clark, who resides in Eastampton with his wife Diane and their son, Noah, has been with the Hertz Corporation for 22 years. While many view him as a mild mannered location manager and family man, the PMA knows him as an incredibly energetic, imaginative and creative artistic producer. He says he "just always liked Halloween and Haunts" and 15 years ago started attending seminars on haunted events, where he learned about production,

make-up, design, acting, training of actors, marketing, fire and safety regulations and procedures, etc. He now teaches at such seminars.

The PMA had traditionally held haunted events each year. In the 1980s and early 1990s, they were one-night affairs, held in the Jail itself. Admission was \$1. PMA members dressed up in assorted costumes and turned the lights off to make it scary. It was a far cry from the current event, which requires three tractor trailer loads full of props, costumes and equipment, 30 actors and an equal number of workers who spend a month constructing a set which fills the entire Exercise Yard in the rear of the Jail. The event is held on nine weekend nights in October. The basement of the Jail is turned into a make-up room, complete with air brushes and countless bottles of chocolate syrup. Signs are posted throughout instructing the actors as to their assignments. A sign on the bathroom door reads "Do not apply blood in the bathroom!" Clark and his two co-producers plan, execute and oversee the entire operation.

### **2010 Haunted Prison Thanks to Freeholder Joe Donnelly**

The 2010 Haunt was a great success, with 4700 attendees. The weather cooperated. A highlight this year was when two of the actors, who met three years ago at the Haunt, became engaged. He proposed on the hearse.

The PMA thanks everyone who participated, including: the **County Highway Department** for the use of its electric road sign, the **County Fire Marshal Mike Reed** for his assistance and cooperation and **Jail attendant Marisa Bozarth** who works every night of the event and manages the crowd as they enter. Her husband, **Tim Bozarth**, is an integral part of the production in a number of different ways, especially in the management and training of actors. Tim himself is an excellent actor. **Clark Bish** and his co-producers, **Ken Orangers** and **Jimmy Reed**, outdid themselves this year. Sincere thanks also go to their wives, who not only put up with all the insanity surrounding this project, but who also work tirelessly to make it a greater success each year. Finally, many thanks to all the PMA members who come out to help, including **Jeanette Sozio**, **Flo Gomez** and **Fran Brooks**.

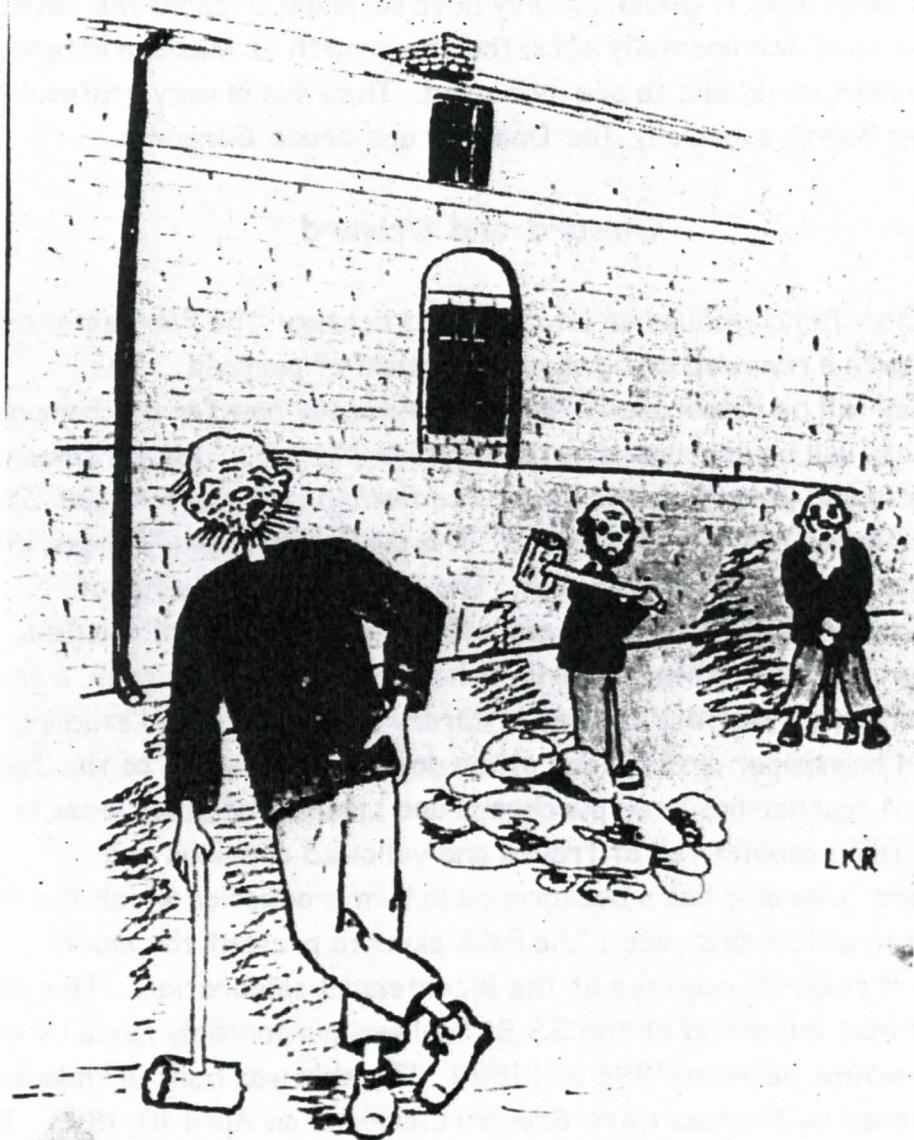
The Haunt almost didn't happen this year. Some felt that it might interfere with the renovation of the Warden's House. The Board of Freeholders, however, continued its tradition of supporting the PMA. Freeholder Joe Donnelly took charge of the matter and found a way to make it happen. He will be the Honorary Haunt Chairman from now on. The Haunted Prison is not only the chief revenue producer for the PMA, but is also the primary promotional tool for the Museum. More people attend the Haunted Event than visit the Jail during the rest of the year. Had the Haunt not been held, it would not only have severely crippled the PMA, it would have have detrimentally affected the growth of Museum attendance, which the PMA would like to see increased. The PMA is very grateful to this Freeholder Board, especially Joe Donnelly and Bruce Garganio.

