

# PRISON MUSEUM POST

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## THE HAUNT IS ALMOST HERE!

This issue of the *Post* will be short and sweet because there is just one thing on our mind this time of year: The Haunted Prison event. We call on all PMA members and other friends to help us make this year's Haunted Prison a success. Spread the word! Make copies of the enclosed flyer and post and distribute.

We also need people to help with concessions and monitoring each night of the event. It's easy and fun. Email us at [pma1811@verizon.net](mailto:pma1811@verizon.net) or call us at 609-518-7667 and leave a message if you can help any night of the event.

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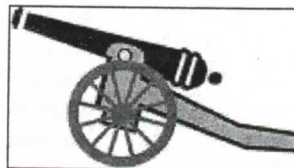
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Please help us preserve and promote the Prison Museum by joining the PMA. Our annual dues are only \$10. Membership benefits include a quarterly newsletter, event updates, 10% off gift shop purchases, and free admission to the museum. For an application, call the PMA office.

## SAVE THE DATE!

**BATTLE OF IRON WORKS HILL  
RE-ENACTMENT**  
**Saturday, December 12, 2009**



Look for more information about this event in the next issue of the *Post*. The Prison Museum will be open for free!

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**MOUNT HOLLY HERALD**  
**Saturday August 21, 1897**

**Local Affairs...** Among a batch of tramps brought on from Burlington on Thursday, was a respectable looking boy about 15 years of age, who had been found dead drunk with a lot of other tramps in an empty freight car at Burlington. The youth declined to give any account of himself, consequently he was committed to jail. The general belief is that he had run away from home...In order to enable them to destroy a stray dog at 10 paces without endangering the lives of those in the immediate vicinity, the members of the Mount Holly Police force went out for target practice on Wednesday afternoon. Each one was allowed 20 shots. Captain Branson shot at a picture of Julius Price and made more bullseyes than the score keeper could count. Tom Dennis was given an outline sketch of a terrier dog as a mark, and when he got through there was a leaden frame all around it. Hereafter these practice shoots will take place every week, so that before cold weather sets in, our police will be able to score every time on a crap target on a distance of 100 yards. They will then be more of a terror then ever to law breakers.

**Sporting Notes...** The second game of baseball between Mount Holly and New Egypt was played at Mount Holly on Thursday, in the presence of a large and enthusiastic crowd. Stecher and Black pitched for the home team; Heisley and Crump for the visitors. Mount Holly scored 3 runs in the first inning, and kept it up until they had 13 to their credit. The visitors were outplayed all the way through, but made every game a fight. They scored three runs, one in the fourth and the other two in the eighth.

**Political Notes...** The Almshouse of the meeting of the Board of Freeholders will be held on the first of September. Then the watermelons will be ripe, the candidates riper, and the delegates will be all picked out...

**Town Topics...** The spectacle of a woman towing her drunken husband down Main Street on Tuesday attracted a good deal of attention and gave rise to many expressions of regret. It was a sad spectacle...Some of the elderly citizens who have been following young girls on the streets at nights have been watched pretty closely lately. If this performance is kept up, some of the offenders may find themselves thrown headforemost in the creek...There seems to have an unusual amount of rowdyism on



Water Street for several Saturday nights past, and the residents are complaining about the lack of police protection. It may be necessary to swear in a few officers to keep the peace in that thoroughfare...A couple of lovers were swinging in the hammock on the mount the other day when all of a sudden the rope broke. The fellow held on to one end of the hammock while his dear partner rolled down the hill. This so angered her that she hasn't had any use for him since that event and hasn't been able to explain how it was he made the effort to save her from injury...

**Lodged in jail...**On Wednesday morning, James Robinson, who murdered his wife at Fieldsboro on the eighth inst., was taken from the Trenton hospital, where he has been under treatment, and was brought to Mount Holly by coroner Fisher and constable Hill. On reaching this place he was landed in jail before there was any chance for a crowd to gather. The prisoner is about 5 feet 8 inches in height, has dark hair and is rather inoffensive looking. His face is still very pale from the loss of blood occasioned by his attempt to commit suicide by cutting his throat immediately after the tragedy. On the way down on the train he made no illusion to the murder, and never once looked towards the little house at Fieldsboro where the dark deed was committed. If he felt any remorse, it was not observable to the men who had him in charge. All attempts to induce him to converse about any of the incidences connected with the murder were futile, and he remained silent nearly all the time. He remarked in a whisper that it hurt him to talk and that he did not care to live anyhow. A close watch will be kept on him in jail in order to prevent his again attempting to destroy himself.

**Burlington...**A peach festival was given in the Scott Schoolhouse Friday evening for the benefit of the Rakestraw Sunday School...The checker tournament here last week was won by Rollie Stockton, who defeated the two Philadelphia experts and is now at the head of the procession...That vicious dog kept by Harry Thompson, on East Pearl Street, will be put out of the way, as it has been a menace to the community for a long time...The colored brethren are arranging for an ox roast here next month. Rev. J.V. Peyton will carve the ox as soon as Perry Robinson has declared it done to a turn...On Monday, George Keaty, was arrested and held to bail by Justice Smith on the charge of having punched the features of George Rossell without just cause or provocation...A ruffled pheasant was killed by a mowing machine near Steven's Station last week. It was sitting on a nest containing 16 eggs. Some months since a lot of pheasants were released in that vicinity...