### **Onward and Upward**

As the Jail continues on into its third century, the PMA enters its 45<sup>th</sup> year with a renewed and invigorated sense of purpose... The Bicentennial will be celebrated. Plans are underway now for a ceremony in May. Details will be announced in the next newsletter... PMA members Dennis Rizzo and Dave Kimball's book, *The Burlington County Prison: Stories from the Stones*, is finally completed. The publisher, History Press, did a great job with the cover and lay-out. The 147-page book is full of interesting stories about inmates and others associated with the Jail. It's on sale now in the gift shop... The PMA has engaged Lisa Kruczak, a graduate student pursuing a masters' degree in library science/archival studies, to archive old newspaper articles and other documents relating to the Jail and the PMA. A scanner has been purchased and Lisa has been let loose in the PMA's old filing cabinet full of frayed and yellowed clippings and photographs. Lisa also has a background in film production which the PMA also hopes to utilize this year... The PMA plans to present the model steamship it recently acquired at the Bicentennial celebration. This 48 inch long by 42 inch tall model of the SS St Paul was purportedly made by an inmate sometime between 1896 and 1899. The ship was built in Philadelphia and christened by Frances (Mrs. Grover) Cleveland on April 10, 1895. The SS St Paul was the first ship to have wireless installed - by Marconi himself. The PMA is currently seeking out someone who can clean the ship up and make it presentable as an exhibit.

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**"Whatever made them think I wouldn't sign a petition to save our jail?"**

**MOUNT HOLLY HERALD**  
**Saturday, August 28, 1897**

**State News...** Caleb Rinear, who 26 years ago, separated from his wife and never saw her again, for the first time on Friday saw the daughter that was subsequently born. She is Mrs. Howard Brown, wife of a mechanic of Vineland, and her father had for years been living but unknown to her, at Millville, six miles below Vineland. When Mrs. Brown was a child she learned in some way of the existence of her father, though her mother had always attempted to conceal any information of him, and the girl determined to learn someday of his whereabouts. Happening on Friday morning to be speaking to a friend from Millville, Mrs. Brown casually asked if a person named Rinear lived there, and, of course, was delighted to hear that a man named as her father had been a resident of the place. She wrote him a letter and it was a joyful meeting of parent and child that resulted. Rinear is a son of Barclay Rinear, the wealthy octogenarian, who married a young girl several weeks ago. An effort is being made to have the marriage annulled on the grounds of insanity, and the groom has been taken to an asylum.

**Local Affairs...** As usual, Jackson Nippins has been selling some fine cantaloupes in Mount Holly this season... It is said that the trustees of the H.B. Smith estate are preparing to file their final account... A large birthday party was given at Michael Carter's, near Chesterfield last Friday evening. The neighbors came from miles around to do honor to the occasion. Parker and Walker furnished the music, and they have the knack of making a crowd ginger up in very short order. Before they were half through the first selection, the entire company was doing a double shuffle for all they were worth... Borton's Landing, on the Rancocas, has become very famous as a bathing resort. It is frequented by the residents of Moorestown, Stanwick and Hartford, who pass many pleasant hours boating, fishing and bathing, through the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. H.C. Webster, who have catered to their wants gratuitously and have built bath houses for their use which are greatly appreciated... The Bridge Committee of the Burlington County Board of Freeholders met on Tuesday with State Road Commissioner Henry Budd at Riverton and approved the plan for two small bridges to be built on the road between that place and Riverside. An appropriation has already been made for the improvement of the road, and bids for the construction of the bridge will be asked for at once... For some time past, a well-known citizen living in the lower part of the town has been engaged in borrowing sums of money from his friends and acquaintances in sums ranging from

\$1 to \$20, most of all of which he spends for liquor. He is in receipt of a good salary, and there is no reason why he should be "holding up" his friends in this way. As far as can be ascertained, he has not yet repaid any of the loans, and from present prospects he will not make a very great exertion to do so... A wild eyed German whose lungs must have been full of rum by the odor he exhaled, was arrested on Mill Street last Friday for cruelly beating a dog, but he was released on his promise not to repeat the offense. Later on he was seen driving up and down the streets and on the sidewalks with his horse on a dead run. He was arrested. At 'Squire Slack's office he alternately wept and made faces at policeman Dennis, so the 'Squire concluded to discharge him. The general impression was that he was a dangerous man to be at large... The Wrightstown Cornet Band will hold a picnic at Brindle Park on Saturday, August 28. This is one of the events of the season, as the prettiest girl on the grounds is to be presented with a diamond ring. Now girls, get yourself in shape...

**Along the Shore...** They have a new kind of mixed drink at Beach Haven. It is known as "The Maiden's Dream" or somewhat of that sort, and it has a big run. Last year, the "Garboard Streak" had the call, but that is no longer a feature. It has had its day. "The Maiden's Dream", the regulars say, has come to stay. The ingredients were the result of a mental impression received while under the influence of a three-reef breeze and about a quart of California wine with a little stiffening in it. The inventor declines to give the formula of the new drink, but admits that Creme de Menthe is the foundation of it. One of the outdoor patients who took the treatment thus describes it: "After the first drink I felt that confidence was restored, and I need not worry about the future. Then I took a second drink, which seemed to eliminate from the mind the names of anyone who owed me money and couldn't pay. I felt like a financial pyramid. There was money to my credit in every bank in the country. To make a long story short, I took a few more of those drinks, wound up my watch, put my false teeth in my trouser's pocket, and started for my room. When I got in bed I heard sweet music in the air, and then a snore escaped me and I fell asleep. Next morning I arose, not with the lark this time, and there was not a hat in town that would fit me. Yes, it is a great drink, but I ain't going to dally with it again while my wife is home. She was afraid someone had dosed me with knockout drops."

**Pemberton...** On Sunday morning while all the good people were getting ready to go to church and the people who were not so good were

preparing to go up the creek to do their drinking, Lee Eckert, who was wanted on a charge of horse stealing, came back to town. He was tired of wearing the same suit of clothes, and wanted a change, so he remained in a secluded spot until the coast was clear, and then made a break for his home where he procured his best suit of clothes, packed them up in a bundle and put himself in shape for a long stay. He was afraid to hang around the house long, as he had recently had a practical illustration of the fact that Constable Frank Banks is very fleet of foot. Like some other folks, he had an idea that Banks was too fat to run, but when that gallant officer straps his waist in so it will not flop around, he can cover the ground with the speed of a steam roller. Eckert realized this, and as soon as there was a clear field, he left the house and departed. Constable Banks saw him, but did not give chase. He is satisfied that Eckert will only remain away from Pemberton for good, as he was of no earthly use while he lived here.

**Burlington...** A 32 pound snapper was caught at Sylvan Lakes the other day by Edward Reed... Wilbur Watts has bought the lot of ground on East Union street adjoining his residence... While on his way to church on Sunday, Nathan Van Sciver stopped in at a friend's for a "nip". It must have been a pretty hardy one, as Nathan was walking cross-legged before he knew it. Then he became noisy, and the police gathered him in. He is now in the county jail... The vestry of St. Mary's Episcopal Church have elected Rev. James F. Olmstead, of Schenectady, New York, as pastor of the church, and it is said he will accept. He is 38 years of age, a good preacher and is married. This will be sad news to some of the sisters, who had hoped that a single man would have been selected... There was a collision between two bicycle riders on Union street the other day that created a sensation on that thoroughfare. One was a woman and the other was Grant Troxell. Both had their heads down over their handlebars, as if they were saying their prayers, and when they struck it looked as if Grant was going to telescope the rider of the other machine. But he didn't. As he rose in the air he curved his dorsal fin, which threw him out of line, and he landed on the sidewalk. His bicycle was broken, but the fair female never stopped to see if he was injured.

**Moorestown...** Lawyer Aaron Burr has almost entirely recovered from the effects of the assault committed on him by Thomas Seaman... Miss Maggie Venable was on Friday last swindled out of \$18 by a dignified and well-dressed young woman. The woman made purchases to the amount of \$2 at Miss Venable's millinery store and tendered a \$20

note in payment. Miss Venable the next day attempted to deposit the note at the Moorestown Bank and the officials had noticed that it had been raised from a \$2 note...The same attractive young woman who swindled Miss Venable played the same game on John Leworthy, the shoe dealer...

**Vincentown...** It is reported that the Inspector of the State Board of Health has been here taking a survey of nuisances in the shape of hog pens, slaughter houses, outbuildings and fowl smelling gutters... If the taxpayers would only elect those officials who are not afraid to do their sworn duty, Southampton Township would be a great deal better off. The trouble is that the officials are too fearful of losing a little business in the event of their doing what the law requires they should do. When they are after an office they promise to bring about all sorts of reforms, but they soon forget those promises when the official plum falls in their lap...Already some of the members of the fair sex are losing their interest in bicycling, which they think is becoming entirely too common. When the wheels were selling at higher prices, bicycling was a rather more exclusive form of amusement, but now the price is low enough for almost anyone to indulge in the luxury. The result will be the folks who yearn for exclusiveness will have to buy the horseless carriage, which is run by electric motors. There is no danger of these becoming common for a while...

**Bridgeboro...** Watermelon thieves are numerous. Several farmers severally complain of depredations. The green melons in large numbers are smashed in the patch... The M.E. Excursion on the new steamer, Annie Van Sciver, on Saturday last, was a grand affair. The cornet band of this place contributed largely to the day's enjoyment. There were lots of nice girls and pretty widows, the day was exceedingly fine, and seemingly everything blended so harmoniously that the entire day was one of constant merriment.

**Medford...** All unmuzzled dogs now found running at large may be shot. The township committee has issued a proclamation to that effect... Just when the people were congratulating themselves that Gotleib Moisell was safely stowed away in jail, word was received on Wednesday that he had been discharged on \$300 bail by Justice Wright. It is now pretty certain that there will be more trouble, as he has long been a terror to the community. He has stolen timber, vegetables, poultry, etc. from the farmers for years, and most of them have been afraid to make complaint against him, feeling certain that he would be revenged on

years, a conservative estimate placing the crop at 3,500,000 baskets. In Trenton, which is a large peach market center, the fruit sold as low as 15 cents a basket, while the finest peaches sold from 40 to 60 cents... Budd Williams, Harry Puth and Robert Tate were held in bail on Monday, in Camden, on charges of operating a pool room... Charged with being drunk and disorderly, Harry Eversole is serving four days in Mount Holly jail. On his person were found two large knives and a razor... The artesian well that gave such a good flow of water at Smithville has been rendered useless by sinking it deeper. The drillers will sink another well... Because his wife spoiled two jars of fruit in the process of preserving, William Coal, an Ocean Grove painter, brutally attacked her on Tuesday. He is locked up and charged with beating and kicking her. As she is in a delicate condition, her injuries may prove serious... 50 of the employees still hold orderly possession of Congress Hall, Cape May, the hotel which closed so unexpectedly on Monday, pending the payment of their wages, about \$2000. They had a good breakfast Tuesday morning from the leftover provisions of the hotel, but the victuals will not last Tuesday, when the help will have to start a mess fund. They say they will stay till paid...

### **September 4, 1897**

**Local News...** Over a thousand people attended the colored camp meeting at Red Lion last Sunday, but the colored people were very much in the minority. While the preacher was exhorting his hearers to quit their sinful ways, over a dozen horse trades were in progress around the camp. It was a great combination of religion and business... On Tuesday, Capt. John Read, of the United States cruiser Olympia, returned to his home in Mount Holly after an absence of three years in Japan. He doesn't look a day older and before long will enjoy the distinction of being the youngest commodore in the service. He made the trip home, a distance of 8,500 miles, in 21 days... Last Friday night there was very little sleep for persons living in the vicinity of the jail, as Robinson, the wife murderer, kept howling at the top of his lungs until nearly daylight. The other prisoners in jail were very much annoyed at the racket, and if they could have gotten their hands on Robinson the chances are they would have quieted him in short order... When the vote is taken on the Constitutional amendments, some of the sporting men about town will do all they can to secure vote against the amendment forbidding gambling, pool selling, etc., as they think there should be a law to legalize pool selling on race tracks. All the same, there is hardly a chance of the amendment being defeated...

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